



Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

JANUARY– FEBRUARY 2019

Special Dates and Activities

January 3 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration
of Blessed Sacrament,
Chapel of Poor Clares.

January 13 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion, front of
Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

January 25 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

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

February 10 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion, in Front of
Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

February 22 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

January 9 6:30 PM Officers Meeting
7:30 PM General Council Meeting–First Degree Ceremony
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

January 23 Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner
6:30 PM Social Hour 7:00 PM Dinner
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street
Price: \$20 per person
For tickets contact Steve Romofsky 1-805-962-4861

February 13 Annual Valentine's Dinner for Council 1684
6:30 PM Social Hour 7:00 PM Dinner
Dinner is Free for Knights & Spouses
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

February 27 6:30 PM Officers Meeting
7:30 PM General Council Meeting
Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street

Financial Secretary's Report

In November our Council did not have its regular meeting. In its place on the evening of November 7 was our annual Memorial Mass said by Msgr. Steve Downes from Our Lady of Mount Carmel, assisted by Brother Knight Deacon Nick Curran with Brother Knight Mark Wietstock providing music. This service was shared with members from the Catholic Daughters of America. David and Louise Borgatello provided a luncheon after the Mass.

We began December with our Council meeting on the 5th discussing our events in October and November as well as the Council's schedule of events for December, January and February. On the evening of December 12, we celebrated our annual Christmas Dinner and the winners of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Three winners were chosen from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Grade School and from Notre Dame School. Each winner of the contest was awarded \$50. Parents of winning children were our guests. Entertainment was provided by St. Therese Academy Choir singing traditional Christmas hymns.

The most important event for January 2019 is the upcoming Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner being held by Council 1684. The date is set for Wednesday, January 23 with doors opening at 6:30 PM, dinner being served

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord January 6th, we enter another year of ordinary time before the Lent season. It is hard to believe that it has been one year since one of the biggest devastation in Santa Barbara history. It is a good time to pray for those families (12 parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel which were killed) that have been traumatized and distressed by this disaster. We are so blessed and thankful for our community coming together and bringing the best of this



horrific catastrophe. I am sure all of us have been affected by this somehow or another. This is why it is a good time for prayer.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and advent season! I am so blessed having such a wonderful family! I am also blessed having great friends and brothers of this council! Thank you for all of your

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

Hank Peterson

Grand Knight



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Financial Secretary's Report...

at 7:00 PM. Our guests for this event are priests, deacons, sisters as well as family members serving the religious needs of Goleta-Santa Barbara-Carpinteria area of our county. Guest speaker has yet to be announced. Location for the event is Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street (Corner of Garden and East Los Olivos Street).

Our Council is also planning a First Degree Ceremony on Wednesday January 9, 7:30 PM at Serra Hall. We ask that members of Council 1684 attend this event, being part where new members are welcomed as Brother Knights.

Steve Ramafsky

Deacon's Corner:

“A vocation ... is a lifelong conversation with God.”

One out of six of the 40,000 Priests in our country today are visiting from other countries; although, these Priests bring a certain flare and culture with them, it is disheartening that we are not providing enough Priests to staff our parishes and schools, who have grown-up in the same culture as the people they are serving; while many countries seem to have a surplus of Priests and Religious, who leave their home land in order to exercise their calling to serve God's people.

The Bishops of the United States have attempted to implement many programs and educational opportunities to provide our young men with a spark or hope of an interest in the Priesthood.

As Christians our Ministries always begin at home and carry over into our neighborhoods and workplaces. If you see a person who may be a candidate for the Priesthood, religious order or the Diaconate, don't hesitate to let them know that you think they might make a good Priest, Brother, Sister, or Deacon.

With the unfortunate media coverage, the Church has received in the past decades, it is important to remind our children and grandchildren that the clergy is still a vocation of honor and respect, it isn't a profession of wealth and fame that is glamorized so much to our youth today, but it can certainly be a life of service, satisfaction and peace.

If you do nothing else to help support our quest for more Priests, Deacons and Religious, know that you can always offer your prayers.

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Father, in every generation you provide ministers of Christ and the Church.

We come before you now, asking that you call forth more men to serve our Archdiocese in the ministerial priesthood.

Give us priests who will lead and guide your holy people gathered by Word and Sacrament.

Bless us with priestly vocations so that we can continue to be a truly Eucharistic Church, strengthened in our discipleship of Jesus Christ, your Only Son.

Raise up, we pray, men who are generous in their service, willing to offer their lives and all their gifts for your greater glory and for the good of your people.

We make our prayer in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

Deacon Randy

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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
17 Bishop Thomas Curry
18 James Garland
19 Mark Wietstock
19 Gregory Stephens
25 John Frolicher

February Birthdays

2 Arturo Gonzales
5 Mario A Borgatello
6 Raul Navarro
6 David Rink
8 Edward Corral
16 Mike Engler
21 Paul Overstreet
25 Brian Klinge
27 Thomas Goodwin



Mike Engler

SENATORS HARRIS AND HIRONO MAKE BIGOTED ATTACK ON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MEN AND CATHOLIC FAITH

Did you know that as a Knight, a man and a Catholic, you're a menace to America? Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) and Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) believe you are, judging from the questions they've asked of Omaha attorney **Brian C. Buescher, a nominee for the U.S. District Court for Nebraska.** Mr. Buescher is a Knight of Columbus.

LifeNews.com (Dec. 26, 2018) reports that the two members of the Senate Judiciary Committee recently sent written questions to him "proposing that he resign his affiliation with the Knights, which they call an 'all male society' that 'has taken a number of extreme positions'" on moral issues.

Democrats on the Judiciary Committee have displayed anti-Catholic bigotry before. During Judge Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation hearing for the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in September, 2017, Sen. Hirono suggested that the Judge's Catholic beliefs would make her a bad judge. Sen. Dianne Feinstein told Judge Barrett that "the [Catholic] dogma lives loudly within you, and that's of concern... ." (Never mind that the U.S. Constitution bars any religious test for public officials.)

The LifeNews.com story says Sen. Harris asked Mr. Buescher whether he knew our Order's leaders oppose sodomite "marriage," and Sen. Hirono questioned his ability to judge fairly on issues such as abortion.

"The Knights of Columbus is a Roman Catholic service organization with approximately two million members worldwide," Mr. Buescher replied. "The organization has a religious and charitable purpose. I joined the Knights of Columbus when I was 18 years old and have been a member ever since." He also noted that the Order "does not have the authority to take personal political positions on behalf of all of its approximately two million members."

Democratic Senators also queried Mr. Buescher about his unsuccessful campaign to become his state's attorney general, during which he said he was "an avidly pro-life person." Sen. Harris complained that Supreme Knight Carl Anderson had lamented that abortion "has resulted in more than [60] million deaths."

Newsweek (Dec. 24, 2018) says Knights of Columbus spokesperson Kathleen Blomquist criticized the Senators' questions, telling the Catholic News Agency that "Our country's sad history of anti-Catholic bigotry contributed to the founding of the Knights of Columbus, and we are proud of the many Catholics who overcame this hurdle to contribute so greatly to our country."

"We were extremely disappointed," she added, "to see that one's commitment to Catholic principles through membership in the Knights of Columbus — a charitable organization that adheres to and promotes Catholic teachings — would be viewed as a disqualifier from public service in this day and age."

Historian Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. once called anti-Catholic bigotry "the last acceptable prejudice" in America. Some politicians are fanning its flames to new heights. In the past, our Order stood strongly against the Ku Klux Klan, and now we must speak out against a new species of haters.

Mike Engler
Pro-Life Chairman

**General Meeting of Council 1684
December 5, 2018**

Nine Council members were present when at 6:40 PM Grand Knight Hank Peterson called the December officer's meeting to order, the meeting beginning with a prayer. In attendance were District Deputy, Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Financial Secretary, and two Council members, there being no quorum.

The first item on the agenda was a review of Council activities over the past two months. This included a review of Villa Majella Fundraiser Dinner held at Serra Hall on Saturday afternoon, October 20; Knights Nite Out held on Wednesday evening October 24, and our Memorial Mass held on Wednesday evening of November 7, the Mass conducted by Monsignor Stephen Downes from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Second item on the agenda was a review of December activities: the Christmas Poster Contest *Keeping Christ in Christmas* and Christmas social for each contest member, their family, fellow Knights and wives, scheduled for Wednesday evening December 12. This was followed by a first reading on a First Degree Application, the candidate being Christiano Fernandes from Our Lady of Mount Carmel. A First Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Wednesday January 9.

Third item on the agenda is new and continuing business. Included is announcing that a First Degree Exemplification is scheduled at Serra Hall on Wednesday January 9 at 7:30 PM. Members are encouraged to attend.

Being Council 1684's turn for holding the Annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner, Council officers agreed for holding the event on Wednesday evening January 23 at Serra Hall. Announcements need to be mailed inviting clergy and religious, brother Knights and their wives, other guests as well as finding a guest speaker.

Issue of supporting the Safe Environment Training Program was discussed. A Council supporting this program requires the Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director and Family Director from its membership. Purpose: Catholic Churches, schools, and youth organizations must ensure that children and youth who worship, study, or participate in activities sponsored by a parish can do so in the safest and most secure setting possible.

Other issues: reestablishing memberships for brother Knights that have failed to renew their membership; review of the annual Valentine's Dinner scheduled for February 13, and dates in January and February for Basketball Free Throw and Three Point Competition.

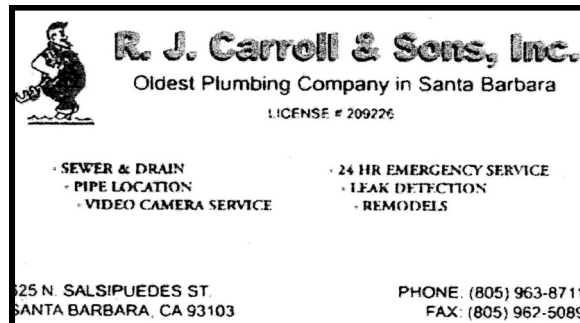
As for other new business District Deputy Chris Arnould discussed his report for helping families affected by the recent Paradise Fire. Councils are asked to contribute \$3.65 for each Council member.

Following a closing prayer, meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Rink

Advocate / Acting Recorder



Life Insurance Message



George J. Majoue

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Brothers and Families:

Yes, indeed. Happy New Year! It's that time of year where everyone is considering or talking about making resolutions. Have you made any yet? Or, maybe the realistic question is, "Have you already broken some of them?"



Here are 10 popular New Year's Resolutions from Google, along with a few of my own:

1. **Get in Shape** – for some of us this means to lose some weight, exercise more and staying fit; to stop smoking or to eat healthier foods.
2. **Stop Procrastinating** – I don't know about you, but I'm going to put this off for yet another year!
3. **Improve my Prayer Life** – there's an app for that. Try the **Laudate** app. It claims to be the most downloaded Catholic app. It has an immense library of prayers, devotions, daily readings, podcasts, and Vatican documents.
4. **Improve on a Skill or Develop a New Hobby** – maybe you want to lower your golf handicap or learn to bowl or... I've always wanted to _____.
5. **Be more Thankful** – God has blessed me in so many ways and sometimes I forget to thank Him for all of those things, usually because I'm too busy asking for something else.
6. **Spend more Time with the People that Matter the Most** – sometimes I get so busy working, going to some meeting, or have over-extended myself, that I don't focus enough on those in my life that are a driving force for me: my wife and children. I want to create greater balance in my life and spend more time with my family.
7. **Reduce Stress** – WOW! In this sometimes hectic and seemingly crazy world, it's easy to get swallowed up in the latest tragedy and worry too much. Cutting out those sources of stress or learning how to deal with them more effectively means a more settled life.
8. **Read More** – With so much on the internet, TV and radio it's easy for me to get lost in them. Reading for pleasure has become something of a lost art. Think about the last book you read; I just read *Hearts of Fire* about eight women in the Underground Church and their stories of costly faith. It was hard to put down.
9. **Spend Wisely** – it's so easy to spend money on things we really don't need, buy on a whim or because we're keeping up with the Jones.
10. **Review Your Financial Health** – whatever your current situation, it's always a good idea to take stock on a yearly basis.

Now this last resolution I can definitely help you keep. Resolve to meet with me this year to update your Family Service Record and see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. As your field agent I have so much more responsibility than a financial advisor or stock broker. We take a look at your dreams, goals and aspirations and make sure you're on track to make them become a reality. I focus not only on assisting you in setting a course to achieve your dreams, but also share with you and your family, as a brother Knight, our Catholic Difference.

Let's meet this month to set a course for you and your family to assist in your years of retirement and future aspirations. To schedule an appointment, contact me at (805) 478-5200 or george.majoue@kofc.org. I look forward to seeing you at your next council meeting.

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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT
District Deputy, District 76
Francis C.(Chris) Arnoult



Grand Knights and Council members of Councils 1684 and Council 5300:

First of all welcome to Advent. The dictionary definition of “advent” is “the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event”. It certainly is the arrival of a notable person; for us it is Jesus Christ. So we have a few days for preparation for the Christmas celebration of the birth of Jesus and, as the Church liturgy reminds us, it is also a time of preparation for the second coming of Christ. So contemplate and celebrate.

Just a few things for this month from me, District Deputy for District 76:

- First of course is RECRUIT new members. I know you are working on this. Keep it up.
- Safe Environment Training compliance:
 - a. There are four (4) members of every Council that need to complete this training: Community Directory, Family Directory, Program Director and the Grand Knight.
Note: Every Council must have trained members in these 4 positions.
 - b. If you need it, here is the link to access the Safe Environment Training (Blue Presidium).
<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/programs/youth-activities/safe-environment-program.html>
- Columbian Charities assistance for Brothers affected by the California wildfires.
Please consider making an additional donation to Columbian Charities to assist in helping Brothers affected by wildfires and to help rebuilding Columbian Charities reserve funds. For example 69 Brothers of Council #7773, Paradise, CA have already been assisted by Columbian Charities.
Contact: California Columbian Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 4256, Cerritos, CA 90703.
Call Knights of California State Office, 909-434-0460.
(Note the memo on the page that follows.)
- I attended the State Deputy Forum on Sunday November 18, with State Deputy Jose Salaiz, State Membership Director Michael Brault and State Programs Director Eric Watson.
 - a. Recruitment and retention were very important themes. Michael Brault reviewed and presented several ideas for recruitment and retention:
 - i. Using the on-line Form-100. Basic idea: Get them signed up while they are thinking about it.
 - ii. Be a full time sales person/recruiter for Knights of Columbus.
 - iii. Hand out printed items after mass with your Council contact information: print your own post-cards with the Council information on it.
 - iv. Have a regularly scheduled Formation (1st) Degree Ceremony, monthly if possible. This will facilitate getting new members (and new on-line members) involved in the Council.
 - v. There is more formalized procedure for removing non-dues paying Knights from the Council membership. It has been implemented to assure that every effort has been made to retain a Knight.
Suggested more frequent use of Form-1831 for Knights that may be in some distress physical financially or otherwise.
 - b. Bro. Eric Watson spoke about KofC programs and Star Council achievement. Bro. Eric volunteered his services to help any Council that has any questions or issues with California State Knights website.

Brothers, I hope that you and your families have a merry Christmas and a happy and blessed new year. See you in the year of our Lord 2019.

Yours in Christ,

Francis C.(Chris) Arnoult

District Deputy, District 76



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Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Members California has been devastated by wildfires!

The Paradise Camp Fire is the worst wildfire in California History. 153,000 acres burned, 14,000 homes destroyed, 85 people killed, 296 people unaccounted for and thousands of people displaced. 80% of the town destroyed. 69 Brothers of Council #7773 in Paradise have lost their homes due to the fire. Completely burned out! California Columbian Charities was there to help. Each burned out Brother has or will receive a grant to accommodate their immediate "necessity of life" needs. Accumulated, the Charity has granted thousands in aid to these Brothers. Now is the time to replenish our funds to be able to support other Brothers that are in need throughout the State.

All Councils are asked to donate. Councils should consider a donation of \$3.65 for each of their Council members. Financial Secretaries, please add the 365 Club as a voluntary donation when you send out the annual billing statements. **Donations are being accepted now, please send to address above. Please be generous!**

Columbian Charities is dedicated to assisting California Brothers and their widows in distress. For over sixty years we have worked to provide CHARITY and to fulfill Father McGivney's mandate - **BROTHER HELPING BROTHER.**

At last year's "**Parade of Grand Knights**" you donated \$123,000 to Columbian Charities! **THANK YOU** for reaching-out a helping hand to your less fortunate Brothers! You should be proud of your generosity.

In 2017 the Charity provided 52 Brothers, and widows, with \$136,000 in financial assistance. The need is great. **Please increase your contribution this year.**

*Columbian Charities is ready to provide financial assistance to your Council's Brothers in their time of need. Any member who has information about a Brother in distress should notify the **Grand Knight**. The **Grand Knight** can obtain a charity application by calling the State Office at (909) 434-0460.*

THE FOLLOWING IS COUNCIL'S CALENDAR FOR PART OF THE COLUMBIAN YEAR JANUARY– JUNE 2019

January 9	Business Meeting: 6:30 PM Officer's First Degree	7:30 PM Council Location Serra Hall
January 23	Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner 6:30 PM Social Hour Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street Price: \$20 per person For tickets contact Steve Romofsky 1-805-962-4861	7:00 PM Dinner
February 13	Annual Valentine's Dinner: 6:30 PM Social Hour Location Serra Hall Dinner is Free for brother Knights & Spouses.	7:00 PM Dinner
February 27	Business Meeting: 6:30 PM Officer's Location Serra Hall	7:30 PM Council
March 13	Council 1684 - St. Patrick's Day Social & Dinner 6:30 PM Social Hour Location: Serra Hall	7:00 PM Dinner
March 27	Business Meeting: 6:30 PM Officer's Location Serra Hall	7:30 PM Council
April 10	Business Meeting: 6:30 PM Officer's Location Serra Hall	7:30 PM Council
April 24	Dinner & Essay Contest Winners 6:30 PM Social Hour Location: Serra Hall	7:00 PM Dinner
May 8	Business Meeting: 6:30 PM Officer's Location Serra Hall	7:30 PM Council
May 22	Dinner & Scholarship Winners 6:30 PM Social Hour Location Serra Hall	7:00 PM Dinner
June 12	Business Meeting: 6:30 PM Officer's Location Serra Hall	7:30 PM Council
June 22	District Warden Installation & Installation of Officers for Councils 1684 & 5300 Pancake Breakfast Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street (Corner of Garden and East Los Olivos Street) Wives, children, close relatives are welcome to attend.	Time: 9:00 AM Time: 10:00 AM

REMEMBERING OZZIE DA ROS

Ozzie Da Ros, born April 28, 1921 to Antonio Da Ros and Marianna Mautino; died November 13, 2018. Ozzie graduated from Santa Barbara High School, later serving with the US Army in Persia during World War II. He was active in the Parks Department of Santa Barbara serving with Mayors Don McGillivray and Gerald Firestone. He was a member of Knights of Columbus Council 1684, the El Pescatore Club, E Clampus Vitus and the Westerners, serving on boards of the St. Francis Foundation, Santa Barbara Historical Museum, Santa Barbara Carriage Museum, Old Spanish Days and as well as Catholic Charities amongst others.

Ozzie was involved in previous restorations of Mission Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Museum of Art and La Arcada and the Museum of Natural History. He built the Santa Barbara Historical Museum producing the adobes in his own yard. He will be remembered for extensive masonry and landscape work on many well recognized estates in Santa Barbara and Montecito. He participated in the development of many of the garden areas at Lotusland working closely with Madame Ganna Walska for decades taking over for his father who had worked under the previous owners and carrying forward into the third generation with his son, Peter Da Ros.

Predeceased by his wife Kathleen Lennon Da Ros in 2004 and his sister, Mary Devine in 2012. He is survived by his children Kathleen Mackins and Peter Da Ros (Christina) of Santa Barbara and Ann Martin of Fort Worth, Texas. Also survived by grandchildren Bradley Mackins (Kristen), Danielle Leholm (Ryan Bailey), Katie O'Toole, Rachel Da Ros and Marianna Da Ros, Keegan Anderson (Dustin) and James Martin; great-grandchildren Chase and Austin Mackins, Kaylie Leholm and Brixton Bailey. A memorial service for Ozzie was given on Friday afternoon November 30th at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to The Monastery of the Poor Clares, Lotusland or a Veteran's charity of your choice.



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“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” POSTER CONTEST & CHRISTMAS DINNER - WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12

This year there were six entries for the poster contest “Keep Christ in Christmas,” three each from Notre Dame and Our Lady of Month Carmel School. Contestants by grade level are from K-2 (Age 5-7), 3-5 (Age) and 6-8 (Age). Each contest winner is rewarded with a \$50 check. Photos include each poster from each group for each school. Added to this was the buffet dinner - homemade tamales, beans, rice and salad. Entertainment was provided by St. Therese Academy Choir singing traditional Christmas hymns. Hank Peterson Grand Knight was master of the ceremony with Mark Wietstock Deputy Grand Knight interviewed each grade school winner. It was a pleasant evening for contestants, family members, brother Knights and others attending this event.

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL



Camila Sofia Tovar (Grades K-2)



Melanny Carvajal (Grades 3-5)

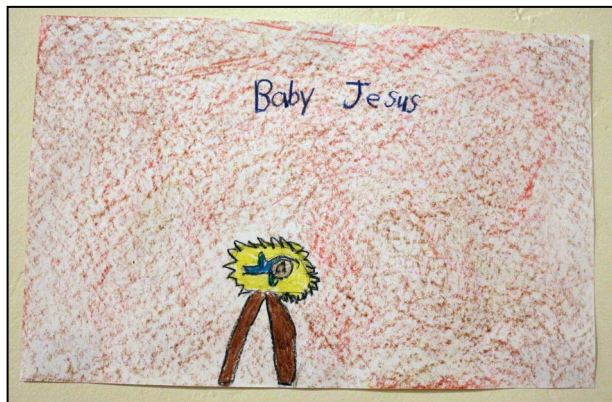


Alejandro Velazquez-Cruz (Grades 6-8)



Master of ceremonies Grand Knight Hank Peterson.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL



Kamila Albarran (Grades K-2)



Joe Simolon (Grades 3-5)



Samantha Kenney (Grades 6-8)



View of the Hall



St. Therese Academy Choir singing traditional Christmas hymns.

KNIGHTS GIVE MORE THAN \$200,000 TO WILDFIRE VICTIMS

by Andrew Fowler

12/4/2018

In California, ash is all that remains of 69 Knights' homes.



(CNS photo/Terray Sylvester, Reuters)

The state's most destructive and deadliest wildfire, now fully contained, devastated over 150,000 acres, causing at least 85 deaths and destroyed approximately 19,000 residences and commercial buildings. Some Knights barely escaped the raging blaze as all their possessions became engulfed in flames

In response, Knights from local, state and nationwide councils are sending assistance, collectively giving more than \$200,000 to the victims. Knights from San Francisco came in with \$9,000 in gift cards as well as backpacks filled with supplies. Aurora Council 53 in Seymour, Conn., hosted several movie nights to raise money for the California wildfire victims. Meanwhile, some Knights have individually written checks up to \$5,000.

The Supreme Council is providing more than \$132,500 for recovery efforts.

While donations like these bring hope, the trauma is ever-present in what Jim Collins, grand knight of St. Thomas More Church Council 7773 in Paradise, Calif., the epicenter of the destruction, describes as a wasteland.

"In my own neighborhood, there are six homes out of about 60 left," said Collins. "Other areas it is zero, where you had one hundred homes. It is zero."

For other victims, the question yet unanswered is whether to rebuild in the same community or not.

"A lot of people are walking around kind of in a zombie-state, just overwhelmed by having to rebuild and trying to figure out what their next move is," said Collins.

The support from Knights at every level throughout the country has brought their brother Knights hope.

"People break down in tears because they figured there was no hope," said Collins. "I think it shows what the Knights are really, truly all about."

Among the buildings destroyed in the fire was St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Paradise. With no parish building of their own, parishioners now attend Our Divine Savior Catholic Church in the nearby town of Chico. There, on Dec. 2, a Mass was said for wildfire victims, attended by 250 people.

Following the Mass, California State Deputy Joe

Salaiz, distributed disaster relief funds to the victims as well as mentioned that the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council in New Haven, Conn. gave \$132,500 to disaster relief efforts, with \$120,000 allocated to charity and an additional \$12,500 for clean-up supplies and gift cards.

"This is a perfect example of Father McGivney's mission, to be there for the families and to take care of our families," said Salaiz.

The Knights of Columbus, founded by the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882, established an insurance program for the protection of Catholic families during a period when Catholic men often held dangerous occupations. The tradition of Knights securing a life insurance policy continues today, as it not only protects their families in dire circumstances, but also funds the Order's charitable outreach.

"Across the board, whether they are Knights or whether they are not Knights there is this incredible regard, a very positive, high regard for the Knights of Columbus and how we take care of our brothers," said Collins.

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