



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 1684 • SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

MAY – JUNE 2020

Special Dates & Activities

NOTE:

The public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been temporarily suspended, just as is the Sunday Mass, until further notice from the Archdiocese of L.A. This applies to the Hour of Adoration of the Poor Clares of Santa Barbara.

The following dates are tentative and may change or be cancelled.

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

MAY 22 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at Transition House

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

JUNE 26 5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at Transition House

May 13	Council Meeting :	7:30 PM
	Because the Archdiocese has temporarily suspended all public meetings until further notice, our Council will again hold its Council meeting byway internet. Officers will be contacted with further information.	
May 27	Dinner & Scholarship Winners	
	6:30 PM Social Hour	7:00 PM Dinner
	Location Serra Hall	
	Presentation of scholarships for students attending Bishop Diego, Notre Dame and Mt. Carmel School.	
June 10	Business Meeting for Officers:	6:30 PM
	Council Meeting	7:30 PM
	Location: Serra Hall	
June 27	District Warden Installation & Installation of Officers	
	Councils 1684 & 5300	9:00 AM
	Pancake Breakfast	10:00 AM
	Location: Serra Hall, 2210 Garden Street (Corner of Garden and East Los Olivos Street)	
	Wives, children, close relatives are welcome to attend.	

Financial Secretary's Report

To my fellow brother Knights the months of February through April have been both an unusual period in our lives as well as a historical time for our nation, our church, our families and ourselves. So far our Council has not received any word if any of our brother Knights or family members have been hospitalized with the COVID-19.

For sure we may have some of our brother Knights facing the problem of unemployment. Let's be sure to pray for them and for all Americans that may be suffering from the COVID disease, from unemployment, limited income, and added debt some families will facing in the near future.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Christ has risen!! I know COVID-19 may have affected many of us either psychologically, financially, and possibly physically (hopefully not). But for one thing I know, it did not change us spiritually! In fact, it may have made us even more even closer to God. Our faith gives us hope! Faith without hope would be short lived, especially during the Easter season and the remembrance of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

For me, it is a good time to build my family's

domestic church by praying as a family, Zoom masses together, and doing things together (yard work, puzzles/games, watching movies, walks on the beach, etc.) in which we were not able to do due to our busy lives. I hope during this pandemic time, everyone has a chance to enjoy your family and with God by prayer, reading, video masses, enjoying mother nature, or whatever it may be.

May God Bless and Vivat Jesus

Hank Peterson

Grand Knight

Financial Secretary's Report Continued:

During March and April our Council cancelled several of its meetings. While we celebrated St. Patrick's Day, the March Council meeting on the 25th was cancelled as well as our April social on 29th celebrating winners of the essay contest. While the dinner was cancelled Council members have reviewed the essays with winners being chosen.

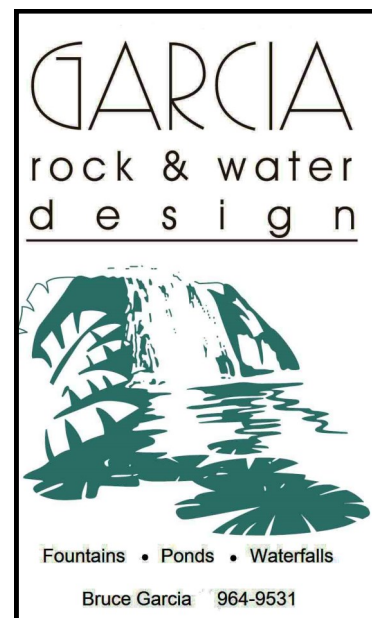
The Council did hold a Council meeting on April 8 using the internet and member's cell-phones along with a special APP (short for cellphone application) called Zoom.

Before holding our first 1st - 2nd - 3rd degree ceremony for a new member becoming a knight, all three degrees now merged into one ceremony, our Council will need time for understanding how the ceremony is to be conducted, what volunteers from the Council are needed to conduct the ceremony, and time required to conduct the ceremony.

For May 13 we will again use the APP Zoom for holding the next monthly Council meeting scheduled for the evening at 6:30 PM. Officer's and Council members with internet accounts will be notified as to the date and time, and how to connect. For Wednesday May 27 our Council plans on holding its scholarship dinner for scholarship winners, including family members; this being a public event at Serra Hall.

For June keep in mind the Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday 10th at 6:30 PM. Later in the month is the installation of officers scheduled for both councils 1684 and 5300 to participate, Saturday June 27 at 9:00 AM, location is Serra Hall, corner of Garden and East Los Olivos Street. A free breakfast will follow the installation. Family members of officers of both councils are welcome to join this special event and the breakfast.

Steve Ramofsky



Deacon's Corner:

HAPPY EASTER - CHRIST IS RISEN!

This is the joy of Easter. And what a gift it is to hear these words in this time of the corid-9 virus.

Jesus asked us to carry our cross with him during this long Lent.

I'm sure for the past month or longer we all felt as we too were experiencing a heavier than usual cross in our own lives.

This has been a time when we confront the reality that our lives are fragile, and we all are vulnerable.

Just as Jesus was laid in the darkened tomb, he was able to emerge and bring light to the entire world.

As we reflect on this joyful light of Easter up to the day of Pentecost and throughout the year, we should know that although our world is still in the darkness of loss and despair, Jesus has risen, to tell us that his love is stronger than death!

He has passed through the valley of the shadow of death. And there is no evil that we should fear. He will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

Christ is risen and we will rise with him! This is the promise of Easter. And God does not withdraw his promise, even when Easter comes during a pandemic, or other disasters.

So, let us stay close to Jesus, and gather our courage from him to endure these times.

This will come to an end, the churches will open again, but we must be vigilant to take care of ourselves and our loved ones. Stay safe and listen to what the experts are telling us.

May you and your families have a blessed Easter season and be prepared to welcome the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Deacon Randy

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General Meeting of Council 1684
Minutes for the Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Call to Order:

Eight Officers and members were present when Grand Knight Hank Peterson called the April Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A video meeting was held on Zoom.com due to Coronavirus restrictions. The Grand Knight led the members in an opening prayer.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

There was no meeting held in March due to Coronavirus social distancing restrictions.

Grand Knight's Report:

- The St. Patrick's Dinner on March 11 was held.
- The March Council meeting on 25st was cancelled.
- The April social on 29th was cancelled.
- The Scholarship Social will tentatively be held May 27 as scheduled.
- There is a Catholic Charities dinner scheduled for September 12 coordinated with Maribel Jarchow.
- The installation of officers will be held June 27 in conjunction with Council 5300. There will be a breakfast after the installation.
- Brother Jim Garland will tentatively be the incoming Grand Knight. A further list of officers will be issued at future date.
- The Council's 5300 Fiesta trailer will be moved from the Marborg yard to the parking lot at Old Mission Santa Barbara with Deputy Grand Knight Mark Wietstock making

the transfer and organizing the August Fiesta Booth. The Council Gives a thankful shout out to Brother David Borgatello for storing our trailer for several years.

Membership:

A 1st, 2nd, 3rd combined degree ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 16, provided candidates and a degree team can be assembled.

Treasurer's Report: No Report was given.

Financial Secretary's Report: No Report was given.

Field Agent's Report: No report was given.

District Deputy's Report: District Deputy Chris Arnoult was unable to attend.

Prayers for the Sick and Distressed:

- Brother Jim Garland's wife Pamela is being treated for cancer at Cedars Sinai Medical Center. Our prayers are with them.
- Brother Worth Financial Secretary Steve Romofsky asked for prayers for all first responders.

Good of the Order: Nothing to report.

WGK Hank Peterson adjourned the Council meeting for April 8, 2020, at 7:12 p.m. after a prayer.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted

Al Anglin


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2 Rev. Michael Ravenkamp
4 Mark Henrie
7 John O'Dea
19 David Borgatello
21 Kenneth Estrada
22 Joseph Corsaro
24 William Sangster
25 Jose Contreras
30 Paul Maxwell

JUNE


1 Jim Higgins
1 Rev Kieran McCarty
1 Roberto F. Najera
1 Raymond Nowak
3 Frederic Cogburn
12 Marc Russo
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Need to Contact K of C Insurance Agent?

Our previous K of C insurance agent George Majoue officially retired as of January 31, 2020. At this time our Council has not received word of a new representative.

George did comment in his last letter that after January 31, 2020, if an insurance agent has not yet been assigned to our territory, you can call the office of General Agent Steve Owens at (310) 212-5632. Either Steve or his wife, Dion, will make certain to respond to your needs and provide the service requested.



Mike Engler

AGE DISCRIMINATION: IF YOU GET COVID-19, WILL THEY LET YOU DIE?

Our Holy Catholic Faith teaches us that human life is sacred, from fertilization till natural death, and that all people have equal value, no matter how young or old. Our Declaration of Independence, too, proclaims the equality of all, and the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution mandates “equal protection of the laws” to everyone. But as America grows more and more non-Christian, many decision-makers believe older people are disposable, like old dogs and cats.

News stories about the COVID-19 crisis have reported that some hospitals are simply refusing to treat people over 60 or 65 years old—a death sentence, in many cases. Some health officials, facing (or fearing) overwhelming numbers of patients, choose to devote their limited resources to saving younger patients.

But denying treatment to someone because of age violates the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. That law says no hospital that gets federal tax dollars “may...exclude, deny, or limit services to, or otherwise discriminate against, persons on the basis of age.”

Alexandra DeSanctis, writing in National Review Online (March 25, 2020), quotes Charles LiMandri, special counsel for the Freedom of Conscience Defense Fund and the Thomas More Society legal group, on age discrimination in healthcare.

Federal law requires that decisions regarding the critical care of patients during the current crisis not discriminate on the basis of disability or age. In this respect, anticipated longevity or quality of life are inappropriate issues for consideration. Decisions must be made solely on clinical factors as to which patients have the greatest need and the best prospect of a good medical outcome. Therefore, disability and age should not be used as categorical exclusions in making these critical decisions.

Two deadly viruses threaten us today: COVID-19 and a godless view of humanity that sees people merely as higher animals. Pope St. John Paul II admonished us that “Those who possess certain rights have a duty to defend them.” If you or a loved one ever face denial of medical treatment because of your age, contact a pro-life attorney group such as Life Legal Defense Foundation (707-224-6675 or info@lldf.org) for help.

Mike Engler, Pro-Life Chairman

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Jim Bauer has Returned to his Home

Our brother Knight Jim Bauer had a serious accident in March. On his way to church on a Sunday morning, he lost his balance striking his head on a hard surface becoming unconscious. He was found the next day, rushed to emergency care at Cottage Hospital. After a few days of care at Cottage, Jim was released to Alto Lucero Transitional, a rehabilitation center, and from there he returned home.

Recently your editor spoke with Jim by phone. He says he is feels much better and is pleased to be back at his home. Jim now has a new cell phone and a new phone number (805)-403-6840.

He would be happy to hear from other brother Knights of 1684. Jim's brother and sister-in-law ask that you remember Jim in your prayers.

Jim we are glad to have you back.

Knights Sponsored Babe Ruth's Final Red Sox Game

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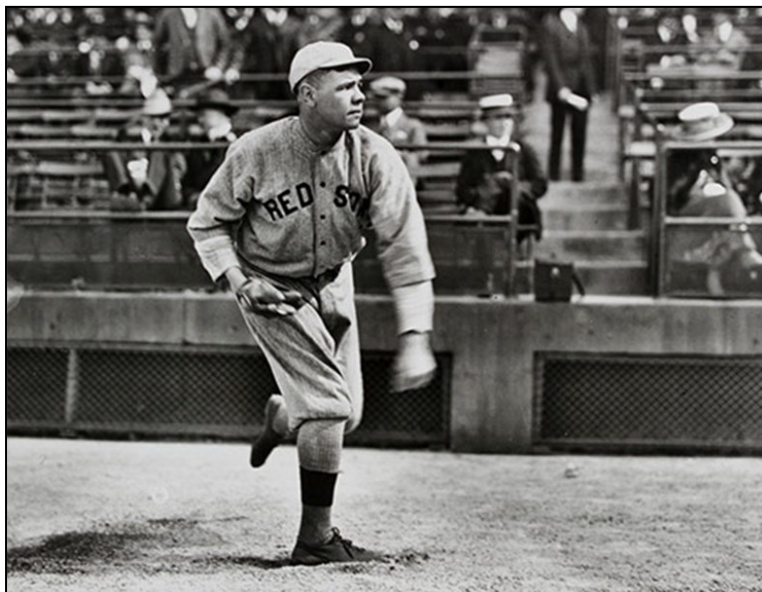
By Andrew Fowler

K of C Council that Ruth was a member sponsored his last games as a Boston Red Sox player in Fenway Park

The Curse of the Bambino wasn't a reality yet in the minds of the 31,000 fans who crowded Fenway Park for a double-header on Sept. 20, 1919. They were there to see Babe Ruth pitch *and* hit for "Babe Ruth Day."

Although the Bostonians didn't realize it, the day would be the final time Ruth played a home-game at Fenway Park in a Red Sox uniform. And it was a game sponsored by the local Knights of Columbus.

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Ruth became a Knight earlier that year, joining Pere Marquette Council 271 in South Boston. The council enthusiastically participated in baseball, even having their own competitive team — “the fastest baseball team representing the Order in Greater Boston.” And they wanted to honor their brother Knight, the game’s rising star.

According to the *Boston Daily Globe*, the council met on Sept. 9 to “perfect arrangements” for the occasion making “every effort” to get “every member interested in the testimonial to the king of sluggers.”

That year, Ruth was on his way to becoming the king of sluggers. By late September, he was on pace to tie the single-season home-run record, which then was 27, held by Chicago White Stockings’ Ned Williamson since 1884. But the sixth-placed Red Sox weren’t poised to repeat as World Series champions as they squared off against the first-placed, and now infamous, White Sox in the double-header.

In game one, Ruth started as pitcher, as he did 15 times that season. But during the game, he wasn’t electrifying, giving up three runs for a 3-3 tie going into the 9th inning. But when he approached the plate as a hitter in the bottom of the 9th, with the game on the line, Ruth did what he did best that season: he hit a home-run.

It was a solo, walk-off blast — the first of his career — that sent the ball “sailing over the scoreboard to the right of the clock and through a window of a building across Landsdowne St.” and tied the single-season home-run record.

Between game one and two, Pere Marquette Council’s Grand Knight Arthur Leary presented Ruth and his wife with \$600 in United States Treasury savings certificates. Both teams gathered alongside Ruth and his wife at home plate for the presentation.

Besides Ruth, other Knights present — including Red Sox second baseman Mike McNally along with Eddie Murphy, Shano Collins, Hall of Famer Red Faber and John Sullivan of the White Sox — were presented “fraternal charms.”

(Side note: The White Sox mentioned were not implicated in the Black Sox Scandal — the fixing of the 1919 World Series)

Game two was less dramatic than the first. Ruth went one-for-three, getting an RBI double as the Red Sox went on to beat the White Sox 5-4. A few days later, he would break the single-season home-run record, ending up with 29. The next season, Ruth swapped his Red Sox uniform for New York Yankee pinstripes, kicking off the 86-year “curse” that ended in 2004.

Ruth would remain a member of Pere Marquette Council even after going to the Bronx Bombers and remained active with Knights throughout his life, including through post-season barnstorming tours, until his death in 1948. Knights of Columbus councils throughout the country would sponsor other games with the league’s biggest stars to continue the growth of the sport.

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More Than 2,000 Men Join K of C Amid Pandemic

Men continually seek ways to step into the breach to assist brother, parish and community during the coronavirus pandemic

By Tyler Lomnitzer 4/17/2020

More than 2,000 men joined the Knights of Columbus during the first ever online Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity held on April 16. The exemplification was hosted digitally by the Supreme Council as a unique opportunity for men to join the Order in a time of social distancing and minimizing mass gatherings. In his introductory remarks to the exemplification, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson emphasized that the Knights of Columbus' principles - charity, unity and fraternity - are "needed now more than ever."

The online event took just under 40 minutes and nearly every jurisdiction in the United States and Canada was represented. Pennsylvania, Michigan, Texas and California were among the jurisdictions with the highest new member totals.

"Catholic men in our state, even during these times, want to belong to an organization like the Knights of Columbus to help others," said William Chasse, the state deputy of Michigan, on the Order's opportunity to increase its charitable impact. "The more that join the more we can help." Pennsylvania State Deputy Mark Jago was pleased with the turnout, saying it's "not surprising that Catholic men want to join us in our mission to serve others, especially now." Riley Quinlan was one of those men, joining the Knights during the first ever online exemplification.

"I was interested in joining the Knights to get involved with a specific church community, joined by like-minded Catholic men of faith," Quinlan said. "I wanted to connect with God through a community I can routinely serve. I am interested in helping out where I can during the challenges presented by COVID-19."

In addition to new men joining, more than 7,000 first and second degree members were able to obtain their third degree, and thousands more Knights and family members were able to observe and support the candidates. The new, public exemplification debuted earlier this year, with the first taking place at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., where the Order was founded.

This historic online event was organized by the Knights of Columbus's newly formed Fraternal Excellence Department lead by Retired Navy Captain Tom McCaffrey.

The Knights of Columbus is also adapting its charitable outreach during the COVID-19 pandemic, launching the new program "Leave No Neighbor Behind." The program encourages Knights to lead their families, protect their parishes and serve their communities through a variety of charitable initiatives that also keeps members safe.

Members of the Order have access to state of the art insurance and investments benefits, as well as the opportunity to put their faith in action in order to leave no neighbor behind in a strong, Catholic fraternal setting.

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