

# KNIGHT



# VISION

ANGEL'S GATE COUNCIL 1740 SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA

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### EXCERPT FROM THE PAPAL GREETING TO THE 130th SUPREME CONVENTION

The theme of this year's Supreme Convention- *Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land* - evokes not only the great biblical ideals of freedom and justice which shaped the founding of the United States of America, but also the responsibility of each new generation to preserve, defend and advance those great ideals in its own day. At a time when concerted efforts are being made to redefine and restrict the exercise of the right to religious freedom, the Knights of Columbus have worked tirelessly to help the Catholic community recognize and respond to the unprecedented gravity of these new threats to the Church's Liberty and public moral witness. By defending the right of all religious believers, as individual citizens and in their institutions, to work responsibly in shaping a democratic society inspired by their deepest beliefs, values and aspirations, your Order has proudly lived up to the high religious and patriotic principles which inspired its founding

#### *Special points of interest:*

- Knights of Columbus 130th Supreme Convention
- New Knights

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**Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone**  
Secretary of State

Delegates to the Supreme Convention adopted the following resolutions on August 9, 2012.

- [Honoring His Excellency Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell](#)
- [Support for Armed Forces](#)
- [In Defense of Religious Liberty](#)
- [Building a Culture of Life](#)
- [Support the Institution of Marriage](#)
- [Faithful Citizenship](#)
- [Member / Spouse Fraternal Benefit](#)
- [Civility in Our Public Discourse](#)
- [The Year of Faith: Celebrating the New Evangelization](#)

*We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God.*

*Pope Benedict XVI*

## WELCOME BROTHER KNIGHTS!!!

By the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and with the help of brother knights who were not afraid and invited other catholic gentlemen to join our order, we have added 14 Knights to Council 1740!

Please welcome Father Freddie Chua, Father Manny Bravo, Hasani Sinclair, Antony Rajamani, Brian Wesley, Robert Spallone, Marcus Kennedy, Jim Ruddy, Gustavo Leon, Fernando Lopez,

Karl Kramberg, John Violante, Vincent Gallegos and Jim Ruddy!!!

Welcome Brothers and Thank You, in advance, for your service!

# GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

We are off to a fantastic start of the Columbian year, and have a lot of opportunities to get involved in council activities over the next two months. In September, we will be holding our annual Soccer Shoot Competition (9/15) and two pancake breakfasts (9/16 @ St. Peter's & 9/23 @ Holy Trinity). In October, we will hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, and our Columbian Foundation fundraising for Intellectual Disabilities (aka the "Tootsie Roll" Drive) will be the following weekend, October 20-21. We will need as many Knights as possible stepping up to assist with these events. Please come to our September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and sign up for at least one of these events.



We have already welcomed 7 new 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knights to our membership since July 1<sup>st</sup>, and we are on pace to reach the 200-member level before the calendar year is out. This is great, but I want to increase two other levels: those of us actively participating in council activities month-to-month, and those of us able to provide Knights of Columbus insurance to our families. As you can see above, we have great opportunities to achieve the first of these very quickly. For the second, we will announce at the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting an Insurance Informational night hosted by our

Worthy Insurance Agent, Bro. Ernie Literte, where you will be able to bring your spouse, if she's available, and get more information, ask questions and set up an appointment with Brother Ernie to take the next steps to becoming an Insurance member of our council. Thank you all for the great support and assistance to start this year. I look forward to seeing you all on September 4<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Vivat Jesus!

SK John Stammreich  
Grand Knight

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Jeff Michlitsch and his beautiful family for being selected as Angel's Gate "Family of the Month" for September 2012. The award honors families who our Order. Clearly, Jeff and Kathy, standard. In the search for the monthly family made significant contributions to the family enjoy one another? Do they these questions are a resounding YES! at Mary Star and he can always be found treats for his family and supporting any Gracie, 6 attend Holy Trinity School and you can see, Jeff is a member of SEAL mission, there is nothing but hugs and but he does work for Uncle Sam, was a 2 seat at our Texas Hold 'Em game after supporters of all things Knightly, be it nics. When Kathy, Anita, and Gracie go time, that leaves Jeff and John to fend for themselves and get some father/son bonding which Jeff enjoys very much. Congratulations to Jeff. You and Your Family are a wonderful representative for our community, our Order, our Church and our Catholic faith.



exemplify the values taught by our Church and Anita, Gracie and John meet and exceed the winner, many factors were considered: has the the Church, community and /or council? Does pray and attend Mass together? The answer to all Jeff, Kathy and the family regularly attend mass in line at any Parish Bake/Food Sale, buying cause or fund raiser. Their girls, Anita, 8 and are receiving a valuable provincial education. As Team 6 and when he comes home from an op kisses for everyone! (Just kidding about ST6), year trustee for our Council and has a reserved our business meetings. Jeff and Kathy are active Council dances, pot-luck dinners, or family pic-n day trips together and hang out for some girl

## KNIGHT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sir Knight Eugene Wahl has been the Council's Financial Secretary since the resurgence of the Knights of Columbus. He was nominated by Grand Knight Nick Vilicich and appointed by Supreme Council in the summer of 2009. Under his watch, Angel's Gate finances has been increasing and is very solvent. He many responsibilities include: strict adherence for Supreme Council rules, initiation and council dues, collect and receive all monies, deep accounts, keep roll & membership rosters and many more things behind the scenes that are make the Council operate, which he has done without complaint. After 3 years of dedicated service and fiscal responsibility, he is ready to step down and relax. You will be missed.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE COUNCIL, BROTHER!



# 1 New Knight + 1 Experienced Knight = A Great Knight

There's a simple equation for making a new Knight into a great Knight—just add one experienced council member to act as his mentor.

Look at your council's membership and determine which members would make the best mentors. These should be men who are passionate and knowledgeable about the Order, have outgoing personalities, and are willing to commit the necessary time to be a mentor. In many cases, the new Knight's proposer can also act as his mentor.

Ask each of your mentors to fill

out a Member Interest Survey as well. Then compare surveys from each group in order to pair prospects with mentor Knights who are the most compatible.

The mentor should be given all the pertinent information on the prospect (name, address, wife's name, etc. phone number, e-mail address and a copy of the Member Interest Survey). He should then attend the candidate's First Degree, introduce himself and plan on staying throughout the event. He should also introduce the new Knight to the council's insurance representative. After the First

Degree, the mentor should let the new Knight know when the next council meeting will be and offer to bring him to the first meeting and introduce him to the other council members.

The mentor should also confirm that the new Knight is added to the council's e-mail list and phone tree and that he is set to receive the council newsletter.

Using the information from the new Knight's Member Interest Survey, the mentor should introduce him to the chairs of activities he might be interested in.



## COLUMBIAN SQUIRES CIRCLE ANGEL'S GATE 874 IN ACTION



Robert Bruschi, Anthony Cano, Cristian Shama, Evan Bornermann, Ian Hinojosa, Joseph Alves, Michael Petrich, David Craig, Bruce Lutz, James McDonald, Wyland Kelly, Daniel Ramirez, Mario Ramirez, Angel Villegan, Antonio Ramirez, and Vincente Perez.

Under the leadership of SK Dr. Vince Dever, on June 23, 2012, a First Investiture ceremony was held at the Mary Star Hall and sixteen new members were invested into the Circle at the Mary Star Hall. Since that time, the number has grown and the Squires have participated in Parish events such as the Mary Star Fiesta, where they assisted the Knights in the "Dip Bowling" Booth.

On August 12, they held their first Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. The Squires cooked, prepared and served the breakfast with the help of Counselors, SK Robert Brushi, Jr, and George Vasquez along with Knights Dwayne McDowell, John Macias and SK Gene Wahl. Also supporting the cause was KofC District Deputy Nick Vilicich, PGK SK Ken Hall, Chancellor SK Moises Cardenas, Robert Holman, Jay Glowacki and other Brother Knights. Thanks For The Support!!! They are the future of the Knights and Catholic Church.

From left to right: John Macias, SK Robert Bruschi, Jr, George Vasquez, James McDonald, Michael Sharma; District Deputy SK Nick Vilicich; SK Father Brian, Michael Petrich, Cristian Sharma, Robert Bruschi, III, SK Ken Hall, SK Gene Wahl not pictured Dwayne McDowell

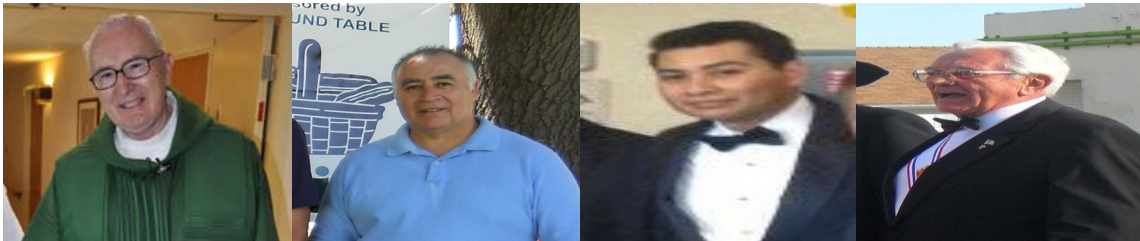




# 2012-2013 ANGEL'S GATE COUNCIL 1740 OFFICERS



**Grand Knight**  
SK JOHN STAMMREICH

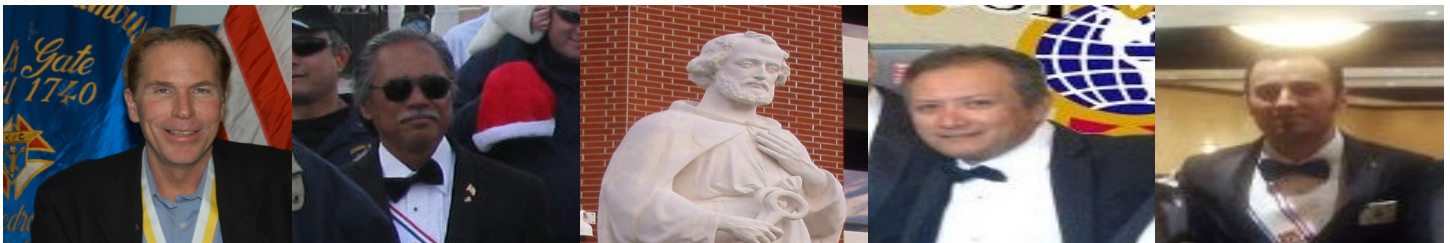


**Council Chaplain**  
Msgr Tim O'Connell

**Deputy Grand Knight**  
Rueben Serrano

**Chancellor**  
SK Moises Cardenas

**Recorder**  
SK Doug Collins



**Financial Secretary**  
SK Gene Wahl

**Treasurer**  
SK Danny Eslava

**Advocate**  
SK Peter D. Costa

**Warden**  
SK John Guitierrez

**Lecturer**  
SK Frank J. D'Amato

### GUARDS

Inside: Dwayne P. McDowell Outside: SK Joe Chapman

### TRUSTEES

1st YR: SK Froilan Garcia 2nd YR: SK Tony DeGirolamo 3d YR: SK Ken Hall

## **The 24-Hour Knight**

**Being a Knights isn't as time-consuming as some Knights may believe.**

When you are think about our Order, we are asking for 24 hours of your time – per year – in the following manner:

- 12 hours a year reading the weekly church bulletin, the state and local council newsletters and the monthly Supreme-Council magazine COLUMBIA.
- 2 hours a year volunteering at a council event of your interest
- 2 hours a year attending two council prayer services with your family
- 2 hours a year on a council sponsored family project or event
- 2 hours a year attending one council meeting, if it is a good one hopefully more
- 4 hours a year attending a council social function with your family

***AS A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS, BOTH THE TIME & COST ARE MINIMAL,  
YET THE REWARDS AND RETURN ON YOU INVESTMENT ARE GREAT!***



## A MESSAGE from your agent

### **Dear Brother Knight:**

Fear is a central theme in many marketing campaigns for life insurance, long-term care insurance, and disability insurance. This makes sense, of course—these products exist to protect us financially from some life events that can be devastating without preparation. And, for good or bad, consumers do respond to fear.

As your Knights of Columbus agent, I want you to understand the risks you face, but I don't want fear to drive your decisions about how to manage these risks.

Education yields good decisions. First, you educate me about your work and family situation, your plans for the future, and your approach to managing money. In turn, I educate you about your fraternal benefits, and insurance and retirement plans available to you and your family.

Call me soon for a fear-free, cost-free consultation.

Fraternally yours,

**Ernie J. Literte**

## How to prevent losing your life insurance at just the wrong time

When you buy term life insurance, your premium pays for the policy's "face value," or the dollar amount that will be paid if you die within the policy's term (typically 10, 15, or 20 years). If you live beyond that term, the policy either expires or becomes prohibitively expensive, leaving you and your family without any coverage.

If you want to buy another term policy at that point, you'll need to be in good enough health to qualify, and in most cases, you'll need to be age 65 or younger.

### **Two common retirement planning mistakes**

In choosing a term length, ask yourself, "When do I want this coverage to go away?" If the answer is, "After the kids are on their own and I've retired," consider two serious, but all-too-typical, scenarios:

#### **1 Income gap for surviving spouse:**

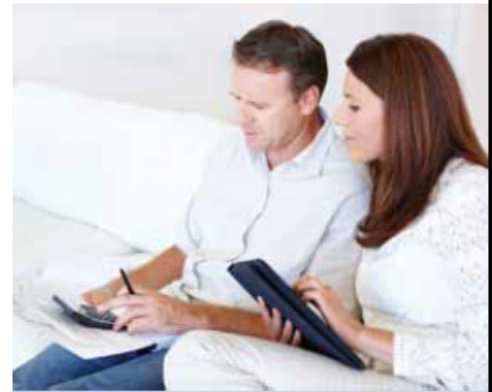
If you or your spouse live many years beyond retirement—as more and more of us are—your retirement investments may or may not provide adequate income for the surviving spouse's final years.

#### **2 Excess tax liability on your estate:**

Proceeds from life insurance generally pass directly to beneficiaries, without going through the probate process. If you're successful and fortunate enough to leave behind a generous financial legacy, the last thing you want is for taxes and fees to siphon a significant amount of it before it reaches your heirs or designated charities.

### **Convert to life insurance you can't outlive**

If your answer to, "When do I want this coverage to go away?" is "Never," term life insurance probably isn't the right product. While many companies offer term plans with limited or no guaranteed conversion privileges, most of our policies are guaranteed to be convertible into permanent ("whole") life insurance with no



### **Earn credit toward permanent life insurance premium by converting term policy**

If you purchased Knights of Columbus term life insurance within the last three or four years, you may be eligible to have one year of premiums paid credited toward a permanent life insurance policy. Lock in your rate now for insurance that builds cash value and doesn't expire for as long as you live.

medical review. Permanent insurance pays your beneficiaries when you die, no matter how long you live.

If possible, don't wait until retirement age to convert term to permanent insurance. The rate you pay for a permanent policy is based on your age on the date of conversion—so the earlier the better.

Another advantage: Permanent policies offered by the Knights of Columbus are eligible for dividends that further boost the cash value. Although dividends aren't guaranteed, historically they've generated significant value over long periods.

If you're not sure whether you have term or permanent insurance, or whether you're eligible to convert term coverage to permanent insurance, let me help you review your coverage and your goals for retirement. ♦

*Schedule of Events*

9/4 - Council Business Meeting

9/15 - Soccer Shoot Competition 9/16 - Pancake Breakfast @ St. Peter

9/18 - Council Officer's Meeting 9/23 - Pancake Breakfast @ Holy Trinity

10/2 - Council Business Meeting

10/6 - Fourth Degree Dinner (Irvine)

10/8 - Buscaino Columbus Day Celebration (Via Italia)

10/13 - KofC Columbus Day Dinner Dance

10/20-10/21 - Columbian Foundation Fund-raiser for Intellectual Disabilities

# September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 Council Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Soccer Shoot-Out
16	17	18 0 M Pancake BF @ HT	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

**Happy Birthday to You! Happy Birthday to You! Happy Birthday Dear Brothers! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!**

Timothy Trainor	9/4	Alexander Jones	9/28
James Clark	9/5	Armando Ortiz	9/28
Alfonso Arnaut	9/9	SK Vincent Dever	9/29
SK Bill Railey	9/9	Florante Toloza	9/29
SK Timothy Hall	9/11	Omar Esparza	9/30
Albert Amundson	9/12		
Joe Buscaino	9/12		
John Fer	9/12		
Albert Alcala	9/16		
John Hickman	9/19		
Andrew Zamberlin	9/20		
Father Ignatius Tobin	9/21		



*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*

*Please keep our Brother Knights in your Prayers*

SK Robert Mithcell  
 SK James McDowell  
 Joseph Kimbrell  
 SK Joe D'Amato  
 SK Frank D'Amato  
 Father John Provenza