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Asia Relief Funds Aid Diocese, Catholic Religious

\$300,000 Distributed to Relief Organizations and Religious Congregations

The enormous death and destruction caused by the Indian Ocean tsunamis in late December have called forth depths of compassion and aid from the Knights of Columbus.



By the end of January, the Order had distributed \$300,000 to international

relief organizations and Catholic religious congregations working in the hardest hit areas.

The Supreme Council donated \$250,000 to relief efforts in early January, and set up an Asia Disaster Relief fund through the U.S. Knights of Columbus Charities Inc., and Knights of Columbus Canada Charities Inc. In announcing the relief fund, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson set a \$1 million goal for the Order. He also asked prayers for survivors and the deceased.

“The death and destruction caused by this horrible natural disaster are almost beyond imagining,” he said. “We Knights have always been known for our devotion to charity, and we will respond to this need quickly and generously.” Catholic Relief Services, which has regional offices throughout the affected areas, received \$100,000 from funds donated primarily by individual Knights and local K of C units.

The Brothers of Charity and the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, both in Sri Lanka, each received \$50,000 to help rebuild schools, boarding facilities and training centers. The Brothers of the Sacred Heart in India also received \$50,000 from the Knights. The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in India and the Diocese of Marthandom, India, each received \$25,000. Some councils report holding fish fries and pancake breakfasts to raise money for tsunami relief.

Hot Springs (Ark.) Council 6419 gave \$8,203 from its members alone. The council also gave \$250 to each of the two parishes in the area that conducted collections for tsunami relief

“One Knight of our council felt very strongly about making a substantial contribution, so we contacted Knights of Columbus Charities through the Web site, and a few other members decided to contribute as well,” said Grand Knight Joseph

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

March, 2005

- 15 State Individual and Service Program Award Nominations Deadline
- 19 Basketball State Free Throw Contest @ Cardinal Newman High, Columbia - 10:00 am

April, 2005

- 1 ICC Final Report Deadline
- 1 Convention Delegate/Registration/Ads Deadline
- 4 Day of the Unborn Child
- 16 3rd Degree # Council 11991, Goose Creek
- 29-30 State Convention @ Embassy Suites, Greenville

May, 2005

- 1 State Convention @ Embassy Suites, Greenville

June, 2005

- 5 3rd Degree # Council 6847, E. Columbia



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From The State Deputy

Brother Knights,

“Now is the Hour of the Knights of Columbus”

We are quickly turning the corner on this year but, it is not too late for you and your council to make a difference in your council or, to the church you serve. During the Mid-year meeting each of you were given an assignment to take home to your council. The form is used in planning for your council's growth. To provide your ideas of where you or your council is now, and where you want your council to be in the future.

“Experience of a Life time” is a theme we use and can be the start of a new way your council can experience growth. You my friend have a responsibility as well as a great opportunity to share our values with others in your communities and parishes. New members in your council will revitalize the efforts of the existing programs and for new ones not yet known about because those gentlemen have not been asked. Jack Cavagnaro, our Membership Chairman has been telling you all year, “Just ask someone to be a Knight”

There are many ethnic groups within South Carolina, who could/should be members of our councils, in charity; we should be reaching out to these men to ask them, to join our ranks.

By now, you know that we are all celebrating the fact that we have gained a new Council. This council is located in Blythewood, SC at the Transfiguration parish and its name is: Transfiguration Council, Number 13713. This council will be in desperate need of funds to start-up their operations. Can you help by sending a minimum of \$10.00?

Mr. Joseph Gawronski, GK, 114 Winding Wood Circle, Blythewood, SC 29016

Speaking of new members, Just in case you did not hear, the State Council is offering to each council's Grand Knight and Membership Director a special shirt for attaining 100% goal status and it will be called the “100 Club”. Make sure your council is a part of this club. The list has been started for the 100% club; do you know if you are in yet?

Trudy and I have been traveling the length and breathe of our State, visiting councils. We would love to come to yours. All you have to do is ask.

District 5 has a new District Deputy; Please join me in wel-

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From The State Chaplain

Time passes so quickly. Lent began early this year, but it seems so much like we have just entered the year 2005. New Year's Day seems like just yesterday.

Time is a gift that ought not be squandered away. Time lost can never be recovered, so we have to learn to use it wisely. In this world we are on a pilgrimage to heaven. That is our goal. Think about some of the many activities that occupy your time. Do they further you on your journey or pilgrimage? Are they supportive of you on your way to heaven? I don't mean to suggest that the only things we should become involved in ought to be religious or parochial activities. What I do mean is: do my activities become involved in sin and immorality so much so that they actually obstruct our pilgrimage path? There are many secular things we do that really help us fulfill our personhood. They entertain us and prevent discouragement and some of them aid others in their interests and needs. These are o.k., but we need to avoid the “fun things” that don't encourage us in our faith commitment. Stick with things that make life enjoyable.

We are still, in the Year of the Eucharist proclaimed by Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, last fall. Time spent in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is time well spent indeed. Pray before the Holy Eucharist. Bring your friends, cares, and troubles to Jesus in the Tabernacle of your parish church. Remind yourself in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament after receiving Holy Communion and at other times that you really do believe that Jesus is God and that he is fully and truly present Body and Soul in the little piece of bread and cup of wine at Mass. It still looks like, tastes like, and feels like bread, but the actual substance of bread in it has transubstantiated into the reality of the presence of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. It really has! Allow your heart to be opened and moved by this actual fact. If you are baptized into the real Mystical Body of Christ who is the Church, then you actually live in him and in the Eucharist you feed on him. You eat God! And he lives in you to your soul's health. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, “The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth.” Now, you don't have to give up parties and meetings and organizations' activities and so forth to visit the Blessed

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From the Membership Director

Jack Cavagnaro, PGK State Membership and Retention Director

For the second month in a row, we were hampered in our pursuit of goals by a major loss. Council #6900 decided to clean house and suspended 32 brothers out of a total membership of 78. Thus, while we brought in a whopping 67 (against a net quota of 34), we had a net gain of just 12. At 170, we are only a little better than 50% of our goal of 326, with one-third of the year to go.

Worthy fellow leaders, we certainly need to get rid of brothers whom we are convinced through personal contact no longer want to be knights. Nevertheless, those of us who find ourselves in need of wholesale suspensions must put together a plan to phase these brothers out over time, so that we can continuously keep our options for Star Council open. Per-capita costs of carrying a certain number can be covered by a fund raiser or perhaps even a 50/50.

On the other hand, it is equally unhealthy not to sponsor any new brothers, our life blood to future survival. We must do enough recruiting to cover our losses and move on to quotas, which are mostly reasonable. We are faced with an immedi-

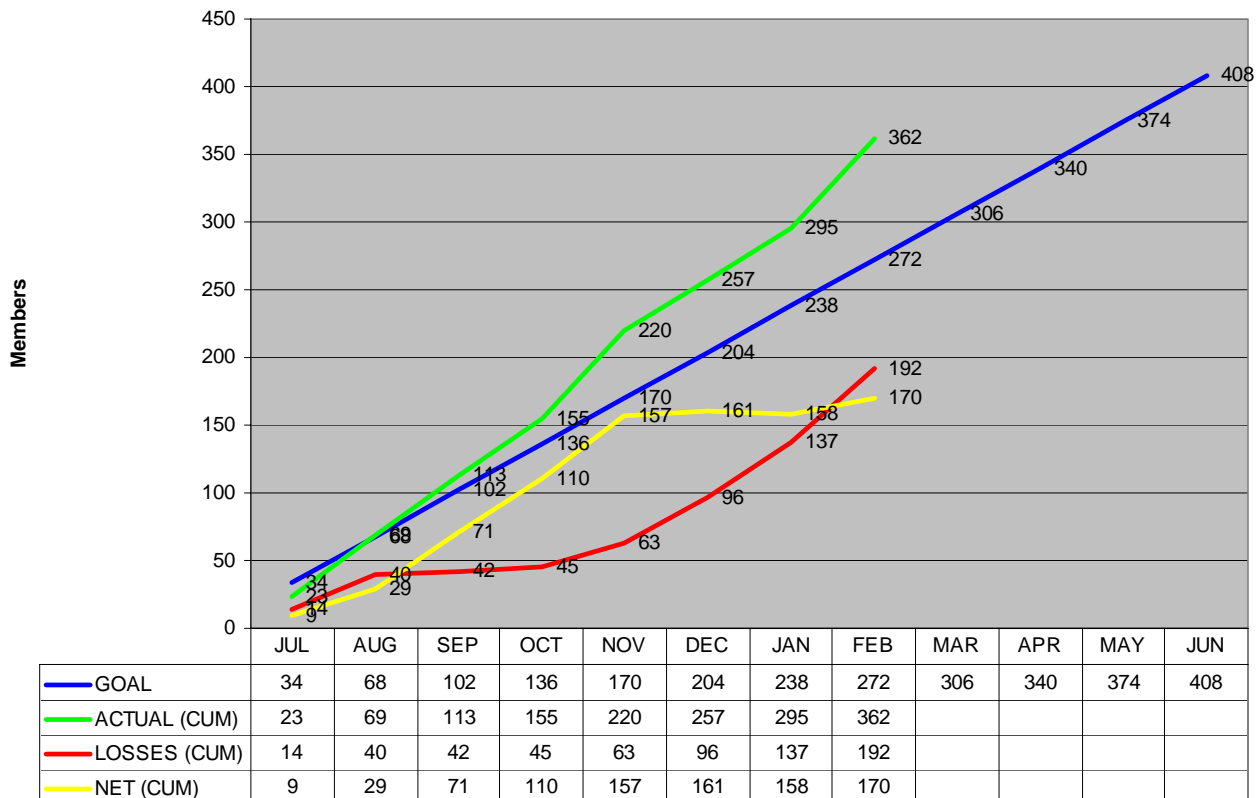
ate opportunity to add to our ranks with the up-coming Spring Blitz. I need to remind any council not yet planning a membership week-end in early April of the lesson of Unity in the second degree. We all need to be in step with Supreme and our State Council in doing regular fall and spring blitzes. Every council should participate, even if very small and generating only a handful of leads. There is no doubt that most of our councils can still make membership quota with a successful April Blitz.

On a very positive note, special recognition should be given to #7531 Conway, a council of 102 members, who have added 25 new brothers this year. Others with major additions include #10668 Hilton Head(23), #9184 Taylors(16), #10819 Simpsonville(16), #11991 Goose Creek(14), and #6847 East Columbia(11). Congratulations and a big thanks to all of you and also those who are working hard to make do, perhaps with fewer opportunities.

I hope to be able to report, over the next few months, record gains throughout the State from successful Spring Blitzes. Good luck partners!

Jack Cavagnaro, PGK, State Membership and Retention Chairman

Membership



From the State Ceremonial Chairman

Michael W. Telesco, PSD

HATS OFF TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL LEADERS!
The following Council's FIRST DEGREE TEAMS have achieved 60% or more of their goal through 3/5/05 Those Councils' achieving 100% of their goal will received the CEREMONIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. This contest will close on June 25, 2005.

DIVISION I:

Moncks Corner Council 11471 100%****

DIVISION II

CONWAY COUNCIL 7531 120%****

MAULDIN COUNCIL 8182 100%****

SPARTANBURG COUNCIL 6076 100%****

GOOSE CREEK COUNCIL 11991 80%

FORT MILL COUNCIL 12366 80%

FLORENCE COUNCIL 5194 60%

IRMO COUNCIL 6892 60%

DIVISION III:

E. COLUMBIA COUNCIL 6747 133%*****

SIMPSONVILLE COUNCIL 10819 117%****

CHARLESTON COUNCIL 704 67%

SUMMERVILLE COUNCIL 6629 67%

ON THE DOWN SIDE! THE FOLLOWING HAVE NOT CONDUCTED A FIRST DEGREE DURING THIS FRATERANL YEAR.

COUNCILS 9161,11645 8900,9576, 10066, 3067, 10867

DISTRICT LEADERS: The following districts have all their councils conducting FIRST DEGREES, well done.

District 8, DD Bufis.....68%

District 13, DD Sordlet .56%

District 2: DD Linenberger...67%

District 3, DD Ullman.63

District 14 DD Stanley.....62%

REMINDER:3D DEGREE SCHEDULE:.

16 APR 2005 (SAT), GOOSE CREEK COUNCIL 11991

5 JUNE 2005 (SUN), E.COLUMBIS COUNCIL 6847



1st Degree Standings - 2/5/05

Michael W. Telesco, PSD

DISTRICT	COUNCIL	CITY	GOAL	ACTUAL	%of GOAL	
1	5026	BEAUFORT	6	2	33.33%	
	7289	HILTON HEAD	4	1	25.00%	
	10668	HILTON HEAD	6	3	50.00%	
	12263	BLUFTON	5	1	20.00%	
MIKA	DD #1		21	7	33.33%	
	2207	SUMTER	6	2	33.33%	
	6847	E. COLUMBIA	6	8	133.33%	
	9672	CAMDEN	4	1	25.00%	
2	12554	COLUMBIA	5	3	60.00%	
	13713	BLYTHEWOOD	0	0	0.00%	
	Linenberger DD #2		21	14	66.67%	
	3	5086	MYR. BEACH	6	2	33.33%
3	7122	N.M. BEACH	5	2	40.00%	
	7531	CONWAY	5	6	120.00%	
	Ullmann DD #3		16	10	62.50%	
	4	3684	AIKEN	6	1	16.67%
4	7062	N. AUGUSTA	5	1	20.00%	
	9161	BARWELL	4	0	0.00%	
	11645	EDGEFIELD	4	0	0.00%	
	SPAINHOUR DD #4		19	2	10.53%	
5	6629	SUMMERVILLE	6	4	66.67%	
	8502	WALTERBORO	4	1	25.00%	
	8900	N. CHARLESTON	5	0	0.00%	
	10334	CHARLESTON	5	2	40.00%	
KRAMP	DD #5		25	9	36.00%	
	6	6684	SENECA	6	3	50.00%
	7129	GREENWOOD	5	1	20.00%	
	8295	ANDERSON	5	1	20.00%	
PATTEN	DD #6		20	5	25.00%	
	7	724	COLUMBIA	6	2	33.33%
	6891	ORANGEBURG	5	2	40.00%	
	6892	IRMO	5	3	60.00%	
SANSONETTI	DD #7		21	8	38.10%	
	8	1668	GREENVILLE	6	1	16.67%
	8182	MAULDIN	5	5	100.00%	
	9745	GREENVILLE	4	1	25.00%	
10819	13112	SIMPSONVILLE	6	7	116.67%	
	13112	GREENVILLE	4	3	75.00%	
	BUFIS DD #8		25	17	68.00%	
	9	704	CHARLESTON	6	4	66.67%
9	6250	JAMES ISLAND	5	1	20.00%	
	9475	MT. PLEASANT	6	2	33.33%	
	12472	CHARLESTON	5	2	40.00%	
	URBANIC DD #9		22	9	40.91%	
10	6756	ROCK HILL	6	2	33.33%	
	10066	LANCASTER	4	0	0.00%	
	12268	YORK	4	2	50.00%	
	12366	FORT MILL	5	4	80.00%	
Pfzenmayer DD #10		19	8	42.11%		
11	3067	GEORGETOWN	5	0	0.00%	
	8980	GARDEN CITY	6	2	33.33%	
	11028	PAWLEYS ISL	6	3	50.00%	
	McMahon DD #11		17	5	29.41%	
12	5194	FLORENCE	5	3	60.00%	
	8123	HARTSVILLE	4	1	25.00%	
	8790	MARION DILLON	4	1	25.00%	
	10867	CHERAW	4	0	0.00%	
Barcomb DD #12		17	5	29.41%		
13	6726	HANAHAN GC	6	3	50.00%	
	6900	CITADEL	4	2	50.00%	
	11471	MONCK'S COR.	4	4	100.00%	
	11991	GOOSE CREEK	5	4	80.00%	
Sordelet DD #13		19	13	68.42%		
14	6076	SPARTANBURG	5	5	100.00%	
	9184	TAYLORS	6	3	50.00%	
	9575	SPARTANBURG	6	3	50.00%	
	12274	GREER	4	2	50.00%	
12995	GAFFNEY	0	0	0.00%		
Stanley DD #14		21	13	61.90%		
TOTAL			283	125	44.17%	

From the Youth Activities Director

Donald D. Vennergrund, Youth Activities Director

Final Reminder: State Free Throw Championships Saturday March 19

Where: Cardinal Newman High School, 4701 Forest Dr., Columbia.

When: Registration at 10:00 AM, The Opening Ceremonies will commence no later than 11:00 AM, and the competition will begin immediately thereafter.

Host: Msgr. Martin C Murphy Council 6847 East Columbia.

Food and refreshments will be available.

Proof of age is required of all entrants.

Each competitor must have a properly completed Free Throw Championship Entry Form / Score Sheet (#1598).

All Rules and Regulations will be enforced.

If winners cannot participate, the second-place winner should represent the District.

From the Church Activities Director

Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter are quickly approaching. This is the time of year that we remember our Saviors passion, suffering, death, and Glorious Resurrection. As a Knights of Columbus Council or Assembly participate in Lenten and Holy Week activities with your parish. Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, Church Directors ask your pastor(s) what you can do to help during this special time of year. You can participate in Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adorations, providing (or assisting at) Lenten and Holy Week meals, volunteering to be Ministers of Hospitality, Lectors, and providing assistance at other Easter Season Church sponsored activities.

On an individual note, during this Lenten and Easter season, you may want to stop by your local parish and spend a few minutes in conversation with Christ in the Tabernacle or spend some quiet time with him in silent adoration. Offer Him all your prayers, works, joys, and sufferings for the day. He can give you peace.

Congratulations to the 127 new Sir Knights that attended the 4th degree Exemplification in Columbia the last weekend of February. This is the time of the year that many RCIA and Confirmation Classes are completing and the Bishop is making his rounds conducting Confirmations - the conferring of the Holy Spirit. The 4th Degree, being the most visible arm of the Knights, can show their support for the Bishop, Priests, and Confirmation Candidates by their presence in Honor Guards at these Confirmations and receptions afterwards.

As a Church activity in February, Summerville Council 6629

cooked a spaghetti dinner to welcome all new parishioners at St. John the Beloved Church.

Please keep our Servicemen and Women overseas in your thoughts and prayers during this Easter season and pray especially for their safety and speedy return.

Vivat Jesu,

Jim Martin

From the Vocation Chairman

Pennies from Heaven

Brother Knights,

Back in July, at the Grand Knights Workshop, we introduced the "Pennies From Heaven" program and asked you to take part in it. As we stated, the money is to support the Charleston Diocese Seminarians. The State Convention is just around the corner and we want to present the money at the convention. I want to remind you to please send in the money you have collected for the "Pennies Form Heaven" to the State Secretary Bob Ficco, 1057 Holly Hill, Rock Hill, SC 29730, by April 15th. The first collection of money was December 15, however, some councils did not respond. Now is the time to get all the money collected and turned in.

Thank you for your participation in this worth while program. Vivat Jesus,

Richard Gabriel, SW

Employment Opportunities

with the

Knights of Columbus

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AGENCY DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IN YOUR AREA. IF A CAREER SERVING YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES APPEALS TO YOU THIS COULD BE THE CHANCE OF A LIFE TIME.

*EXCELLENT PAY

*GENEROUS BENEFITS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
ROBERT BONI AT: 843-824-5632

Just A Note to Remind You!!!

This past year during the District Deputy's Meeting in Myrtle Beach and the Mid-Winter Meeting in Greenville, the ladies got together to share lunch and to be reacquainted again along with getting to know our newest members. The Ladies decided to help in their own way to give Charity a hand. In Myrtle Beach, we had a Baby Shower for Birthright and of course, the guys joined us Ladies for Breakfast and the Baby Shower. At this time, all of the ladies brought baby gifts, maternity clothes and many other things that a newborn would need. In the Knights, charitable giving is essential for their existence, so they too gave \$300 to Birthright for other needs of women and children. Needless to say, the Baby Shower for Birthright was a big success and Birthright in Georgetown was very grateful for the much needed essentials.

When we had the Mid-Winter meeting for the Grand Knights, along with the Charitable Ball in Greenville, the Ladies and men brought non-perishable food for United Ministries. The food came at the right time, needless to say, because the food shelves were bare and United Ministries was grateful for all the help. The thank you letter said it all: "Your gift of food is so important to the struggling families whose hunger is relieved by your caring. They are not forced to choose between paying rent or buying food, or paying fuel bills or buying food, or buying prescription drugs or buying food."

The Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held in Greenville on April 29, 30th, and May 1, 2005. For this gathering, we are asking for toiletries for the Abused Women's Shelter in Greenville. It is because of you that others receive the treasure of yours and God's Blessings. Please remember that we are all a treasure to each other and many blessings are bestowed and received because of our charitable acts. Thank you for making these gatherings such a success.

God Bless,

Trudy Hock

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Sacrament the whole day. But, we can deepen our love for Jesus by the occasional hour or even half hour before the Tabernacle on occasion.

Do not let the Year of the Eucharist fly by without celebrating it in your heart and life. Can you go to Mass on weekdays once or more a week? Can you make a brief visit to the Tabernacle once a week? Can you learn to love Jesus more by speaking to him more? There really is enough time in your life to do this kind of thing and also to do other things that make you happy. Just be sure you don't wander off the pilgrimage of life. God loves you all very much! Time is important. Use it wisely.

Fraternally in Christ,

Rev. James Parker State Chaplain



Health Services Byline

Submitted by *Louis Umile Pulicicchio,*
MD, MHS

“Assessment and Treatment of Pain, Part III “ Revisited

In Parts I and II we identified the various types of pain both by causative variables and by intensity. We also described a stepwise system for the employment of various analgesic agents with and without adjuvant techniques to increase the pain relief effect. Various problem areas were noted and we referred you back to your prescribing clinician as the one who could calculate total dosages and overlapping pharmacologic effects and use a dosing conversion chart when jumping from one drug to another and from one drug administration route to another, i.e. by mouth, by transdermal patch, by muscle injection, subcutaneously, by the intravenous route etc.

Important points of note, included so called high risk patients (in pain evaluation), the individualization of dosage and route of administration per specific patients, anticipating drug side effects and treatment as they occur, watching for the development of drug tolerance and physical dependence and aggressively preventing withdrawal etc.

Bad side effects are those associated with the use of opioids, i.e. respiratory depression, severe constipation, progressive pausea and vomiting, increasing sedation, and purities and urticaria.

Older patients, because of their muscle debilitation and balance, visual, and memory problems should be treated with very special pain regimes. This usually requires the skills of an experienced physician who watches and guards for the development of the above plus the development of physical tolerance and inappropriate drug use.

Remember: Usually, the various types and intensities of pain can be successfully treated, but you can do much better with professional help from your physician.

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coming Stephen F. Kramp and his wife K.C.

The convention is right around the corner and this is your time to be making plans to attend. The convention committee is planning a dance on Friday evening to kick off festivities. They have been planning since last August to welcome all the councils in our State. Come and enjoy!

May you continue to experience our Brother Jesus, in your lives!

Ray



Patriot's Corner

Submitted by Richard E. Koehler, PSD District Master

On February 26, 2005 I had the privilege of presenting the 52nd Exemplification class to the Honoree, John N. Giardino at the banquet. It was attended by more than 655 Sir Knights and their ladies, the Bishop of Charleston, Most Rev. Robert J. Baker, STD, Vice Supreme Master Frank Scandone, Former Masters and Guests.

The class consisted of 127 Sir Knights, 3 of whom were priests. In addition to the presentation of the new class I also announced the selection of Sir Knight Bill Weiss, as Sir Knight of the Year for 2004-2005. He will be presented with a plaque at his home assembly at their next Installation of Officers. The mass collection for both masses was \$4,806.00 which will be presented to the Bishop this month for the Seminarian Program.

Participating Assemblies and number of new Sir Knights were:

- Rev. P.N. Lynch 12
- Bishop England 10
- Msgr. G.L. Smith 01
- Rev. A.A. Faase 01
- Msgr. C.D. Woods 03
- Fr. M. Daly 08
- Bishop H.P. Northrop 03
- San Miguel 06
- Msgr. R. C. Madden 13
- Fr. I. Hecker 15
- Grand Strand 05
- Fr. H. Tevlin 05
- Hilton Head 19
- Our Lady Star of the Sea 08
- Holy Family 12
- Mother Teresa 06

Our Vice Supreme Master, Frank Scandone wrote this about our Exemplification, "I must commend you and your staff for all the energy and hard work that went into the activities the weekend of February 25, 26, and 27, 2005. The Fourth Degree Exemplification was truly a professional production. You have one of the best Exemplar Corps in the Province. The Ladies Luncheon was a huge success... The Mass and homily by Bishop Baker had them loving him and the banquet was great, the icing on the cake."

Awards and Nominations

Essay award nominations are due. Assemblies should send nominations to SK Ronald Snyder, 122 Essex Ave., Goose

Creek, SC 29445. The Catholicity award nominations are also due in the month of April.

Now that our 52nd Exemplification has passed it is time for us to turn our efforts towards our 53rd Exemplification. Let's make this the largest class in the history of the Fourth Degree in the State of South Carolina. If every assembly would take on the challenge of meeting its membership goals by recruiting new members between now and next February we would have a class of over 150 candidates. Let's open our doors and receive our brother knights into the patriotic arm, the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally,

Richard E. Koehler, PSD

Master SC District, DeSoto Province

From State Program Director:

Thomas Monahan, State Advocate

The State Council presents awards to deserving individuals and councils as recognition for outstanding contributions and achievements, BUT YOU MUST SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO BE RECOGNIZED. The due dates for award nominations and reports are as follows:

Knight of the Year Golden Knight of the Year Family of the Year Due March 15 6 copies

Submit to: Ronald G. Povero, PSD 118 East Walnut Circle Summerville, SC 29485

Personal Recognition Awards · Catholicity Award · Charity Award · Youth of the Year Award

Due: March 15 6 copies

Submit to: Richard S. Sullivan, Sr., PSD 205 Crestwood Drive Aiken, SC 29803-5010

Service Program Award · Church Activity Award · Community Activity Award · Council Activity Award · Family Activity Award · Youth Activity Award

Due: March 15 6 copies

Submit to: Thomas M. Monahan, SA 2646 Spring Valley Drive Aiken, SC 29803

Scrapbook Award Pulliam (Publicity) Award

Due: April 29 1 copy

Submit to: Paul Barra, Publicity Chairman - Bring to State Convention

Inter Council Competition · Honor/Distinguished Form · Best Council Report

Due: April 1 1 copy

Submit to: Thomas M. Monahan, SA 2646 Spring Valley Drive Aiken, SC 29803

From the Pro Life Chair Couple

Submitted by Jim and Bobbie St. Clair

Dear Fellow Knights,

The Day of the Unborn Child will not be commemorated on the usual date of March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation. It will be held on April 4th, 2005 since March 25th is Good Friday this year. Please organize a special event within your Council and parish community. This is an excellent opportunity to witness to the sanctity of life and to reinforce within your council a commitment to the Catholic Church's pro-life stance. The Supreme Council has established brochure #4340 with a recommended hymn, suggested intercessions for the cause of life, as well as suggested verses for the five Joyful Mysteries of the rosary. You can download the brochure from the K of C website: <http://www.kofc.org/cmfr/resources/UnbornChild2004.pdf>

Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center has announced a breakthrough in adult stem-cell research. The researchers say that they have identified adult stem cells that may have the capacity to repair and regenerate all tissue types in the body. This is important because in the past, other researchers have said that only embryonic stem-cells have this capacity. However, they have not successfully accomplished this in a human, so the embryonic stem-cell capability claim is merely theory. Meanwhile, scientists are creating human beings, in the form of embryos, and then killing them in order to harvest stem-cells. Use of adult stem-cells does not require the killing of a human and is endorsed by the Catholic Church as legitimate research. This is a critical distinction and is commonly confused by the media, thus, the general public is confused also by their poor reporting. If you are interested in learning more about this issue, please refer to the February 17, 2005 issue of The Catholic Miscellany.

Pro-Life Coordinator, John Kost, and St. Andrew Council 5086, will be holding a Rosary service the evening of April 4th, to commemorate the Day of the Unborn Child. PGK Charlie Francis and Council 2207 will be holding a prayer service at St. Francis High School of Sumter in front of a memorial & statue the council erected March 25, 2003. We are asking all Councils to prioritize their schedule and observe this day in an effort to send a clear and positive signal to all in the community that life is treasured by good Catholics and that the options of a pregnant woman should begin with "life" and the support of the community.

Pro-Life Coordinator of Council 10334, Stephen Boyle will be joining Rev. John Zimmerman, Parochial Vicar at Blessed Sacrament Church, of Charleston who will lead the Rosary and prayers at the West Ashley Abortion facility at 1312 Ashley River Road (corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler) Saturday, March 19, 2005 from 8-9AM. If you are in the area on March 19th, please join Brother Stephen and Fr. Zimmerman in this

most powerful method of saving lives. This project takes courage, something for which the Knights of Columbus is famous.

Fraternally,

Jim & Bobbie St. Clair

Pro-Life Couple



Area 6 SPRING GAMES 2005 TRACK & FIELD EVENTS

Hosted by
West Ashley High School
And The Knights of Columbus

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OATH

"LET ME WIN,
BUT IF I CAN NOT WIN,
LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT"

The mission of the Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competitions in a variety of Olympic-type sports for persons eight years of age and older with intellectual disabilities, by giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families.

WHEN: April 7, 2005

WHAT: Area 6 Spring Games

WHERE: West Ashley High School

WHO: Athletes 550

Coaches 200

Families TBD

NEEDED: 150 Enthusiastic Volunteers! Call Angela Klick 843.852.9275 or email Aklick@so-sc.org

Brother Knight and Family in Distress

Submitted by Nick Dorsey, PGK, FDD

Early Tuesday morning, at Catholic Hill, on 18 January 2005, Alilly Washington was awakened by a telephone call from the 911 operator, informing her that her house was on fire, and that she must vacate the premises. Alilly, realizing that she was in danger by smoke and flame, gathered an armful of clothes and other valuable items, and vacated her home as instructed.

It was determined by all reports, that the house next door, which burned to the ground, is really where the fire had started; and that the flames and smoke entered the Washington home undetected. Needless to say, the Washington's home was damaged, by fire/smoke & water, and at this time is unlivable. Temporary lodging is being sought with the help of Father Donald Abbott, Pastor of Saint James The Greater, Catholic Hill.

Alilly, who works in nearby Beaufort, S.C. is the wife of Brother George Washington, who has been confined to a nursing home in Summerville, S.C. for the past years, as a Alzheimer patient. George is a PGK of council #8502 and Former Navigator of the Albert A. Faase Assembly.

Any and all assistance is requested during this period of readjustment, when Alilly can return to a normal routine. Contributions can be sent to Saint Anthony Catholic Church, 925 South Jeffries Boulevard, Walterboro, S. C. 29488 c/o George Washington Fire Fund.

I thank all of you, in advance, for your much appreciated assistance, and I ask that you "Pass The Word".

Semper Fi

UPDATE — 6 March 05. As of this date, Alilly Washington continues to work in Beaufort. Clothes, furniture and personal items have been severely damaged by fire, water and weather. Alilly is now staying in an apartment in Walterboro, with some necessary items provided by Council 8502. There is insurance on the building. It is estimated that Alilly will be able to return home in 2 1/2 to 3 months. The house next door, where the fire started, burned to the ground. Alilly is very appreciative and thankful for contributions, totaling \$451.00, from the State Council and Brother Knights from around the state.

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Dierks. "At the next council meeting, we announced that we would be taking donations for the tsunami victims. We made a general appeal to our members to follow the lead of a few generous individuals."

"Our hearts went out to all these people," Dierks continued. "It made me feel good. We were just a bunch of people getting together and doing something good."

Villa Marie Council 6342 in Pomona, N.J. has worked with neighboring councils, District Deputy Ray Sands, the New Jersey State Council and the Diocese of Camden to raise tens of thousands of dollars for a predominantly Catholic area in southern India that was devastated by the tidal waves. Funds have gone directly to Father John Kennedy, a priest from India who is assigned to Resurrection Parish in Mamora, N.J.

In 2004, the Knights of Columbus donated tens of thousands of dollars in disaster relief for victims of hurricanes which struck Florida and a number of islands in the Caribbean, and will also provide aid to recent typhoon victims in the Philippines, where there are nearly 200,000 members of the Knights of Columbus.

Donation checks should be mailed to the following addresses, and clearly marked as Asian Disaster Relief contributions:

In the United States, make checks payable to:
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