## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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#### **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

#### Dear Brother Knights,

I want to thank everyone for all of the support of our events in the month of January. It was a busy time beginning of the new year, First with the Friday/Saturday Adoration, a general council dinner meeting, recycle drive and an American Red Cross Blood Drive, and we sponsored a Hospitality Sunday. February is just around the corner, and appears to also be a month full of opportunities to be involved. February 1st we will have a First Friday/Saturday Adoration in the chapel, followed by a recycle event. On Wednesday, February 5 we will have a Council Dinner Meeting at 6 p.m. in Glynn Hall. February 18 we will have our Officers Meeting at 7 p.m. in room 1. Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday on February 26. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Lenten Fish Fry is scheduled for February 27. The six Friday Fish Fry events are our annual major fund raising activity. Please support us; consider volunteering in the kitchen or dining room. If you can help out give Mark Thornberg a call at 714 856-5775, or call Frank Smaldino at 714 227-0227.

#### Bob DePaola wrote:

"I can't imagine where I would be if it were not for my brothers.

They gave a helping hand when I needed it. They gave me their prayers when I was sick.

They gave me their love when I was down.

I would not be here now if it were not for my

brothers."

Blessings To You All John Lawson, Grand Knight

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## **General Meeting**

February 5<sup>th</sup>

Fish Fry #1

February 28th

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#### KNIGHT'S ENLIGHTENING

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#### OFFICER'S MEETING

Unless otherwise specified, the monthly board meetings are held at San Antonio Church located at 5800 East Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim California in confrance room #2 they are normally scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. If you would like to be a part of the meeting or just want to attend, please come. All members are always invited and are encouraged to attend the board meetings.

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Unless otherwise specified, the monthly general meetings are held at San Antonio Catholic Church located at 5800 East Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim, California, Glynn Hall on the first Wedensday of each month at 6:00 PM. All members are encouraged to attend. Please wear your name badge at the general meeting or council Polo shirt with your name embroidered on it.

#### CONFIDENTIALITY

We maintain a high level of confidentiality concerning our members. Every member is instructed not to release any personal information to any other entity without the express written permission of that member. Oversight of these matters is strict. We understand that improper disclosure of personal data is a serious matter. Unless you have been given us written permission, no affiliates or third-party nonaffiliated will have access to your records. Access to your records is limited to the one member who is working with your application.

## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

We are preparing for the Lenten season which always means that the Knights are Frying Fish!! The Knights are the largest supporter of the San Antonio de Padua parish but we couldn't do it without the dedication of our Brother Knights and all of the volunteers. For our newly inducted Brothers, this is a tremendous opportunity for you to get involved and show your support. We are looking for volunteers to help set up, cook, serve and clean for these events. The dates for the annual Fish Fry are Friday, February 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Bring your family and friends and help make this year's Fish Fry a success.

This is the time of year where we bundle up and turn on our fireplaces. Let's remember to keep in our prayers our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate, homeless and in need of a hot meal and a warm place to stay. Take advantage of the many opportunities in our community to volunteer, donate and help.

Always take every opportunity to tell the people who matter to you that you love them. Life is fleeting and can change in the blink of an eye and we lose the opportunity to do that. Live with no regrets.

May God Bless you and your family. Jack Abajian, Deputy Grand knight



# GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES January 2020



The Deputy Grand Knight Jack Abajian opened the meeting

of the Knights of Columbus General Council Meeting, Wednesday starting at 6:00pm to 8:00pm, at San Antonio Church, Glenn hall.

#### PRIOR TO THE GENERAL MEETING:

Prior to our meeting several members gathered in the Chapel to say the rosary. Afterwards we returned to Glenn hall for our general meeting.

#### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

#### **CHAIRMEN IN ATTENDANCE:**

#### **OFFICERS & CHAIRMAN ABSENT:**

#### **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Doors opened promptly at 6:00 pm to commence Social meet and greet session for the General Council meeting.

 Deputy Grand Knight, Jack Abajian, started the meeting with Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **DINNER:**

- Dinner was catered by Keno's
- Dinner included: Keno's famous homemade southern fried chicken, vegetables, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls and Costco cookies for dessert.
- Much appreciation goes to the dinner crew for set up and preparing the dinner.

#### GENERAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reminder about recycle for bottles and cans only.
- T-shirts and other Knights clothing items for sale in rear of hall.

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had it before.

## San Antonio Council #9195

Join us at 6:00 PM for our

February 5th General meetin

- Italian Style-

So, what should we, your cook's team, make for you for an Italian style meeting dinner? Of course, as you should be aware by now, you're cooking staff comes from Italy which means red tomato gravy. A good Italian must start the evening with a lot of wine and great food.

You know what that is don't you? You have

Tony DeLuca, Hans Kintsch, Richard Bianchino and of course their "bellissima" wives, Italians all. Just in case you forgot, we will start with a nice Italian salad with ingredients you can just dream about (No the kitchen sink is not in it but close). Next, we follow

that with a big bowl of Penne macaroni covered with Italian gravy. (That's red tomato marinara sauce to you non-Italians) then we add meat balls and Italian sausage.

finally garlic bread, garlic cheese bread that is "abbondanza". and to top it all off, we cannot forget the dessert. Of course, in addition to the

Vino. If you prefer, we have an ample supply of Beer, water or sodas.

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Please do not forget to make a sizable (LARGE) donation for dinner

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#### **GENERAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)**

- Frank Smaldino spoke of Patriots and Paws and showed a video clip of reviews from soldiers who were assisted in housing and furnishings.
- Our new Brother, Justin Page demonstrated his dog's training. Very impressive.
- Wendell Walters spoke of the appreciation from the Marines for our support of the 8<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Unit.

#### Jack Abajian discussed

- Adoration on monthly first Friday Nights and Saturday Morning and that Knights should cover the 6 to 7 AM time.
- Recycle is first Saturday monthly
- Need 4 ushers this Sunday to help Mark Thornberg at 10:00 Mass.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

No Guest speaker was scheduled for this evenings meeting.

#### SUNSHINE REPORT: Tony DePaola & Jack Abajian

 Sunshine Report with emphasis on assistance needed for Joe and Dora Nanci.

#### **OUTREACH REPORT: Jack O'Conner**

- Jack O'Connor is putting together a work party for painting at Mary's Path on January 17 and 18. See Jack to sign up.
- Justin Glauthier explained about the quarterly birthday parties for the kids at Thomas House and how much joy it brings to the kids with birthdays.
- Frank Smaldino is in need of servers for dinners at Isaiah House.
- Bill Whitcomb advised of upcoming fund raiser on February 15 for Grandma House of Hope.

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Dave Zakat**

 David Zlaket presented the membership report and introduced new members:

John Qunilan, Gary Evelo, Jim Zures, Joe Espinoza, and Richard Garcia

The next degree ceremonies are Jan 20 for 1<sup>st</sup> degree, Jan 26 for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, March 29 for 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and Feb 24 for 4<sup>th</sup> degree. Contact

• David if you wish to advance. Sideliners are always welcome.

#### **RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: Dr. Mike Cushing**

Dr. Mike Cushing is getting together Brothers and Wives for participation on January 18 for OneLife LA Rally in Downtown Los Angeles. Also reminded us that this Friday night the church would be showing the film "Unplanned".

#### **OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:**

The Opportunity Drawing was won by Sean and he donated his \$68 winning back to the council.

#### THE WARDEN: Henry Garrido

Henry Garrido with his staff asked to see membership cards.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

• The Grand Knight started the business meeting with a call to order and for the financial reports.

#### **RECORDER: Blake Kidd**

In absents of our Recorder Blake Kidd, Bill Whitcomb called the roll of officers. The reading of the previous month's meeting was waived and accepted as published in the Knights Enlightening newsletter.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT: Dwight Oylear & Rick Giddens**

- Rick & Dwight provide the Council Financial Report.
- The Financial Secretary, Dwight Oylear, will be resigning as he is relocating to Phoenix with his company. Dick Crawford has volunteered to take on this job. Dwight requests that dues be paid promptly.
- The Treasurer, Rick Giddens, reported on Bank Balances
- It was noted that dues are due this month.

#### FIELD AGENT: Kevin Garza

K of C Insurance Agent Kevin Garza reminded us of the benefits of K of C Insurance.

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#### **FUND RAISERS:**

- The next Recycle Saturday is scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Jack Abajian asked if anyone wished to attend the Clergy Night on January 24. The Council has purchased a table for 10 and there is room for another 2 couples.
- Frank Smaldino announced that the annual golf fundraiser will be May 11 at Alta Vista Country Club.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- We are looking for volunteers to help set up, cook, serve and clean for these events. The dates for the annual Fish Fry are Friday, February 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Bring your family and friends and help make this year's Fish Fry a success.
- Discussion about the cost of dinners and that the donation jar is not covering the expense.
   We are falling a couple hundred dollars short each month. Any action on this will be forthcoming.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business

#### **NEXT OFFICERS MEETING:**

• Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM in Conference Room 1. All members are invited to the Officers meetings.

#### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

 Next council's general meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2020. Social time starting at 6pm, followed by Business Meeting.

**CLOSING**: Deputy Grand Knight Jack Abajian.

 The Deputy Grand Knight called for Good of the Order than concluded the meeting with Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Whitcomb

#### **Happenings in January 2020**

By SK Frank Smaldino PGK

#### SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA CHURCH



Courtyard



Church decorated for Christmas.



Nativity.

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#### **ALTAR SERVERS**



Alexis Gabbour is now an Altar Server, standing alongside of her mother Rania.

#### **ROSE**



What can be said about Rose dressed in her Christmas best.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**



The Magi in our Chapel with the Eucharist.

#### **RECYCLE SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020**



The Recycle Team of Dennis McCoy, Jim Kelly, Henry Garrido, Mark Lane, Tony Arciero, and Frank Smaldino.

We finally caught Dennis with a donut in his hand. The donut man, rules!



Working the sorting table are Mark Lane, Tony Arciero, and Dennis McCoy. In the background unloading a delivery is GK John Lawson.

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#### **NANA'S KIDS**



The Boys and Girls Club of Santa Ana



Carl Green at his assigned post and ready to pass out bags of food for the youngsters.

#### **MARY'S PATH**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020



The Friday Team for the painting party are Jesse Guerrero, Jack O'Connor, Jim Kelly, Blake Kidd, Mike Cushing, and Roy Alcocer.



Mike Cushing doing some "cutting in". That is a painting term. Or perhaps he is just on the floor looking for pennies.



Tony Giusiana tempting fate on a ladder to get hazardous duty pay. And we all thought he could only cook.

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Mike Cushing, Tony Giusiana, and Roy Alcocer inspecting the yellow wall.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020



Saturday Team for the painting party are James Trinh, his son Justin, Bill Whitcomb, Jack O'Connor, Frank Smaldino, Ray Saracho, Matthew Mitchell, and Pat Gross.



Pat Gross getting ready to paint the walls.



Ray Saracho cleaning behind the refrigerators.

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Matthew Mitchell and Bill Whitcomb hanging new blinds.



Done and put back together.



All the Mary's Path ladies liked the gray paint on the walls. So did the Knights who volunteered to do the preparation and painting.

## FIRST DEGREE CEREMONY, MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020



After the ceremony at Father Kass in Buena Park with Father John are Tyler Clegg, Chris Chase (son of our brother Knight, Steven Chase, and Ben Bausley. Sideliners were Jack Abajian, David Zlaket, DD Curt Horner, and Frank Smaldino.



Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore all your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

#### **Brother Knights**;

Please keep the following knights and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Please email me or Brother Jack Abajian at <a href="mailto:jackabajian@aol.com">jackabajian@aol.com</a> cell 818-398-5930 with updates.

Information on Father Pat's condition.

Thanks so much for your prayers for us. I have arrived to Vietnam safely yesterday morning. My parents came to the airport to pick me up. We went to visit Fr. Pat together. At that time, there were two

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Carmelite Sisters visiting him.

He had the dialysis in the morning for 3 hours. I talked to the doctor as well as those who are taking care of Father. The doctor told me that father is currently undergoing dialysis twice a week and he will do it again on Wednesday. If nothing bad happen like yesterday, he would able to leave the hospital soon. Then, he can just come to have dialysis twice a week again. He wants to get out of the hospital and come back to the U.S as soon as we can. He wants to do the dialysis in the U.S.

Thanks be to God that his heath yesterday was much better than the days before. We talked to each other and try to help Phuc, his recent helper, to get a visa, so that we can get a flight to CA together.

You know that, It's a bit difficulty for Phuc to get a visa because of his age and for some other reasons. We made some different plans that if Phuc get a visa within 2 more weeks, we will fly to the U.S. together, and if more than two weeks, I'll take Father with me to the U.S. first and then Phuc can come later when he has a visa.

Phuc just applied for a visa last night and he needs some more evidences to facilitate his application. I'm trying to help him to get the evidence needed. We hope that he can get a visa and fly with us to the States.

For today, Father Pat feels much better than yesterday, even though he couldn't sleep during the night. Actually, he couldn't sleep during all nights. However, he sleeps in the day. He told me that, it seems like he has a jet lag.

Please continue keeping Fr. Pat in your prayers, so that he can recover soon and come back to see all of you:)

I'll give you his update.

Love and prayers,

Hoài

Thanks so much for your prayers for us. Fr. Patrick got out of the hospital yesterday afternoon, Vietnam time. On Friday, I will bring him back to the hospital to undergo dialysis treatment again. He is recovering much better. Today I'm going to go to the airlines agency to buy tickets for me to fly back with him. Hopefully we can fly back this Sunday. I have already arranged with Fr. Patrick's doctor that when we arrive to LAX, we will bring him directly to Saint Joseph hospital, so that doctors will continue with his treatment.

If something happens I will let you know. Please continue keeping him in your prayers.

Father Joe will be having surgery on his jaw on Feb 3 at 1:40pm. This is to place holes in my jaw to insert posts for implants for the 3 teeth cut out because of the cancer they found on June 25. They will be drilling three holes and placing inserts to receive three posts. It then requires 3 months of healing and bonding. But, at least, that first week after the surgery I will need down time and unfortunately, soft food.

I would like to thank Rick and Carolyn Giddens for assisting Don and Dee St. Claire by picking up Don from the Rehab Center in Buena Park, taking him to Kaiser Hospital in Anaheim and waiting until all his tests are completed (roughly around 2 -3 hrs.) then taking him back to Buena Park Rehab Center. Your support and kindness are greatly appreciated.

#### **Prayer Request**;

Father Joe, Father Pat, Dennis McCoy, Gwen Davis, Suzy, Marie Abajian, Jim Hazard, Phyllis Fiorentino, Rick Giddens, Gloria Janicki, Maurice/Laverne McCaughin, Joe Nanci, Norma Hayek, Ray and Ramses Ghattas, Scott Farrow, Joyce Garza, Morris Kasiss, Laurette Ghoulam, Nina Angelina Provenza, and her one month old daughter Mia Josephine Provenza, Don St. Clair. Sue Kirrer <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/josephine">https://doi.org/10.1007/josephine</a> Provenza, Don St. Clair. Sue Kirrer <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/josephine">https://doi.org/10.1007/josephine</a> and all of the Caregivers.

May God bless you all and your families and have a Blessed & Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

DGK Jack Abajian 818-398-5930

## **Christmas Families**

By Jack Abajian

**Knights Christmas Family-Gonzales-Zarate** 











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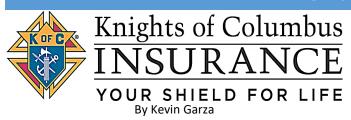
Santa and his helper

#### **Knights Christmas Family-Lopez**









Hi My Brothers and Lady Knights

Happy Valentines day!

Love is in the air! During the month of February and especially around Valentine's Day, we spend a lot of time thinking about our loved ones.

We do much more than think about loved ones; we give flowers and chocolates and send greeting cards. Why all the fuss? To show our love, of course! But have you ever considered that you should Insure Your Love?

That's really what insurance is all about. People buy insurance because they love someone. I bought life insurance because I love my wife and children. I don't want them to experience a lack of money if I'm not here to provide for them. I want to make sure they can stay in the same home we love; I want to make sure that my children will have the college education they will need; I want to ensure that my daughter will have the wedding she's always dreamed of; I want my family to continue to live the lifestyle I've been so fortunate to be able to provide. My policy even has living benefits that I can enjoy!

In addition to life insurance the Knights of Columbus offers Disability Income Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance and Retirement Annuities. All of these help Insure Your Love. If I can't work because of illness or injury, my disability income insurance will provide for the necessities until I can work again; my long term care insurance will help me stay in my home or go to a nursing home and get the care I need without being a financial burden to my family; my retirement annuities will help my wife and me

enjoy our golden years. All these products have helped me insure my love.

Let me suggest to you to buy that box of chocolates, get a beautiful arrangement of flowers or a dozen roses and include a card; but then sit down with me and with your wife and let me show you how you can Insure Your Love.

Vivat Jesus!

Best Regards,

KEVIN J.GARZA



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### **Membership Report**

By David Zlaket

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, three new Brothers made their First Degree. Please welcome Ben Bausley, Tyler Clegg and Chris Chase to our council.

Thank you Frank Smaldino, Jack Abajian, Curt Horner and Fr. John for attending and supporting our new members.



The photo above was taken at the ceremony at Father Kass in Buena Park are L to R DGK Jack Abajian, Chan. David Zlaket, Tyler Clegg, Chris Chase (son of Steven Chase), Father John, Ben Bausley, PGK Frank Smaldino and DD Curt Horner.

#### **CEREMONIAL SCHEDULE:**

**1**<sup>st</sup> **Degree** Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> Fr. Kaas, Buena Park 7pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> Degree** Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> Fr. Kaas, Buena Park 2pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> Degree** Saturday Februsry 15<sup>th</sup> Our Lady Queen of Angels, NB 9am. Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Angela Merici, Brea 2pm

**4th Degree** Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Ontario Gateway Hotel

#### Opportunity to Help!

Remember when you made your First Degree?... do remember who took you, and how grateful you were to have someone there supporting you?

We are always looking for Brother Knights to help sideline and take new candidates to their degrees. If you are interested in helping, please contact me to be notified when our Brothers are progressing through the degree. davidzlaket@gmail.com

Any Knights ready to get their 2nd or 3rd or 4th degree, contact:

David Zlaket at 714-276-5169

## Fingerprinting of Knights

Bishop Timothy E. Freyer recognizes

the extensive amount of time the
Knights of Columbus spend
serving in our parishes
where at times we
interact with the youth
of our Parish
communities. As a
result of our interaction
the Diocesan
department of Child and

Youth Protection has included adding the Knights of Columbus to the list of ministries who will now be required to be background screened via LiveScan digital fingerprinting as well as complete a Safe Environment training course every three years. Our Diocese continues to ensure that all children and vulnerable adults are safe when they come to our parishes, schools and centers.

Members of the Knights of Columbus who are active in events which involve being around minors need to be LiveScan digital fingerprinted and complete safe environment training by January 2020.

At San Antonio De Padua please stop by the Religious Education Office to see Patty Sarnecki. She will assist in providing you with the necessary forms. Patty can also provide you with the business addresses of the local vendors who provide inexpensive LiveScan digital fingerprinting. The cost can be as low as twenty-five dollars. You are being asked to bear this cost.



Please wish a Very Happy Birthday to each of the following members who may be adding another candle to their cake but stay young at heart and certainly do not age in our eyes!

## **February Birthdays**

Corey Strobel Leo Tamondong Father Dave Klunk 9<sup>th</sup> Kevin Zaborniak 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Craig DeWeese 14<sup>th</sup> Jose Castro James Mackey 15<sup>th</sup> Brendan Powers 16<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> **Donald Davis** 16<sup>th</sup> Keith Carden 20<sup>th</sup> Jim Schrader 21st Paul Helterline 25th James Portanova 26th George Sayes

If we missed your birthday, please notify the editor at Bobaree17@gmail.com



New Year's Resolution. Moring walks at San Antonio Church.

Photos by Jack Abajian



## 5 SMALL PRO-LIFE STEPS WE CAN TAKE

From an article by Ashlyn Portero

As I think about what this looks like in a practical sense, and how the application of a gospel-based pro-life ethic will look different for every person, I'm brought to the realization that this all comes together within the context of the local church. Sometimes churches, and especially church leaders, may feel as if pro-life ministry is yet another work they ought to be doing, while at the same time feel they are failing miserably. However, the more I consider how our own church can do a better job of fostering a pro-life culture, the more I'm convinced that the steps are small and doable for almost any pastor, leader, or member to begin today. Here are a few that come to mind:

## 1. Look for and support the pro-life efforts already happening in your church

There is a good chance that church members in your congregation are already engaged passionately in fighting for life. Begin having conversations with your members, asking around for anyone who is involved in ministries like foster care, pregnancy center support, or serving those with special needs. If your church actively preaches the gospel and teaches a Christian worldview, it is very likely that Disciples of Christ are already at work. As church leaders, we have the opportunity to encourage and empower them (Eph. 4:12).

It can be difficult to gain traction quickly when launching a new ministry or focus in your church, especially when you and your fellow staff or volunteers are busy with the administrative duties of running a church. Rely on your church members already carrying the baton to let you know where the pro-life work is happening and how the church can better resource its members to engage even more deeply in those efforts.

## 2. Teach a whole-life, pro-life view to your church members

It is impossible to teach the Word of God accurately and miss God's desire for human flourishing. Genesis

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#### **PROLIFE**

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to Revelation reveal that he is the author of our lives, faith, and salvation; so, we must obey his commands. From the senior pastor down to the small group Bible study leader, the local church needs to teach a pro-life ethic that is consistent with and rooted in Scripture.

As church leaders, we have a responsibility to help people see their own role in caring about human dignity and the protection of life, especially in its most vulnerable forms. It's not "too political" to advocate for issues of life from the pulpit when your authority is the Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17) and your church is filled with grace and love for people who have not always valued life.

## 3. Commit to educating yourself and your people toward a fuller pro-life ethic

In the same way that we grow in the understanding and knowledge of God when we read and learn his Word, we have an opportunity to grow in understanding on many issues surrounding the protection and flourishing of life. As leaders or members in the church, we need to be learners, not to be inflated by knowledge but to live and work for the good of those around us who might see our good deeds and give glory to God (Matt. 5:16).

Attend a conference like Evangelicals For Life, and learn from professionals working to advance life across the board: in special needs ministry and advocacy, in immigration reform, in human trafficking rescue, and in anti-abortion legislation. We cannot be experts in everything, or even several things. Inviting church members, perhaps even paying their way when resources allow, to join you in educating yourself on issues of life sends a strong message that you care about human dignity and how to better incorporate a pro-life ethic into your church and city.

#### 4. Evaluate the priorities of your church

As a church leader, you carry the important and difficult responsibility of deciding which environments and programs your church will offer to foster discipleship. Strategic decision-making is important in churches that want to see growth in Christ. As such, it is important to ask if your church shares opportunities for members to engage in pro-life work, whether formally through set ministries or informally by sharing stories of church members engaged in parachurch ministry.

This is not to say that if your church doesn't have a full-blown orphan care ministry complete with its own budget and staff that your church isn't fulfilling the commands of Scripture. For example, our church supports ministries like our local pregnancy center through financial giving, participating in local advocacy efforts, and by encouraging church members to volunteer. We know that their staff is doing work that our church is not equipped to do on its own.

However, if we find that we are caring for our members without equipping them to live on mission, then we need to re-evaluate. What's more, if we find that our ministries are catering to the comfort and satisfaction of our church members and not to reaching out to a lost culture around us, then it's time to repent.

## 5. Celebrate the diversity of opportunities for pro-life ministry

We need every member of the body of Christ to fulfill the Great Commission and help build the church (1 Cor. 12). We also need every follower of Christ to envision a world that values the sanctity and dignity of human life, and to work toward that end. Attending Evangelicals for Life the past four years has helped me see the wonderful and abundant opportunities to engage in pro-life work.

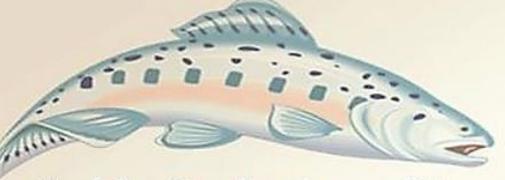
Right now in our church, I know of members pursuing adoption, fostering children, counseling survivors of sex trafficking, volunteering at our local pregnancy center, caring for refugees, and preparing to move overseas to share the gospel in foreign places. If you see a lack of energy in your church toward pro-life causes, it's time to practice what you preach.

Starting a ministry isn't the only way to support pro-life work—host a foster care education class, take a small group to your local pregnancy center to volunteer, or give to a supply drive for single moms choosing life. These needs exist in our communities, and unless we make the theoretical practical for our church members, a pro-life worldview won't connect as deeply as when the stories and testimonies are coming from our own church members.

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Feb 1 First Friday Adoration 6:00 am – 7:00 am	All Knights
1 Recycle Saturday (Fundraiser)	H. Garrido
5 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Glynn Hall	Grand Knight
7 First Friday Adoration 6:00 am – 7:00 am	All Knights
9 Hospitality Sunday	Mark Thornberg
18 Officers Meeting 7:00 pm, Conference Room 1	Grand Knight
26 Ash Wednesday	All Knights
28 Fish Fry # 1 (Fundraiser)	Fish Fry Committee
March 3 No Council Meeting due to Fish Fry Schedule	
6 Fish Fry # 2 (Fundraiser)	Fish Fry Committee
7 First Friday Adoration 6:00 am – 7:00 am	All Knights
7 Recycle Saturday (Fundraiser)	H. Garrido
7-8 Membership Recruitment Weekend	D. Zlaket
8 Hospitality Sunday I	Mark Thornberg
13 Fish Fry # 3 (Fundraiser)	Fish Fry Committee
17 St. Patrick's Day	
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20 Fish Fry # 4 (Fundraiser)	Fish Fry Committee
27 Fish Fry # 5 (Fundraiser)	Fish Fry Committee
April 3 Fish Fry # 6 (Fundraiser)	Fish Fry Committee
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8 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Glynn Hall	Grand Knight
9 Holy Thursday Ceremony participation	GK will ask for volunteers
10 Good Friday Ceremony participation	GK will ask for volunteers
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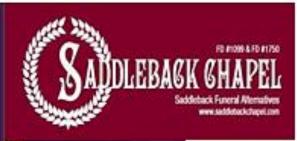
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