

Special Dates and Activities

August 31 11:00 PM Hour of Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Chapel of Poor Clares.

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

Sept 22 5:30 PM Prepare Meal at Transition House

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

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

October 12 - 14 Annual Villa Majella Fundraiser

October 27 5:30 PM Prepare Meal at Transition House

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Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2017

September 13 Officers Meeting

6:30 PM

General Council Meeting

7:30 PM

Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

September 18 Annual Blue Mass

6:00 PM

Junipero Serra Assembly of the Knights of Columbus -

Mass honors Police, Fire, Military in Uniform

St. Raphael's Parish Church, Goleta.

See Page 6 for more information and dinner schedule.

September 27 September Dinner Meeting

Cocktails 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM

Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

October 11 Officers Meeting 6:30 PM

General Council Meeting

Cocktails 6:30 PM

6:30 PM 7:30 PM

October 25 Knights' Nite Out

Annual Charity Dinner

Dinner 7:00 PM

Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

This is Council 1684's annual charity event where grants are given to several church-affiliated and community-based organizations. Cost of a ticket is \$125. This buys you two dinners and a chance to be a winner of \$4,000 in a

reverse raffle.

Financial Secretary's Report

The Council officers extend their appreciation to all the Council Brothers, relatives and friends that volunteered their service during Fiesta at Mackenzie Park. A special thank you goes to Grand Knight Mark Wietstock for his leadership in managing the Pepsi trailer during the four days at Mackenzie Park.

The next two months will be busy for Council 1684. On Wednesday September 13, we have our monthly Council Meeting. On Monday, September 18 is the Annual Blue Mass at St. Raphael's Parish Church, Goleta, sponsored by Junipero Serra Assembly of the Knights of Columbus. This annual event honors Police, Fire, and Military in uniform. Further information can be found on Page 6 of this bulletin. On Wednesday September 27 is our monthly dinner at Serra Hall open to our brother Knights as well as family members.

On Wednesday October 11 is our monthly Council meeting and on Wednesday October 25 is our annual fund raiser *Knight's Nite Out*. At this event eight local charities from Santa Barbara will each receive \$1,000. For a person holding a ticket this is an opportunity to win \$4,000 in cash. A \$125 ticket offers a dinner for two plus an opportunity to win the jackpot price, if not the jackpot prize an opportunity to win a cash prize of lesser value.

Last, congratulations to following men having become new members by completing their First Degree: Shawn Forry, Sean Weston and Thomas Scott.

Ray Charpentier



Mark Wietstock

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Pirst, I want to thank all my Brother Knights who sacrificed their time and talent in support of our fundraising effort at

Fiesta: Steve Romofsky, Bruce Garcia, David Chavez, Jim Garland, Al Anglin, Charles McChesney, Mitch Molitor, Neil Chu, Alvin Bentajado, Luis Pelayo, Matt Najera, Shawn Forry, Frederic Cogburn, Bryan Briones, Rick Herrera, Alex Herrera, JP Downs, Hank Peterson, Ray Charpentier and John Green, with continuing thanks to David Borgatello and Marborg for allowing year-round storage of our service trailer at one of the company's storage facilities. My apologies to anyone I might have forgotten to mention!

As another summer draws to a close, students return to their classrooms, and Knights of Columbus throughout the US and world settle into working on all the challenges and opportunities that service in our Order always seems to bring in each Columbian year, I am reminded of how quickly it all seems to go by: our youth, the growth of our families, our working years ... the time we are all given by the Lord to love ... to be loved ... to be of service to others. Some are given more time than others, but the same is expected of all: do the best we can with the time we're given. This sense of the

passage of time only grows more keen when we lose a beloved Brother Knight like Lew Valenzuela. I remember all the times that Lew came to our meetings with a beaming smile on his face, a hearty handshake, a pat on the back, words of encouragement ... always ready to share a favorite inspirational quote or reading for "Good of the Order." To me, Lew was a Knight's Knight ... a man I looked up to as an example and guide, as I have with so many of my other, senior Brother Knights in Council 1684 over the years.

Ours is a Council with a long-standing, rich legacy of charitable giving and service in the Santa Barbara community, and although we may struggle with the demands our duties as Knights sometimes place on our personal time and resources, my memories of men like Lew remind me that all the time I've spent in my service as a Knight has been "time well spent," built on the labors and legacy of so many fine men who have preceded me, and who continue to support me now. The honor that I feel in serving as "Grand Knight" among such hardworking and admirable Catholic men is a bonus ... icing on the proverbial cake. May our one Lord continue to bless, protect and inspire you all ...

Vivat Jesu!

Mark R. Wietstock

Grand Knight



Deacon's Corner:

WE HAVE A GOD WHO RAISES US UP AND GIVES US THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

n the first Friday of each month, following morning Mass at Holy Cross, Monsignor offers the sacrament of the Anointing of the sick. Many people come to mass on those particular days in order to receive this Sacrament.

The Church believes God can work miracles and heal people, but that is separate from the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, which is administered by a priest to anyone who is seriously or chronically ill or in danger of imminent death. The healing Jesus offers in the anointing of the sick is not the same kind of healing, probably more accurately referred to as "curing," we find in a hospital.

The sacrament is a prayer for physical healing, but it's above all a prayer for spiritual healing, especially with respect to reconciliation with God and reaffirmation of our trust in the Lord. Healing includes accepting one's physical limitations and allowing others to care for us when we can't care for ourselves.

God, we believe, does not abandon us to the isolation we might feel at this stage of life. The sacrament of the anointing of the sick may not cure in the eyes of a doctor, but its celebration will bring you and your loved ones closer to a loving God as we approach him in this sacrament,

Deacon Randy

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For September and October Happy Birthday to Brother Knights

September Birthdays

- 2 Matthew McCaffrey
- 3 Bradley Apodaca
- 5 Marin-Leon Rafael
- 6 Steven Romofsky
- 7 Ralph Karleskint
- 7 Giuseppe Arnoldi
- 10 Armando Vasquez
- 15 Paul Rayas
- 16 James Sturnot
- 17 George Bourgeois
- 23 Justin Mack
- 25 Hank Gomez

October Birthdays

- 3 Michael Aberle
- 5 Jerry Whitefoot
- 9 Nielesten Comme
- 8 Nicholas Curran
- 8 John Connolly
- 10 Juan Ramon Castro
- 10 John Klink
- 18 Dennis Douville
- 24 Bob Sanchez
- 26 Thomas Anglin
- 30 Arthur T. Barron

General Meeting of Council 1684 August 9, 2017

Fifteen members were present when Grand Knight Mark Wietstock called the August Council meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. Upon closing the meeting doors, the Grand Knight led the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no quorum for the July meeting, so no Minutes were read.

The Worthy Grand Knight reported on the following items:

- The Worthy Grand Knight discussed our Fiesta results. The preliminary results are disappointing with a total of about \$4,000 after expenses. Increased competition from other vendors selling drinks hurts our efforts. However, the camaraderie was great, with all shifts filled and the booth running smoothly. The Grand Knight thanked all those involved.
- The September 27 Social will have a TACO BAR and a program to be announced.
- The Knights Nite Out on Wednesday, October 25 will still be only \$125 for two dinners and entry into the reverse raffle. The Council will present \$1,000 donations to 8 local worthy charities. Be sure to get your tickets early, as this may be the last Knights Nite Out!
- Two people, employees of the Mission, came to the last Business meeting to explain changes coming our way. The lounge and accompanying rooms will be renovated at some point and the Council will need to dispose of its chair inventory that it owns making room for new folding chairs purchased by the Mission. More news as it becomes available.

Under Membership, the Council held a First-Degree Exemplification prior to the Business meeting. Shawn Forry became Council 1684's newest Knight. Congratulations, Shawn. Brothers Sean Weston and Thomas Scott also became Knights via an on-line web program.

Under the Treasurer's Report, the Council had an ending July balance of \$5,664.88 after expenses of 3,325.44.

The Financial Secretary reported six bills paid.

No new Communication was brought before the Council.

Under Old Business, the Budget for the upcoming Columbian Year was presented to the Council. After discussion, the Budget passed as presented.

Under New Business,
 Richard Rink of St. Vincent de Paul noted that the
 Whittier Fire damaged a couple of buildings at the site
 where their summer camp takes place. It remains to be
 seen if the camp can be rescheduled.

Under the District Deputy's Report, District Deputy Ed Barrier has cancer and will not be attending our Council meeting until further notice. Please pray for our beloved District Deputy.

There was no Field Agent's report.

Under Good of the Order.

- Brother Jim Garland distributed information on the September 8th Blue Mass which honors police, fire-fighters, sheriff's officers, forestry officials, Coast Guard and all branches of the military. This marvelous event is sponsored by the Fourth Degree Knights and held at St. Raphael Parish Hall at 6 p.m., costing \$20/person. The dress code for men is formal or business attire.
- Brother Al Anglin requested that Brother Knights
 think good thoughts about attending this year's
 Mistletoe Ball that benefits the wonderful work of our
 local Catholic Charities organization. This year's Ball
 will be held at the Coral Casino on Friday,
 December 1; cost per person \$275. This great organization assists all in need, not just Catholics.
- Brother Mark Wietstock spoke about the treasure that belongs to all of us through the Sacraments and Mass.
- Brother Bruce García encouraged all of us to pray for the unborn and the people working to save them.
- Brother Steve Romofsky, spoke about Brother Lew Valenzuela who died last week. Brother Steve attended the funeral.

Under Prayers for the Sick or Distressed:

- Brother Steve for Brother Lou Valenzuela and his widow, Lydia.
- Brother Mark for his Grand Niece Eliana who is suffering with brain cancer and for Brother Bobby Sánchez.

Following a closing prayer by the Grand Knight, the Council meeting for August adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Next business meeting of Council 1684 is scheduled for September 13, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Anglin

Recorder





Mike Engler

JOIN BISHOP BARRON IN SAVING BABIES FROM ABORTION AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD ON SEPTEMBER 27

"This kind [of demon] can be driven out only by prayer and fasting" -- Words of Our Lord (Mk 9:28)

Babies are being killed at Planned Parenthood, and our Bishop, Robert Barron, hopes you'll join him there to help save their lives. On Wednesday, September 27, at 10:00 AM, he'll take part in the kickoff of our local 40 Days for Life campaign, and you're invited to pray with him there to rescue babies from abortion.

40 Days for Life is a movement that has <u>saved 13,305 babies</u> (and their parents) from abortion, <u>caused 154 abortion workers to quit their jobs</u>, and <u>closed 86 abortion centers</u>! It's so successful that a spokesman for the pro-abortion ACLU called it the "greatest threat to choice [i.e., abortion]."

40 Days for Life is the biggest international pro-life effort in history, helping people in local communities to save babies' lives through peaceful prayer vigils outside abortion centers, fasting and community outreach. This fall, 40 Days for Life campaigns will take place in hundreds of cities worldwide, and Santa Barbara is one of them.

Knights from Councils 1684 and 5300 urge you, your wife and your children to join them and other Christians in our local 40 Days for Life campaign from September 27 to November 5. To take part, you need only pray (any prayers you prefer) in front of Planned Parenthood (518 Garden Street), anytime Monday through Saturday. If you can commit to praying at the same hour each week, that would be wonderful, but doing some praying there anytime will be priceless. If you can add some fasting, your prayers will be even more powerful.

Pope Francis, via the Vatican Secretariat of State, says, "The Holy Father greatly appreciates the dedicated work that you and everyone involved in 40 Days for Life are engaged in to promote respect for the lives of all unborn children. His Holiness assures you of his prayerful support for you, your colleagues and all those whose prayer, fasting and sacrifices are saving countless lives and giving glory to God."

Archbishop José Gomez adds, "I recommend to you the peaceful, prayerful witness of 40 Days for Life. ... This program has proven effective in saving the lives of unborn children and sparing women and men the pain and sorrow of abortion."

Please come follow our local shepherd, Bishop Barron, and help launch our local campaign on Wednesday, September 27 at 10:00 a.m. For more information about 40 Days for Life, contact Brother Knight John Kirk at <u>JCKIRKJR@AOL.COM</u> and visit **WWW.40DAYSFORLIFE.COM**

Mike Engler, Pro-Life Chairman

Blue Mass

Monday, September 18th
St. Raphael's Church
5444 Hollister Avenue
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Sponsored by:



6:00 PM

Celebrant: Msgr Jon Majarucon

7:00 PM

St. Raphael Parish Hall
Social hour and entertainment
No host cocktail bar
Complimentary hors d'oeuvers

7:30 PM

Dinner and Reception

\$20.00 per person

Dress Code

Men - Formal or Business Attire Ladies - Appropriate Attire

The Dinner is Free to All Uniformed Personnal

The Blue Mass is held by the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus to honor and give thanks to all those who serve our Country and Community, asking for God's grace and strength upon them. We welcome all Police, Firefighters, Sherriff's, Forestry, Coast Guard and all branches of the Military.

Please RSVP by Friday, September 8th

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Field Agent's Message

Life Insurance As a Gift?



David Nordella

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your

spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

David Nordella

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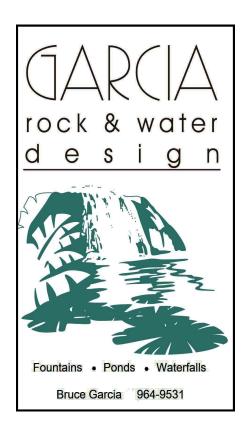
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First Degree Candidate August 9, 2017



We welcome Shawn Forry, our new brother Knight, having taken the First Degree on Wednesday, August 9, 2017. We also welcome two other new members having completed their First Degree by way of the internet, Sean Weston and Thomas Scott.







Remembering Our Gracious Knight Lou Valenzuela May He Rest in Peace

ewis T. Valenzuela, 95, passed peacefully surrounded by his loving family and into God's arms on July 23, 2017. Lewis was born in Fresno, California on March 7, 1922, to Cecilia Vega-Lamas and Peter Lewis Valenzuela. He was raised in Los Angeles and moved his family to the Santa Barbara Mesa in 1963. Lewis held a Doctorate of Chiropractic and was a master craftsman in vehicle and heavy equipment maintenance, retiring from the Santa Barbara City Parks and Golf Course operations in 1995.

Lewis was a dedicated member of Catholic Church, being the eldest parishioner of Holy Cross and attained the rank of Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus as well as serving several years as the Council's Recorder. Lewis was a fervent preservationist of California history and was a past-president of the Santa Barbara Chapter of the Native Sons of the Golden West. He participated in the Rancheros Visitadores for many years and volunteered at the SB Carriage Museum preserving floats and historical memorabilia for Fiesta.

Lewis is survived by Lydia Valenzuela, his loving wife of 75 years, four children: Myrna and Don Kastor, Esteban and Mary Ann Valenzuela, Paul and Patricia Valenzuela, and Robert and Diane Valenzuela, along with 14 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

A rosary was held in his memory at Holy Cross Church on Thursday evening, August 3, 2017. The funeral mass followed at Holy Cross on Friday, August 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. with interment at Calvary cemetery following the mass. Sail on Dad!

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HISTORY OF THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS: 1930 - 1940

he Great Depression initially had a detrimental effect on the Order's membership and finances, but it also led to a renewed sense of volunteer service. The success of an extensive membership campaign in 1935, titled Mobilization for Catholic Action, led to the establishment of the Order's Service Department, which subsequently launched a "Five-Point Program of Progress." The program encouraged councils to play a more active role in the life of the local parish and community, and included five categories: Catholic activity, council activity, fraternal protection, publicity and maintenance of manpower.



A K of C council sponsors a Christmas toy drive.

Also in the early 1930s, violent persecution resurfaced in Mexico, prompting the Order's leadership to strongly urge the U.S. government to take action. Tensions in Mexico eventually eased in 1937, but the threat of atheistic communism was growing in Europe. In response, the Knights organized anti-communist rallies in early 1937. When Pope Pius XI's encyclical on the subject, *Divini Redemptoris*, was released in March of that year, the Order printed and distributed a million copies. The Knights also sponsored a new lecture tour and expanded its anti-communism program to include a Crusade for Social Justice. "Injustice to man is the seed of communistic growth," Supreme Knight Martin Carmody said. "With Truth and Charity as your weapons, go forth as a Crusade."

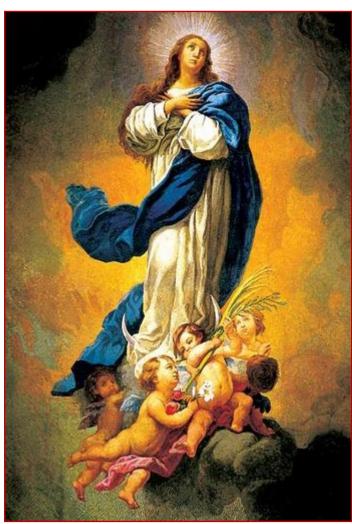
- 1932: The 50th anniversary of the Knights is celebrated with Commemoration Week, June 24-30, 1932. Among the highlights is the unveiling in Washington, D.C. of a statue of Cardinal James Gibbons, an early supporter of the Knights who had ordained Father McGivney.
- 1935: On July 8, 1935, Supreme Knight Martin Carmody and other K of C officials meet with President Franklin D. Roosevelt about the ongoing situation in Mexico.
- 1936: Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, Vatican secretary of state, visits the Knights of Columbus headquarters in New Haven; in 1939, Cardinal Pacelli becomes Pope Pius XII.
- 1939: In response to Pope Pius XII's petition for prayers for peace, the Knights of Columbus sponsors an international prayer for peace program on Armistice Day 1939 and a radio prayer for peace broadcast on May 19, 1940.
- 1939: Less than two weeks after World War II is declared, Canadian Knights establish a welfare program for soldiers comparable to the KC huts program that operated during World War I. Within a year, Canadian Knights raise nearly \$250,000 to support troops.

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PRAYERS FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

embers of the Knights of Columbus and their families around the world are encouraged to pray for peace and reconciliation in their respective countries.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson called for prayers for peace and reconciliation in his Annual Report to the 135th Supreme Convention, August 1 in St. Louis. Citing the recent increase in political violence, including the shooting of members of Congress last June on a baseball field outside of Washington, D.C., he said:



"Violence and the rhetoric of violence have no place as a style of politics in America or any other country. ... I call upon all my brother Knights and their families to again seek the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace."

Quoting from the Holy Father's message for the 50th World Day of Peace, Anderson said, "Pope Francis urged people everywhere to adopt nonviolence as a style of politics — a style based on the recognition, 'that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity."

The supreme knight noted that words of Pope Benedict XVI, repeated by Pope Francis in his World Day of Peace message, struck him as especially appropriate for today's political climate: "For Christians, nonviolence is not merely tactical behavior but a person's way of being — the attitude of one who is so convinced of God's love and power that he or she is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone."

"Convinced of God's Love and Power" was the theme of this year's Supreme Convention.

In his report, Supreme Knight Anderson noted that "Pope Francis signed his message of peace on the feast of the Immaculate Conception" and asked "Can it simply be a coincidence that the Immaculate Conception is named patroness of the United States?" The prayer cards feature a mosaic depiction of the Immaculate Conception from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

A printable card of traditional Marian prayers is available online for use by Knights, families, others:

HTTP://WWW.KOFC.ORG/UN/EN/RESOURCES/PRAYER-CARDS/DAY-OF-PRAYER-CARD.817.PDF

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