



The most important event for January 2017 is the upcoming Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner being held at Bishop Garcia Diego High School. This year our Council is responsible for sponsoring this important event. The date is Wednesday, January 25 with doors opening at 6:30 PM, dinner being served at 7:00 PM. Our guests for this dinner are priests, deacons, sisters as well as family members serving  
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### Financial Secretary's Report...

the Goleta-Santa Barbara-Carpinteria area of our county. Guest speaker has yet to be announced. Tickets for the dinner are \$20 per person. If you need a ticket, give me a call at (805) 845-1978.

On February 8 we again celebrate our Annual Valentine's Dinner for Council members and their spouses. Dinner is free to brother Knights and their wives.

Wednesday February 22 is our monthly Council meeting. Understand that its important for our members to attend our monthly Council meetings. Our Council faces financial decisions requiring approval by the membership. It's during our Council meetings that financial resolutions are proposed, discussed and approved. Without a sufficient number of members in attendance, our Council cannot meet its commitment to our brother Knights.

*Ray Charpentier*

### FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BROTHER KNIGHTS

#### January Birthdays

1 Robert Luis  
1 Edward Vigil  
3 Ray Charpentier  
5 Scott Maier  
7 Kevin Cheung  
11 Raymond Jarrard  
14 Richard Rink  
15 Rev Charles Talley  
17 Bishop Thomas Curry  
18 James Garland  
19 Mark Wietstock  
19 Gregory Stephens  
25 John Froelicher

#### February Birthdays

2 Arturo Gonzales  
5 Mario A Borgatello  
6 Raul Navarro  
6 David Rink  
8 Edward Corral  
16 Mike Engler  
27 Thomas Goodwin



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## Deacon's Corner:

### *It Shouldn't Feel Ordinary*

I begin by wishing all, my brother's in Christ a very happy New Year's and hope your Christmas season was blessed with joy and peace.

As our liturgical Christmas season ends with the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we again enter into what we call "Ordinary Time". Ordinary time runs from the End of the Christmas season until Ash Wednesday (which is determined by a formula based on the moon and the spring equinox, and then is counted back from Easter).

This year we have a fairly long time from Christmas to Easter where we will have eight weeks of ordinary time. The Church decorations will go from the white of Christmas to green and we will hear Matthew's Gospel starting with Jesus's ministry in Nazareth and taking through the Sermon on the Mount, and will resume again after the Easter Season.

Although we call this Ordinary Time it certainly is not just ordinary. It is the time outside of the usual high seasons of Lent and Advent, Christmas and Easter; a time for us to reflect on Jesus's ministry and his teachings through the Gospels and certainly in the Eucharist.

My hope is, we all be attentive to the readings and Psalms at Mass during these weeks leading up to Lent and Easter to better understand the mystery of Christ and his saving grace.

It is also a time of final preparations for our youth and teens as well as the adult catechumens who will receive the sacraments during the Easter season; so let us continue to pray for them and their catechists.

Happy Ordinary Time -

***Deacon Randy***

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## ***General Meeting of Council 1684 Wednesday, December 7, 2016***

**T**welve members were present when Grand Knight Mark Weitstock called the Council meeting for December to order at 7:47 p.m. Upon closing the meeting doors, Acting Warden Ray Charpentier verified membership cards, and the Grand Knight led the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes of October meeting were unavailable. There was no quorum.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- The Worthy Grand Knight and Trustee John Green met with Homer Sheffield, an eminent attorney in this field, and set up a framework from which to turn our Home Association into a charitable trust.
- The Christmas social will be held December 14<sup>th</sup> with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. The menu will include chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed steamed vegetables and dessert. Seasonally appropriate entertainment will be provided. The six winners (three from Mt. Carmel School and three from Notre Dame School) of the poster contest will be awarded their prizes and certificates, and their posters will be on display. The Council received a record number of entries this year!
- The catering has been arranged for the Clergy Appreciation Dinner at Bishop Diego High School on January 25<sup>th</sup>. This wonderful annual event is a real highlight of the Council's Columbian year. Cocktails are at 7:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:30. Tickets are still available at \$20 per person.

Under the Treasurer's Report, the Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$14,052.24. After deposits of \$250 and withdrawals of \$8,643.18, the ending November balance was \$5,659.06.

The Financial Secretary reported 13 bills paid.

Under Membership,

A discussion took place noting that there were no new members in the pipeline. There were suggestions on how to promote membership in our parishes. A free pancake breakfast was proposed to attract new members, but was tabled.

Under Communication,  
The Council heard from:

- The Poor Clares sent their Christmas greetings to the Council and asked if the Council would like to like to assist a new member of their community with her student debt.

- The following sent their gratitude to the Council for the generous gift of \$1,000 during the Knights Nite Out:

- \* Board President, Kathy Marden and Executive Director, Heidi Holly of the Friendship Center.
- \* Kathleen Bashhke, Executive Director of Transition House.
- \* Rick Keith, Executive Director of Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care.
- \* Carlos Cortez, CEO/Scout Executive
- \* Daniel Grimm, Regional Director of Catholic Charities and Hannah Miller of the local chapter who told us that our donation was being matched dollar for dollar. In essence, the Council gave \$2,000.

No old business was presented to the Council.

Under Old Business,

Trustee Steve Romofsky noted that he had received new Second Degree (now referred to as Formation) material that will be ready for the next "Formation."

Under the District Deputy's report,

District Deputy Tim Coe will be heading to Germany. The Council wishes him well on his new direction in life and welcomes incoming District Deputy Ed Barrier.

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

Under Good of the Order,

- Brother Matt Najera noted that St. Therese Academy will host speaker Deacon Harold Burt Severs on January 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m. at Serra Hall. This event is open to all.
- WGK Mark Weitstock told the group that Wednesday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which marks God's greatest gift to mankind – Jesus.
- Financial Secretary Ray Charpentier asked for help with the calling lists to get the word about our December social out to members.

Following a closing prayer by Worthy Grand Knight Mark Weitstock, the Council meeting for December adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

***Al Anglin***  
Recorder



**Mike Engler**

## ***Pro-Life Report***

### ***Pro-life Attorneys Fight to Save Young Dad from Being Starved to Death***

Hospitals used to honor the Judeo-Christian belief that human life is a sacred gift of God. In recent decades, though, that bedrock principle of civilization has suffered massive erosion. In case after case, we see hospitals actually deciding to end a patient's life.

The latest victim is Joe, a young father of three little children who might be starved and dehydrated to death soon.

Joe's nightmare began when he went to the emergency room with a sore throat. Suddenly, he stopped breathing. For some reason, the hospital didn't insert a breathing tube, leaving him without oxygen for several minutes and causing serious brain damage. While Joe can breathe on his own, he must use a feeding tube to receive nutrition and hydration.

Some of his relatives are seeking to remove Joe's hydration and make him die of thirst. They succeeded in getting his feeding tube removed, and his condition started deteriorating.

Joe can't talk, but he recognizes his little daughters and other relatives and "speaks" with them by blinking. His health is good otherwise, but he's getting weaker since the hospital cut off his nutrition.

In early December, attorneys from the Life Legal Defense Foundation got a temporary court order barring the hospital from permanently ending Joe's hydration. That saved his life, for the moment.

The pro-life attorneys are still fighting for Joe's life in court. But it won't be easy, because the relatives who want him killed would normally have priority as medical decision-makers over the other relatives (his siblings) who want to keep him alive.

Joe needs your prayers! Please pray that the court will rule in favor of Joe's siblings, who are trying desperately to save his life. Please pray for Joe, his three little daughters, and for the attorneys who are battling for him.

Also pray for the defeat of the assisted-suicide and euthanasia movements, this eventually will kill millions of people if they succeed in imposing their lethal agenda on our whole country.

The recent presidential election offers a bright ray of hope to all who uphold the sacredness of innocent human life. Please pray that we'll soon have a new, pro-life majority on the Supreme Court and that it'll ban assisted suicide and euthanasia in all 50 states.

***Mike Engler, Pro-Life Chairman***

## Field Agent's Memo

### *The Value of Membership Referrals*



**David  
Nordella**

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.5 billion to charity and provided in excess of 670 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

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# Photo Section

This section provides photos from the Christmas Dinner held on December 14. Included are photos of six winning drawings submitted by grade school children from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Norte Dame School (three winners from each school). Each winner of the contest was awarded \$50 and a certificate, along with the winning posters placed on display. Principal theme to each drawing “*Keep Christ in Christmas.*” Parents and siblings of winners were invited to the presentation honoring the student’s achievement. Winners were selected from three age groupings: Kindergarten-Second (Ages 5-7), Third-Fifth (Ages 8-10), Sixth-Eighth (Ages 11-14). Based upon the success of last year’s contest, our Council received a record number of entries. Thanks to the brothers of Council 1684 that reviewed all of 90 plus drawings that were submitted, the faculty at Mount Carmel and Notre Dame that initially sponsored the contest, and the parents that provided the encouragement for their children to compete. Though not every child could be a winner, for each parent their child was their winner.



**Special thank you to the brother Knights that cooked and served the dinner.**



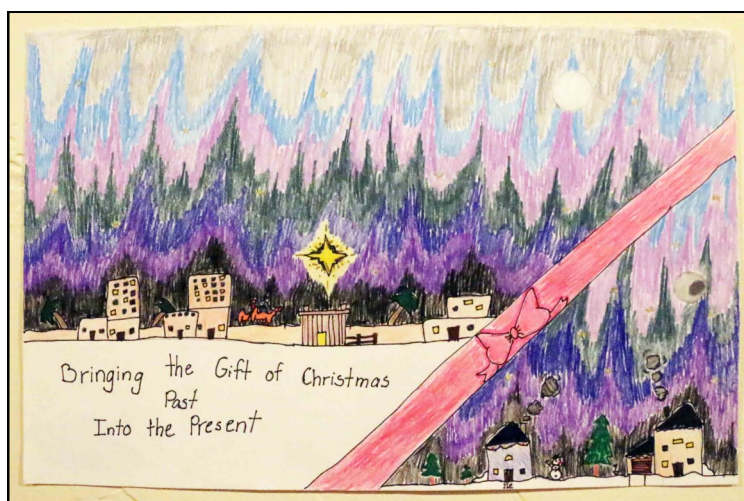
Upper left, Ray Charpentier and Kevin Cheung greet people as they arrived. Left is John Balster, faithfully serving drinks to all that requested a beverage. Though John lives in Camarillo, he travels 98 miles roundtrip to serve as our host of beverages. Even after retirement, John has continued to be an active brother within our Council. Thank you John. Upper right is our singers for our Christmas event Zoila Diaz on the right and her daughter Vanessa. The singers and their music were well received.



## ***Winning Posters - Our Lady of Mount Carmel School***



**Grade 6-8: Lily Simolon**



**Grade 3-5:  
Olivia Van Wingerden**



**Grade K-2: Stella Swan**



## ***Winning Posters - Notre Dame School***



**Grades 6-8: Sarah Redit**



**Grades 3-5: Emilie Schweiger**



**Grade K-2: Jose Manuel Tierra Blanca**

## ***Evangelist Harold Burke-Sivers is Coming to Santa Barbara - Thursday January 12***

On Thursday January 12 renowned TV personality and Catholic evangelist Harold Burke-Sivers (the “Dynamic Deacon”) is coming to Santa Barbara. He will be speaking on the timely topic of parents as primary educators as modeled by Saints Louis and Zelie Martin the parents of St. Therese the little flower.



Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear a speaker of his caliber in our area. The presentation will begin at 6 PM with wine and cheese.

### **LOCATION**

**Serra Hall  
2210 Garden Street  
(Corner of Garden & East Los Olivos Streets)  
6:00 to 8:00 PM**

## **THE FOLLOWING IS THE COUNCIL'S CALENDAR FOR PART OF THE COLUMBIAN YEAR JANUARY– JUNE 2017**

<b>January 11</b>	<b>Business Meeting 6:30 PM Officer's, 7:30 PM Council. Location Serra Hall</b>
<b>January 12</b>	<b>St. Therese Academy is hosting speaker Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. This event is open to all. Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM.</b>
<b>January 25</b>	<b>Clergy &amp; Religious Appreciation Dinner, Bishop Garcia Diego High School. Time: 6:30 PM, No Host Bar; 7:00 PM Dinner \$20 per person.</b>
<b>February 8</b>	<b>Annual Valentine's Dinner, 6:30 PM. Location Serra Hall Dinner is Free for Knights &amp; Spouses.</b>
<b>February 22</b>	<b>Business Meeting 6:30 PM Officer's, 7:30 PM Council. Location Serra Hall</b>
<b>March 8</b>	<b>Council 1684 - St. Patrick's Day Social &amp; Dinner Social Hour: 6:30 PM, Dinner: 7:00 PM. Location: Serra Hall</b>
<b>March 22</b>	<b>Business Meeting 6:30 PM Officer's, 7:30 PM Council. Location Serra Hall</b>
<b>April 12</b>	<b>Business Meeting 6:30 PM Officer's, 7:30 PM Council. Location Serra Hall</b>
<b>April 26</b>	<b>Dinner &amp; Essay Contest Winners Social Hour: 6:30 PM, Dinner: 7:00 PM. Location: Serra Hall</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Business Meeting 6:30 PM Officer's, 7:30 PM Council. Location Serra Hall</b>
<b>May 24</b>	<b>Dinner &amp; Scholarship Winners Social Hour: 6:30 PM, Dinner: 7:00 PM. Location: Serra Hall</b>
<b>June 7</b>	<b>Business Meeting 6:30 PM Officer's, 7:30 PM Council. Location Serra Hall</b>
<b>June 28</b>	<b>10:00 AM - Mass for Installation of Officers 11:00 AM - District Warden Installation and the Installation of Officers 11:45 AM - Pancake Breakfast, Serra Hall</b>



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