



Knights of Columbus

Council 1684 • Santa Barbara, California

MARCH – APRIL 2019

Special Dates and Activities

February 28 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration
of Blessed Sacrament,
Chapel of Poor Clares.

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

March 22 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

April 4 11:00 PM
Hour of Adoration of
Blessed Sacrament,
Chapel of Poor Clares.

April 14 3:00 PM
Prayer Vigil to End
Abortion, in Front of
Planned Parenthood
office, 518 Garden St.

April 26 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at
Transition House

March 13

Council 1684 - St. Patrick's Day Social & Dinner
6:30 PM Social Hour 7:00 PM Dinner
Location: Serra Hall

March 27

Business Meeting:
6:30 PM Officer's 7:30 PM Council Meeting
Location Serra Hall

April 10

Business Meeting:
6:30 PM Officer's 7:30 PM Council Meeting
Location Serra Hall

April 24

Dinner & Essay Contest Winners
6:30 PM Social Hour 7:00 PM Dinner
Annual Banquet Introducing Essay Contest Winners

Financial Secretary's Report

January and February have been busy months for our Council. Our major event for January was the Annual Clergy-Religious Appreciation Dinner held on Wednesday, January 23. While our Council had a net loss on the event, having the opportunity to show our appreciation to the clergy and our dedicated religious within our area of Santa Barbara County is for us an evening well spent, meeting the members of our Church and those they serve. We thank Fr. John Love for being our guest speaker. Many thanks go out to our brother Knights and others that made this a successful event. In February was the St. Valentine's dinner, an event where husbands and their spouses are honored for many years of devotion to the sacrament of marriage. Again we extend our gratitude to Council members organizing and serving as head chief for the evening. On February 27, we held a First Degree ceremony having accepted into the brotherhood Christiano Fernandes and Brian Simoln.

At our March Dinner, Wednesday March 13, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The Social Hour starts at 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM. While we are not all Irish by birth, we have the opportunity to celebrate being Irish in our heart. March 27 is our business meeting night with Officer's Meeting at 6:30 PM, Council Meeting at 7:30 PM. On April 24 we hold our annual banquet for essay contest winners, grade school children plying their written skills to win first and second place. Represented are winners, their parents and teachers from grade schools Notre Dame and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Wednesday April 10 is our business meeting night. Soon we will be choosing a date for Second Degree ceremony. Members that have taken their Second Degree but not the Third Degree are encouraged to register for the Third Degree. Members ready for Second and Third Degrees will be contacted.

Also in this issue Deacon Randy talks about the importance of Lent, listing the key dates of Lent leading up to the celebration of Easter. Our field insurance agent George J. Majoue provides a brief history of the Knight's venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, establishing the first Knights of Columbus Council, and at that time a life insurance plan for hard working Catholic men. Last, our Worthy Grand Knight Hank Peterson explains why the Lenten season followed by Easter is a great opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



The Lenten season followed by Easter is upon us. This is a great opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives. Our Holy Father's theme this year is for conversion. He demands that, "we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness." By fasting, prayer, and almsgiving "it is possible to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness."

These are very powerful words because I believe that we are all looking for true happiness. Loving everyone including our enemies may be a little difficult but feasible. To me, the biggest question and challenge is what does it really mean to love God with all your heart and how to utilize this love in our daily lives. I hope everyone has a beautiful Lenten journey and a wonderful Easter celebration!

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

Hank Peterson

Grand Knight

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Deacon's Corner:

Our Days of Lent

The number "forty" is first noted in the Canons of Nicaea, from the Council of the same name in 325 AD, likely in imitation of Jesus' fasting in the desert before his public ministry much like we heard in the Old Testament of Moses and Elijah.

In this season of formation and preparation, we again approach the forty days of Lent from a variety of different perspectives and points along our Christian journey. During this season, new and longtime Catholics alike hear the call to return to God with all their hearts, thus entering a season historically characterized by much prayer, fasting

and almsgiving. These works of charity have for generations served as a means by which new converts prepare for baptism, which occurs as a part of the Easter Vigil. This work is initiated by God, who invites us to come before God with all our hearts throughout the year.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6.
Palm Sunday, April 14.
Holy Thursday, April 18.
Good Friday, April 19.
Holy Saturday, April 20. (Vigil)
Easter Sunday, April 21.

Deacon Randy

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FOR MARCH AND APRIL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS

March Birthdays

1 Javier Briones
1 Armando Rivera
3 Bryan Briones
5 Eduardo Cue
14 James Bauer
17 Bruce Garcia
17 Jared Grode
19 Jose Villarreal
21 Thomas Salgado Sr.
30 Ruben Corral
31 David Chavez

April Birthdays

4 David Medina
8 Matthew Doyle
11 Kenneth Fitzpatrick
12 Rev David Craig
16 Jose Naranjo
20 Rodolfo Rios
25 Macros Rojas
28 Sean Weston
30 Walter De Jesus
31 Thomas Watts



Mike Engler

WANT TO MAKE THIS LENT YOUR BEST EVER? COME SAVE GOD'S PRECIOUS BABIES FROM DEATH

It's horrifying: 30 unborn babies are being killed at Planned Parenthood (PP) every week. An ideal Lenten activity for us Knights and our families will be to help save their lives. We can do this through the local 40 Days for Life campaign, which will start on Tuesday evening, March 5, with a Candlelight Vigil in front of PP, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Since 2007, 40 Days for Life campaigns worldwide have saved 15,256 babies (and their parents) from abortion, caused 186 abortion workers to quit their jobs, and closed 99 abortion centers! A spokesman for the pro-abortion ACLU called 40 Days for Life the "greatest threat to choice [i.e., abortion]."

40 Days for Life is the biggest global pro-life effort in history, helping grassroots people to save babies' lives through peaceful prayer vigils outside abortion centers. **This Lent, 40 Days for Life campaigns will take place in hundreds of cities worldwide and many cities in California.**

Our theme this year is from Jesus' Agony in the Garden: **"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Mt. 26:40).** If every church, group or individual would do that, or would be there even part of an hour, we could fill the sidewalk in front of PP.

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, March 6 through April 14. **It's simple:** just pray (any prayers you prefer) in front of PP, 518 Garden Street. If you can pray at the same hour each week, that'd be ideal, but some prayers there anytime will be priceless. (If you can add some fasting, your prayers will be even more powerful.) **When someone is praying outside an abortion center, 75 percent of the women and girls inside decide not to have the abortions.**

Archbishop José Gomez says, "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."

Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life says, "Priests for Life and I are delighted to have been involved in 40 Days for Life from its inception, and to share the vision and trumpet the call that the Body of Christ belongs in front of abortion centers, to turn despair into hope and death into life!"

Please come join your fellow Christians and save babies. For hours and other details, contact Brother Knight John Kirk at jkirkjr@aol.com or Rita Fennell (1-805-886-8555) or Gisela Cooper (Español /English 1-805-886-3732), and visit <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/santa-barbara/>

Mike Engler
Pro-Life Chairman

**General Meeting of Council 1684
Minutes for the Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

Call to Order:

Thirteen members were present when Grand Knight Hank Peterson called the January Council meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. following the officer's meeting. The Grand Knight led the members in an opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Notes from the previous meeting were not read.

Membership Report:

A First-Degree Exemplification will be held prior to the February 27 business meeting.

Grand Knight's Report:

- The results of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest and Christmas dinner was discussed. Both were a huge success.
- The Bob Sánchez Scholarship program was discussed.
- The Worthy Grand Knight discussed the organization of the upcoming Free Throw and Three Point competition
- The Valentine's Day Social features Bruce García and friends producing a taco extravaganza and attendance for Knights and their spouses is FREE! Betsy Gray, Executive Director of Network Medical (Christian Pro-life Facility) will be the featured speaker.

- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will hold a Remembrance Mass on Sunday, January 13. Bishop Barren will speak. Father Lawrence needs volunteers to help park cars and pick up trash after the reception.

New Business:

Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Mark Wietstock is raising awareness of the need to increase the funding cross-section of the Notre Dame School. Brother Mark will play a version of "Divine Mercy" at Our Lady of Sorrows at 3 p.m. The Notre Dame School Gala and Auction will be at Rockwood (Woman's Club) on February 2. Tickets are \$125 per person. There will be both live and silent auctions.

Treasurer's Report: No report was made.

Financial Secretary's Report: No report was made.

District Deputy's Report: No report was made.

Field Agent's Report: No report was made.

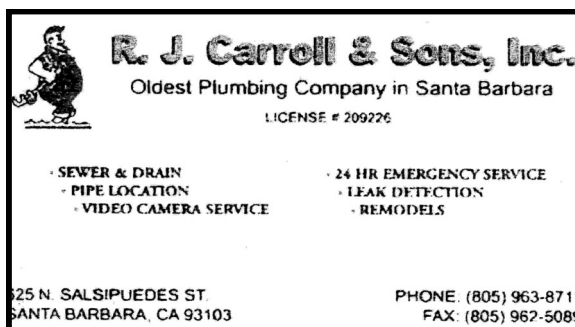
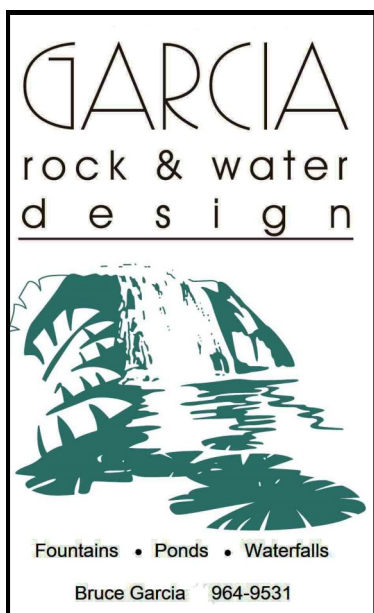
Good of the Order: No report was made.

Following a closing prayer, the January meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next Council 1684 business meeting is scheduled for February 27.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Anglin
Recorder



Life Insurance Message



George J. Majoue

This is Our Story: FOUNDED BY A PRIEST TO PROTECT CATHOLIC FAMILIES

The Knights of Columbus insurance story begins in the winter of 1882 in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn.

It was there that our Venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, gathered the men of his parish together to create a solution to a recurring problem.

Many Catholics — most of whom were immigrants — were working and living in unfavorable conditions. And many, tragically, were dying young, leaving behind widows and orphans with insufficient financial resources.

It was a cold reality that had confronted Father McGivney all too often — not only in the lives of his parishioners — but in his own. As a seminarian, he was forced to leave school and return home to aid his family when his father died unexpectedly.

Though this story of financial ruin for Catholic families was common, Father McGivney was convinced that there was a way to change the ending. He knew that if the Catholic men in his parish came together in mutual aid, widows and orphans could receive the support they needed.

He also knew that if Catholic men banded together, united by charity and unity, they could strengthen their faith, their families, and their communities.

So, he established the Knights of Columbus, and with it, a “pass-the-hat” insurance system to protect the Catholic families in his parish. Over time, that system has evolved, and today we stay true to our founding mission through our multi-billion-dollar, top-rated insurance program. Members in the United States and Canada have exclusive access to our insurance program and products, including life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance, and disability income insurance.

Our charitable giving and fraternal service have continued to grow too. Nearly 2 million men in over a dozen countries across the globe are proud to call themselves Knights. Last year alone, these men and their families donated more than \$185 million to charity and performed more than 75 million hours of service.

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.

George

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General Meeting of Council 1684
Minutes for the Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Call to Order:

Fourteen Officers and members were present when Grand Knight Hank Peterson called the February Council meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. following the officer's meeting. The Grand Knight led the members in an opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting were read.

Grand Knight's Report:

- Father Lawrence at Mt. Carmel asked for four volunteers to help with a school project.
- Brother Deputy Grand Knight Mark Wietstock said that the requisite Resolution has been prepared and will be published. After publication a vote will be taken.
- The Worthy GK noted that Brother Matt Najera took St. Therese students to San Francisco where they carried the banner in the Walk for Life.
- The Worthy GK noted that despite the poor attendance at the Valentine's social, the food was excellent and the Pro-life talk by Betsy Gray and Susie Ramos well received. (Medical Network for pro-life)
- The Council's Free Throw Contest was held with many happy participants.
- Brother Steve Romofsky suggested that the Council may wish to sponsor a seminarian from Florence, Italy.
- Brother Steve Riffero is taking his annual Teen Blue Jacket Club to Tijuana to perform their good works. The Council will give \$350 to support their efforts.

Membership:

A First-Degree Exemplification came before the business meeting. Brian Simolon and Christiano Fernandes were accepted into the Council and warmly welcomed. There will be a Second-Degree Exemplification prior to the March business meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance January 1:	\$ 6,878.38
Additions:	2,321.00
Checks paid:	<u>3,147.94</u>
Ending balance January 31:	\$ 6,051.44

Financial Secretary's Report:

The Worthy Financial Secretary reported nine bills paid.

Field Agent's Report:

Field Agent George Majoue welcomed the new Knights and explained the benefits of participating in the sound financial wing of the Knights of Columbus. He also handed out *Protected Member* badges to be affixed to the regular Council badge.

District Deputy's Report:

District Deputy Chris Arnoult welcomed our new Knights and spoke about the need for more recruitment.

Prayers for the Sick and Distressed:

- WGK Hank Peterson asked for prayers for Brother Alvin Bentejado's father who recently passed away and support for Brother Alvin and his family.
- WGK Hank Peterson asked for prayers for his mother who recently had cancer surgery.
- Brother John Green asked for prayers and support for Brother David Chávez who hasn't been well.
- Brother Dan Engler asked for prayers and support for Brother Ralph Karlskint who is recovering from surgery.

Good of the Order:

Deputy Grand Knight Mark Wietstock talked about the general decline of our society in relation to the ongoing political strife.

WGK Hank Peterson adjourned the Council meeting for February 27, 2019 at 8:52 p.m ending with saying Hail Mary and an Our Father prayer.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Anglin

Recorder

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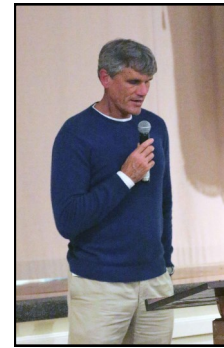
2019 CLERGY & RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION DINNER



Mark Wietstock
Deputy Grand Knight



Fr. John Love
Pastor Saint Mark's Church



Hank Peterson
Grand Knight

The Annual Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner for 2019 was held on Wednesday, January 23 at Serra Hall. Master of ceremony was our Deputy Grand Knight Mark Wietstock with the guest speaker being Fr. John Love, Pastor of Saint Mark's Catholic Church in Isla Vista. Our Grand Knight Hank Peterson welcomed everyone that attended, speaking briefly on the importance of the annual dinner honoring the Priests, Nuns, Deacons and Brothers who reside in our area of the County of Santa Barbara. While this is an annual event shared with Council 5300, this year's appreciation dinner was coordinated by Council 1684.



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WELCOME NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS



Brian Simolon is a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. Brian was born in 1979, and is married. Brian is employed with FLIR Systems.



Christiano Fernandes is from Brazil. He was born in 1974, not that old to be a Knight, married with two children and is a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.





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