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Eucharistic Congress Draws Thousands

Thousands of members of the Knights of Columbus and their families in Chicago for the Order's 123rd Supreme Council meeting — and thousands of local Catholics — took part in a procession from the Chicago Hilton to Grant Park on Friday, Aug. 5, following a Mass celebrated by Cardinal George at 11:30 a.m.



More than 1,000 delegates of the Knights of Columbus — and nearly 100 bishops and cardinals from around the world — gathered for the Order's 123rd international convention in Chicago held Aug. 2-4 and its third Eucharistic Congress Aug. 4-5. The Congress holds special meaning for Catholics this year since the late Pope John Paul II declared 2005 the Year of the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is central to Catholic belief and refers to the consecrated bread and wine, which Catholics believe becomes the body and blood of Christ during the Mass.

SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

August 2005

- 15 Form 1265 Due to Supreme & State

September 2005

- 1 Form 2629 Due to Supreme & State
1 Order SA Kit
1 Operation HOPE Kick-Off
11 3rd Degree @ Council 6629 Summerville

October 2005

- 1 Regional Meeting-Districts-1, 5, 9, 11 & 13
Council 6726 - Hanahan/Goose Creek
2 Respect Life Sunday, Life Chain - Local Areas
8 Regional Meeting- Districts-2, 4, 7 & 12 -
Council 6892 - Barnwell
9 3rd Degree @ Council 8980 - Garden City
15 Regional Meeting- Districts- 6, 8, 10, & 14 -
Council 8182 - Mauldin

November 2005

- 1 Order Free Throw Kit
13 3rd Degree @ Council 9184 - Taylors
15 HOPE Foundation Money & Requests Due
24 Thanksgiving Day

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From The State Deputy

“Here I am Lord I have come to do your will,
I will go Lord if you lead me, I will your hold your
People in my heart.”

My Brothers,

The Organization meeting, (Grand Knights workshop) was a success with 40 councils taking part. Those who did not make the training missed out on the innovations we are implementing for you and your councils.

It is our goal to provide all the best information we can in the attempt to help your council be a “STAR Council” and it can be yours, by applying what you already do by turning in your paperwork on time. Give your council its just reward!

The host council, for the Organization meeting, just happened to be my home council, No. 9184 in Taylors, providing Break-fast, lunch and serving dinner, “Thank you”, to the council who set-up and broke down and cleaned up the campus. Job Well Done!

The delegation to the Supreme Convention found Chicago, HOT! I would recommend to all of you to make your reservation now for next year’s convention in Orlando, FL, to have an experience you would not forget. The opening Mass, concelebrated by Cardinals from around the globe, dozens of Bishops and quite a few priests including our Bishop and State Chaplain.

There are tours to be taken and parties to attend and oh yeah, like all good functions of the Knights they do have meetings that are open sessions for the ladies to attend.

Start to make plans to attend next year and you will have a renewed pride in the Order.

Here we are in August, already and by now, you have all your committees up, running, and in the final planning stages of the Operation H.O.P.E., street campaign.

Plan to ask someone to join your council to be a part of your HOPE drive.

That’s’ how I was asked to be a Knight. In fact, I remember the first year making the event, which included my entire family, collecting outside a K Mart with my wife and sons.

Give your priest some special attention by inviting him to your picnics and special summer events, make him feel that he is a

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From The State Chaplain

This column is written to you just a few days after I returned to South Carolina from the annual Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus. I am inspired and invigorated by the experience as I always am each year at this annual affair. There are so many things I could say about the week’s events, but I will focus on the highlights which should be of special interest to you.

First, you will want to know that there were fifteen of us in the South Carolina delegation, including Bishop Baker. State Deputy Ray Hock and his wife as well as Past State Deputy Roosevelt Cummins and his wife led the representation. There were several others from among our state officers. The over 2,000 persons in attendance in Chicago (Hilton Hotel) represented all the U.S. states, Canadian provinces, and areas in Mexico and the Philippines.

A special note of interest is that we learned that the bishops of Poland have formally asked the Supreme Council to establish councils and organize the Knights of Columbus in Poland. They have observed and been impressed by what the Knights can do for Catholic laypeople and for the Church. They want this for Poland. An Eastern Rite Archbishop from Ukraine also spoke of his interest and the possibility that they may want the Knights of Columbus in their country before long.

Among many resolutions which took over two hours to read and passed unanimously were three of particular interest. The convention resolved to stand strongly for marriage as a union between a man and a woman. Same sex “marriage” is to be seen as an immoral issue. Then we resolved to urge the vote on John Roberts for U.S. Supreme Court to be dealt with by a straight up or down vote with no filibustering or other obstructionist tactics. And then, the Knights are resolved to say clearly that Roe v. Wade is not, cannot be, the definite law of the land because it has no basis whatsoever in the Constitution.

The huge crowds at the convention allow one to see the fraternity in many ways and it is a valuable experience. Masses were celebrated in the huge ballroom of the hotel each day with well over a hundred bishops on the sanctuary/stage with the celebrating prelate. Notable among them were cardinals from the U.S., Canada, the Ukraine, and the Latin Patriarch

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From the Membership Director

Jack Cavagnaro, PGK State Membership and Retention Director

Let me congratulate the 9 councils which did not wait for the summer heat to subside, but got off to a quick start by bringing in 23 new brothers in July,- #704, 6884, 7122, 9575, 10668, 10819, 11910, 11991, and 13713. Unfortunately, a major loss in #6726 set us back, but I still expect them to bring in at least 24 new brothers by June and make Star Council.

By now, every council, without exception, should have put together a Membership Action Plan (MAP) for the year detailing specifically how they will make membership quotas and Star Council Award. Should there be any council not doing this, they are out of step with State and Supreme Councils. I am particularly, but not exclusively, concerned about those 8 councils which did not bring in a single new member last year. You need to change that. You cannot survive without new blood. If any council does not know how to put a recruiting plan together, I ask you to contact me for help as soon as possible.

The focus for the next month needs to be on contacting and inviting, so that we all will have a good base of prospects for 1st degrees you should have scheduled for September and October. Then, a blitz in the fall will allow us to reach those many we don't know for 1st degrees in November and December. Remember that recruiting is a year-round activity. Month-by-month it's a cinch. The Grand Knight of each council needs to be monitoring progress toward STAR and reporting to his brothers at each meeting. The Membership Chairman needs to spell out at each meeting specific recruiting plans for the month.

And be sure to involve your insurance agent regularly and have a Fraternal Benefits night on the calendar. Establish a habit of asking each new member to take the introductory insurance package when he signs his Form #100. You must make your insurance quota, as well as your overall quota, to make Star.

Let each council plan to have some good numbers to show when we have our regional meetings in early October. Tell me how I can help.

Vivat Jesus! Jack Cavagnaro, PGK, State Membership Director

Taps

Did you know this...?

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps were played; this brings out a new meaning of it.

Here is something every American should know. Until I read this, I didn't know:

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, "Taps." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes.

But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings. Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" ... used at military funerals was born. The words are : Day is done.. Gone the sun. From the lakes. From the hills. From the sky. All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh.

Fading light. Dims the sight. And a star. Gems the sky. Gleaming bright. From afar. Drawing nigh. Falls the night.

Thanks and praise. For our days. Neath the sun. Neath the stars. Neath the sky. As we go. This we know. God is nigh

From the State Ceremonial Chairman

Michael W. Telesco, PSD

The FIRST DEGREE is the pinnacle of the recruitment process. Always remember—until a man receives his FIRST DEGREE, he isn't A KNIGHT of COLUMBUS. The FIRST DEGREE should be taken seriously. Don't show a man the "Red Carpet Treatment" in convincing him to join, and then lose him by making him wait for his FIRST DEGREE.

HOLD FIRST DEGREES OFTEN.... It's a good idea to schedule an exemplification every other month. In that way, you can choose different honorees, whom you honor is up to you. Use the First Degree Honoree scrolls to honor these men. Mark the first-degree dates and announce your schedule so recruiters/members know when the next first degree will be held.

ATTENTION GRAND KNIGHTS AND DISTRICT DEPUTIES: all candidates and members attending will wear Coat and tie at all Second/Third Degrees. Military personnel may wear their uniforms. There will be no exceptions.

Failure to comply with this will result in candidates and members being refused admittance to the degrees.

PROTOCOL NOTES: By definition, protocol is the rigid code setting forth the degree of obedience, the order of precedence, the rules of official and social behavior. We can add further that is covers what is proper and in good taste. Mark Twain summed up the situation when he said: "ALWAYS DO RIGHT. YOU WILL PLEASE SOME PEOPLE AND ASTONISH THE REST."

It would be impossible to cite every rule governing every situation. The following suggestions are rather common and basic. Always apply common courtesy and you will never go wrong in those situations not covered in the Protocol Booklet. We should always display proper consideration for the office represented by the person, in no way should we let dislike for a person influence our respect for the office he holds.

DRESS DURING MEETINGS: The Grand Knight, in keeping with the dignity of his office, should be neatly and properly dressed. He should request his officers do likewise. Thus he will have set the proper dress code for the membership to follow.

AFTER THE MEETINGS: All council officers should avail themselves of some form of identifying tag or nameplate. The Grand Knight and his officers should mingle with the members before and after the meeting. Every effort should be made to visit with those who have not attended meetings for some time. In addition, new members and those who seem to feel uneasy should be approached by the officers and made to feel at home and welcomed. Hopefully the membership will follow this example.

HATS OFF TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCILS FOR CON-

DUCTING A FIRST DEGREE DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2005.

6884, 7122, 10668, 10819, 11991, 12995, WELL DONE NEXT 3rd DEGREE, SUMMERVILLE COUNCIL 6629, SEPT 11, 2005

From the Church Director

Congratulations to the three new Priests of our Diocese that were ordained at the Cathedral on July 23rd. Their names are Rev. Fr. Robert Frank Higgins, Rev. Fr. Christopher Smith, and Rev. Fr. David Whitman. It was my pleasure to assist in representing our order, my Council and Assembly and being able to participate in the honor guard for three Bishops, the many priests in attendance, and the candidates being ordained. Remember to keep these men, our Bishop and priests, in your prayers. They have a very hard, stressful and demanding job. On Thursday September 1st at 7pm there will be a Priest Appreciation reception at Bishop England High School on Daniel Island (part of Charleston). This is a great opportunity to let our area priests know how grateful we are for all that they do. This is a free event and open to all. There will be great food, music and fellowship.

What as Knights can we do to support our Catholic Church? One thing that is always needed in every church is Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality and Choir. Suggest to your council members that they get involved and lead by example – get involved yourself.

Where can you get some additional help? Stop by your Parish Church, sit down and spend some time alone with HIM in front of the Tabernacle. Often we are looking for peace and quiet in our lives. There is no better place than with HIM. Visit with HIM and He will give you the graces needed in your life. I'll bet you won't leave disappointed.

If you have suggestions for, or had successful Church programs in the past that you would like to share with other councils within the State, you may contact me via email at KofC6726GK@aol.com or at the phone number listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

In the month of August we commemorate the assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please remember to say an extra prayer for our Servicemen and Women overseas and ask for Mary's intercession to keep them safe and bring them home.

Vivat Jesu,

Jim Martin



From the Pro Life Chair Couple

Submitted by Jim and Bobbie St. Clair

Dear Brother Knights,

Some very important dates to put on your Councils' calendar: October 2, 2005 - Respect Life Sunday Life Chain in local areas. January 21, 2006 - Stand Up for Life March and Rally in Columbia. January 23, 2006 - Pro-Life March in Washington, DC.

This year the Respect Life committee of the State Council is sponsoring a contest between all Councils to promote participation in the pro-life rally in Columbia. Specific rules and details will be mailed to every Council. The basic format comprises the following: Two points will be given for participation by each Knight attending. One point will be given for each Knight's immediate family member that attends. Total points for attendance are proportionately adjusted UP for distance traveled between your council home and the Statehouse in Columbia. Mapquest will be the measuring device. Additional points will be awarded for Councils that have their Chaplin in attendance and that bring their banner for display on the Statehouse steps. Awards will be given at the Mid-year meeting in Greenville in February. Please make this a priority in your Council's calendar of events.

The State Council is also sponsoring a similar contest for the four Catholic High School's attending the pro-life rally in Columbia. If your council has one of the high schools in your home town, please support them in every way to participate in a prayerful way. This is a huge opportunity to promote a culture of life in their mentality. The witness they give and observe on the Statehouse steps is memorable and a gift to God.

As you have noticed, our nation is again debating the abortion issue in two significant ways — the nomination of a Supreme Court Justice (Judge John Roberts) by President Bush needs to be confirmed by the Senate. Anti-life Senators are opposing Judge Roberts confirmation on the basis of his stance on abortion. Because his stance is not public, they are attempting to discredit his outstanding credentials in a political way. Email or phone Senators DeMint and Graham and demand that they take a strong stance in support of this confirmation process. Demand that a vote be held to confirm up or down the nomination of Judge Roberts. Additionally, the Senate is about to vote on a bill that will mandate public funding (your money) to be used to experiment on human embryos that come from aborted babies. Senate bill, S.471 would mandate federal funding of research that requires the killing of human embryos. This horrifying process is morally wrong and will lead to further commercialize the "Abortion Industry". It is wrong to be forced by decree that your money be used to participate in the Frankenstein science. Adult stem cells and umbilical cord stem cells are sanctioned by the Church and have already produce

over 50 successes. Voice your support for this type of research. Conversely, embryonic stem cells have yet to produce a success. In fact, they are causing mutations and tumors. Here is the contact information:

Senator Lindsey Graham: Phone – (202)224-5972 E-mail - <http://lgraham.senate.gov/index.cfm?mode=contactformOldVersion>

Senator Jim DeMint: Phone – (202)224 -6121 E-mail - <http://demint.senate.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=Contact.Home>

Fraternally,

Jim & Bobbie St. Clair



Employment Opportunities

with the

Knights of Columbus

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CAREER SERVING YOUR BROTHER
KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES APPEALS
TO YOU THIS COULD BE THE CHANCE OF
A LIFE TIME.

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*GENEROUS BENEFITS

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

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part of what we are, "A Fraternal Order" to coin a phrase from Hollywood, 'A Band of Brothers'

The State council is planning regional meetings in October, to help you get past any problems you may be having and want to air out. These are not optional meetings, but are mandatory. These are primarily for Grand Knights and will not last more than four (4) hours. The Charity raffle tickets will be given out during these meetings. There are many areas in our State who desperately need our support through the charity drive.

How is the "PENNIES FROM HEAVEN" campaign going in your councils?

I would like to thank all of you who supported our membership drive last year and thank the five top recruiters:

- From council 7531 Victor Rivera and council 10668, John F. Boyle 22 new members each.
- Our newest Council's Grand Knight from council 13713, Joseph E. Gawronski, 15 new members,
- Council 6900, Edward Frederick, with 14
- Council 9184, Timothy B. Baker with 8 new members.

In total there were 225 recruiters who proposed 434 new members. Ask a parishioner to be a Knight; the next time you go to Mass, he may turn out to be your best friend.

It is time to start planning your "Fall Blitz" October is just around the corner.

We continue to lose members each month through suspensions. The councils, who this is happening too, must not have strong programs to keep their members occupied. Members who don't have a duty to perform will soon get disgruntled lose interest in council activities and leave. They will not tell you why they feel rejected. When you see a member sitting by himself he will be soon be on the way out.

You can change the attitude by providing good activities for your council. The State Directors are always willing to talk with you to help your council grow stronger. Utilize these men who want you to succeed.

As we prepare to see this summer end keep your families safe and remember they are your biggest treasure.

May Christ, continue to be the center of your lives,

Ray Hock,

State Deputy

**Health Services Byline**

*Submitted by Louis Umile Pulicicchio,
MD, MHSA*

"SHINGLES"

Recently, we've seen a number of clinical cases of post herpetic neuralgia and neuritis or Herpes Zoster Varicella virus cutaneous outbreaks. There were numerous questions and confusion relating to the very painful nature of this condition which frequently affects older patients (60 plus). Shingles is a clinical infection caused by the same virus that causes chicken pox. The real name of the chicken pox virus is, as noted above, HZV virus. You cannot develop shingles unless you've had a previous infection of chicken pox usually as a child.

On your recovery from HZV virus infection, the virus becomes dormant in the intercostals nerve roots. Due to changes in one's immunological system and other unknown factors the HZV virus can be reactivated causing the clinical picture of " shingles ". The chicken pox lesions follow the intercostal nerves roots forming a line from the back to the flank, and then to the abdomen. However, these sharp, burning lesions never cross the anterior mid line. Associated symptomatic symptoms can be fatigue, fever, chills, headache, and GI upset. A rash evolves over a week's time to pox blisters filled with a highly infectious fluid which later becomes filled with pus, and later they dry out and crust over.

After the crusts fall off, a residual pain is intermittently present. This pattern may persist for weeks to months long after the signs of the skin infection have resolved. This is the clinical picture of Post Herpetic Neuralgia. This is an area where you'll need the help of your medical physician and probably your local hospital.

Treatment variations available include topical treatments (anesthetic creams etc.), narcotic and nonnarcotic analgesics, anticonvulsants (neurontin), tricyclic anti depressants, various steroid combinations, sympathetic nerve blocks etc. Early use of antiviral agents (I.E. acyclovir) should be considered.

REMEMBER: There are numerous variations of this illness and numerous variations to help reduce the symptoms of shingles as well as to prevent reoccurrence. If you were exposed, see your physician.

LUPO





Patriot's Corner

*Submitted by Richard E. Koehler, PSD
District Master*

Exemplification

Now is the time to make plans to become a part of the 2006 Exemplification either as a candidate (new member to the fourth degree) or as a current Sir Knight. This event is billed as the largest Knights of Columbus social event of the year in South Carolina. It will take place at the Radisson Hotel in Columbia, which was formerly known as the Sheraton and then the Columbiana Hotel, on Broad River Road. Requirements for becoming a fourth degree member are very simple. First get a form 4 (membership document) from any Sir Knight (4th degree member) in your council. Fill it out and present it to a member of the Assembly you would like to join. Once you have done that let your proposer or an officer of the Assembly you will be joining give you the information and details you will need for the February Exemplification. Current requirements are that you be a member in the Knights of Columbus for one year and that you are a Third degree member at the time of your Exemplification.

At the Grand Knights workshop in Taylors I passed out to all the council's information for the 53rd Fourth Degree Exemplification which has just about all the information you need to know about the event. The honoree for this class will be Sir Knight Michael W. Telesco, PSD, FM.

Awards Program

Once again our district will sponsor four (4) award programs, they are:

- Sir Knight of the Year Award, due January 2006
- Essay Award, (Patriotic Theme), due April 2006
- Catholicity Award, due April 2006
- District Patriotic Award, due June 2006

The winner of the District Patriotic Award will be submitted to the Vice-Supreme Master for further recognition.

Civic Award Certificate for Assemblies who conduct at least four (4) Patriotic events during the fraternal year will be sent to the Master for distribution to Assemblies who submit their applications by June 30th each year.

Fraternally Yours,

Richard E. Koehler, PSD, Master
South Carolina District
DeSoto Province

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of Jerusalem.

Next year this great affair will be in Orlando, Florida, the year after in Nashville, Tennessee, and then Quebec City. If it is possible for any of you to go you will treasure the experience for life. It is well worth the effort and money.

AND, I can certify that Chicago was hotter than Charleston last week. I noticed in the paper there that on one day the weather section listed Charleston, S.C. at 88 and Chicago was about 97. But, it's a great city!

We are moving rapidly toward the fall and more activity in our councils. Remember, your brethren depend on you and you depend on them. God loves you all very much.

Fraternally,

The Rev. James Parker State Chaplain

From the Spanish Coordinator

Worthy State Deputy Raymond Hock, State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and fellow members.

It was nice to see so many friendly faces at the meeting in Taylors, and have the opportunity to talk with some grand knights, about the Spanish population that is growing every day.

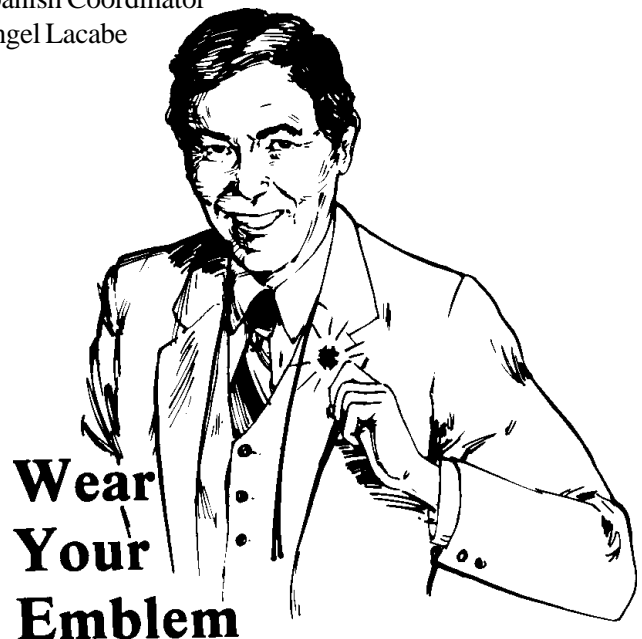
Last Sunday I was in Ward attending the mass in Spanish with the district deputy Charles Spainhour we had a very good response. We hope that in the near future a round table can be established.

I will attend the second degree in Conway. I was invited by the worthy grand knight Dan Smith. It will be the first time in the state that there will be a second degree in Spanish. There are 20 candidates that will take the second degree, congratulations, That is the spirit!

Viva Jesus

Spanish Coordinator

Angel Lacabe



From the Council Director

There is a new statewide competition that is starting this year for Council Newsletters. All Councils are encouraged to participate by sending a copy of their newsletter to the State Council Director, and a copy of their mailing list showing the distribution of their newsletter. It's very easy to participate and also gives your Council an opportunity to inform the State Council Director of activities in the council. You should send a copy of your newsletter to the address below, and ask your Grand Knight for the competition guidelines that were given out at the Grand knights training/meeting on the 23rd of July. The deadline for submission is February 1 2006. Be sure to enter your council newsletter as everyone has an equal chance to win regardless of council size.

Various councils throughout the state hold Golf Tournaments that have been a successful means of raising money for council projects and programs. It takes a lot of organizing and solicitation of companies in the area, but the benefits are worth it. **Council 5086 in Myrtle Beach** raises money for a scholarship and **Council 11991 in Goose Creek** makes donations to the church building fund. There are a lot of other ways to raise donations or funds for activities, and if you know of any, let me know, we all need new ideas to keep the good works funded.

Operation Hope is upon us and the Chairman should be getting volunteers and places to do the tootsie roll drive. Remember most businesses don't mind your presence as long as it's not difficult for their customers and you treat everyone with respect. It's also a good time to advertise your presence in the community by displaying the K of C logo on hats, shirts, signs, banners or even buckets. Advertising your good works also brings in members, don't forget to have a few form 100's on hand.

If your council has an activity that you feel would be of interest to other councils and you would like to be recognized for, or just one that has worked well for you, please contact me at gordon_stevenson@comcast.net, or call 843-572-8967. I welcome all suggestions.

Gordon Stevenson
314 Gray Fox Lane
Goose Creek, SC 29445



From The Youth Activities Director

By now most councils will have identified their Directors and major projects chairmen, and have a pretty good idea of which programs will be conducted this fraternal year. I would like to hear from the Youth Director of each council, briefly listing the youth programs he will be coordinating. Particularly please let me know if your council will participate in the Free Throw Championships, the Soccer Challenge and the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest. Of course I am interested in brief descriptions of other Youth programs that I can share with the state.

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

If you are going to run this program in your council you can get the **free** kit from Supreme **now** by sending in the order blank in the Council Report Forms Booklet or by going to www.kofc.org.

More FREE kits for Youth Programs from Supreme
Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest: Supreme recommends that you order your kits between September 1 and October 31. Poster Contest Kit Order Forms are available in the Council Report Forms Booklet and on the web at www.kofc.org.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships: Supreme recommends that you order your kits before early November. Free Throw Championship Kit Order Forms are available in the Council Report Forms Booklet and on the web at www.kofc.org.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest "The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society": This kit should be available now and is also available at www.kofc.org.

Fraternally,

Don Vennergrund, 128 Brian Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29307.
Phone: (864) 579-2482, E-mail ddvenner@bellsouth.net,



From the Family Activities Director

Congratulations to Jerry and Nancy Socha, Council 8980, Garden City for being selected as a winner for the June 2005 random drawing held at Supreme Council Office from the many nominees submitted by councils throughout the order. Of the 58 councils in South Carolina, only 36% (highest month – some as low as 21%) submit a Family of the Month report to Supreme. If you have questions about whether your councils paperwork was received by Supreme get in touch with me as I can provide that information (my current list is as of June 2005).

Again I ask you to keep me advised of the family activities that your council has planned. Sometimes council members may want to visit a nearby council event and this newsletter is a great way to provide that information. Anyone in the upstate who is interested in attending the Father/Daughter dance sponsored by Council 10819, Simpsonville, please contact the Grand Knight, Bill Leverette or myself. The dance is scheduled for 17 September in the parish family center, St Mary Magdalene Church, Woodruff Road, Simpsonville.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Alford

Director Family Activities

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The first Eucharistic Congress was held in 1881 under Pope Leo XIII. 48 congresses have been organized by the Papal Committee for Eucharistic Congresses to increase devotion to the Eucharist as a part of the practice of faith, and as a public witness of faith to society at large.

In addition to periodic Vatican-sponsored International Eucharistic Congresses, Catholic organizations are encouraged by the Church to hold national events when possible. The Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Congresses are a response to this call and the 2005 event was cosponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Aug. 5 event included benediction and a homily by Cardinal George.

An associate of Pope Benedict XVI's was among the featured speakers at the Eucharistic Congress. Dominican Father J. Augustine DiNoia, an undersecretary at the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, spoke on the congress theme, "Sacrament of Unity, Sacrament of Charity." Father DiNoia worked with Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger before his election as pope.

The congress was part of the Order's yearlong observance with the Church of the Year of the Eucharist proclaimed by Pope John Paul II and affirmed by Pope Benedict upon his election. Other presenters were Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, superior of the Sisters of Life; Margaret McCarthy, an assis-

tant professor of theology at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington, and Michael and Karen Splonskowski, the Order's 2003 International Family of the Year, from Fargo, N.D.

Eucharistic congresses have been held periodically since 1881, when the first such event was held in Lille, France, as part of an effort to renew the faith of Catholics. The Knights of Columbus has sponsored two previous congresses, in 2002 and 2003, both held in Washington, D.C.

Vote by Board of Directors Will Lead to First European Councils



Fourth Degree Knights lead the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Warsaw.

The Knights of Columbus will establish councils in Europe for the first time ever, when it begins accepting members in Poland later this year, Supreme

Knight Carl A. Anderson announced Tuesday, Aug. 2.

The 1.7 million members of the Knights of Columbus are currently established in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, the Philippines, Guam and Saipan.

Speaking to the assembled delegates at the 123rd annual Supreme Council meeting in Chicago, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson noted: "Cardinal [Józef] Glemp, Cardinal [Francizek] Macharski of Krakow and Archbishop [Stanislaw] Dziwisz of Krakow have invited us to bring the Knights of Columbus to Poland. Yesterday, our board of directors voted that we should do so."

The establishment of councils in Poland will be the first for the Knights of Columbus in Europe. It was 100 years ago, in 1905, that councils were first established in Mexico and the Philippines.

Anderson also praised Poland as the most appropriate place for the Knights of Columbus to enter Europe: "It is a country where the Catholic faith is strong, and it stands out in a Europe where religious practice has been in decline," he said.

In June 2005, the Knights of Columbus provided an honor guard for the Eucharistic Congress in Warsaw at the invitation of Cardinal Glemp, the archbishop of Warsaw. Archbishop Dziwisz is to be installed as archbishop of Krakow on Aug. 27, succeeding Cardinal Macharski.

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