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South Carolina K of C License Plates

Brother Knights,

During the last term of office as State Deputy, Roosevelt Cummings, inquired of you at a meeting if there would be interest in obtaining license plates for the Knights of Columbus. Almost every one indicated their desire to have one of these license plates.

From that meeting a committee was formed headed up by our State Treasurer, Joe Gubeli, to put forth an effort for you to express your favor in this effort. To date only 24 knights of the 7,400 plus, have responded. The committee indicated a cut-off time limit of one year for this endeavor. It has been one year, which the state has been promoting this sale of, "South Carolina Knight of Columbus License Plates". The Worthy State Deputy has asked me to extend the deadline, until the first of March 2006. Please fill out an application for Special License Plate (See page 9) and mail it to Joseph F. Gubeli Jr. 214 Basswood Ave Summerville, SC. 29483-4450 along with a check make out to Knights of Columbus State Council.

If we do not receive a total of 400 requests for the K of C State plate, we will be forced to refund the monies to those who have paid and filled out their Form, for the South Carolina Knight of Columbus License Plate. This will conclude the thought of having, or even applying for approval of a Knights of Columbus State Plate.

Joseph F. Gubeli Jr.

State Treasurer



SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

December 2005

25 Christ's Birthday - Worldwide

January 2006

14 3rd Degree - Council 10668, Hilton Head Island

15 Form 1728 Due

20 ICC Report Due

21 Stand Up for Life March and Rally - Columbia

23 Pro Life March - Washington, D.C.

29 3rd Degree - Council 6847, E. Columbia

February 2006

District Free Throw Contests

1 Drug Abuse Poster Contest Deadline

1 Safe Harbor Program Deadline

4 Mid Year Organization Meeting - Taylors

4 Charity Banquet/Raffle - Taylors

15 Form 1295 Due

24-26 4th Degree Exemplification - Columbia

March 2006

15 State Individual and Service Program Award Nominations Deadline

18 State Basketball Free throw Contest - TBA

25 Day of the Unborn Child

25 3rd Degree, Council 8182, Mauldin

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From The State Deputy

Brother Knights,

May the joys of this Christmas season bring you and your families the peace of knowing that the Child Jesus born into our lives and will remain with you throughout your life.

The Child Jesus, is the best gift we could ever want and the only gift we will ever need,

Family traditions are special, especially around the Christmas holidays. Some of us celebrate by having parties and exchanging gifts, some by giving secret gifts to their friends and loved ones and some because of the ceremonies we have within our Councils and Assemblies. Councils and Assemblies have Christmas tree lighting ceremonies; gather around their trees praying for peace in the world and joy throughout the world.

When your Council brings in new members and you join in welcoming them at the end of the degree, you are giving of your self (A Special gift) and allowing these men to experience the council family and a little bit of the season of Christmas.

Remember your parish priest during the holidays. They are like us and want to be a part of the family. Drop them a card or, give them something special, surprise them by inviting them home to dinner. You would be surprised how many would accept an invitation to enjoy a meal with you.

The gift of membership in our Order would be a gift that could continue throughout the life of someone. Maybe, you could pay the initiation fee as your gift to a new member. What better way to start the New Year with a first degree and your first member in 2006.

Trudy and I want you to know that we will be praying especially for you and your families throughout the Christmas season and would like to share this prayer with you as our gift to each of you as you and yours prepare to celebrate Christ birth. God Bless You

We asked the Lord to bless you, as we prayed for you today. To guide you and protect you as you go along your way...

His love is always with you. His promises are true, you know in all our struggles He will see us through

So when the road you're traveling seems difficult at best take a moment, say a prayer and God will do the rest

May the joys of this Christmas season and the Hope of a New Year, bring you and your families, peace!

Ray Hock, State Deputy



From The State Chaplain

Well, here we are in the Month of the Christ Child, the Month of the Nativity, the Month of CHRISTMAS. O goodness! Have I said something un-American? If you have read the press and seen the TV news lately you know that the legal federal holiday always called Christmas is under attack by the ACLU and people who have few values. We are being told that separation of Church and State means that the state should be able to suppress religion. We are not told by the ACLU and other strange thinking people what FREEDOM OF RELIGION means in America.

Christians are not trying to suppress the freedom of any religion to make a public witness. All we ask is to live our Christian witness as Americans and as our Founding Fathers intended. "Merry Christmas!" is our greeting for the season. We should not have to hide that and make out like there is some sort of secular holiday this month. Jesus Christ is God who became a man of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was born into our world 2005 years ago. That is an historical fact. We should not have to hide the belief we have in that historical occasion. Merry Christmas!

Now, a word about Christmas. Advent is the Church's four week period when she calls us to pause in the rush of life to realize what expectation really is. Advent is a sort of little Old Testament in our lives when we reflect on the promise of a Messiah and the centuries of expectation until He came. The religion of the Jews is God's revealed truth. The Catholic religion is the fullness of the fulfillment of the Promise to the Jews that a Messiah will come to redeem us from the problem of original sin of which we learn from Adam's fall. "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head." And on Christmas the seed is brought forth as our Messiah, Jesus Christ. Redemption is assured. Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!

The Rev. James Parker
State Chaplain



From the Membership Director

Jack Cavagnaro, PGK State Membership and Retention Director

Thanks to the results of our Fall Blitzes and the leadership of our District Deputies, we had a banner month of November with 63 new brothers joining us and only 2 suspended. This leaves us at 104 net new brothers year-to-date, equivalent to 31% of our annual quota. Since we are now 42% of the year complete, you can see that we still have some catching up to do. Again, due to the Fall Blitzes, prospects are very good for December and January. I'm looking forward to seeing where we stand in 30-60 days.

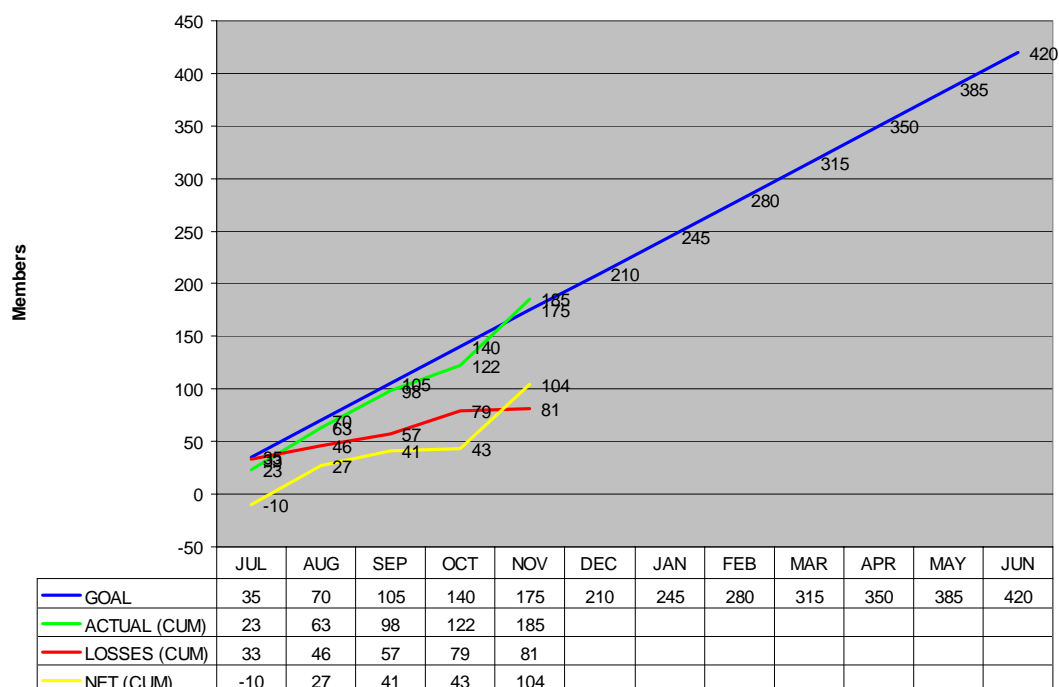
Although we still have 15 councils which have yet to sponsor, and an additional 4 which are running negative due to suspensions, it is especially encouraging to see many of our smaller councils, 30-50 members, moving forward with recruiting and sponsoring. New members are the very life blood of our order because they spread the work load and bring us new ideas which revitalize us. This is why every Grand Knight and council officer has an obligation to be membership conscious and follow up with his membership chairman to be sure that he and his committee are working the lists and have pro-active programs in place to increase our ranks. Even 1 new member is a cause for rejoicing, but for smaller councils especially, each new member gives us a small step forward to insure our survival and then move on to our future growth. We need to have

a line of succession, so that the same few brothers that have been providing leadership and doing all the work, get a break. Remember that every council that now has over 200 members, once started out with 30 or 40.

Please keep 3 things in mind as you look ahead to 2006. One, use your field agent, not only to help you sell insurance, but to be a vital part of your recruiting efforts. These men are all professional salesmen, in addition to being brother knights, and several have held positions of leadership at the council and state level which makes them well suited to tell your prospects why becoming a knight is an experience of a lifetime. Two, make every effort to control your losses. In the long run, make sure new members are involved and working from day one. In the short run, bring them in before you let them go, and be sure that every effort possible has been made by you and your Retention committee to save each and every delinquent. It is inevitable that we will lose some, but delinquent dues, in itself, is not sufficient reason to suspend. Make him tell you that he no longer qualifies or wishes to be a knight. And Three, be sure to plan a Spring Blitz or it's equivalent for March or early April. Results this fall offer overwhelming evidence in the value of the blitz for reaching large numbers at once and increasing our ranks dramatically in the short term. May you and your loved ones enjoy a blessed and safe Christmas season and a healthy and productive New Year as we continue our discipleship as brother knights.

Vivat Jesus! Jack Cavagnaro, State Membership Chairman

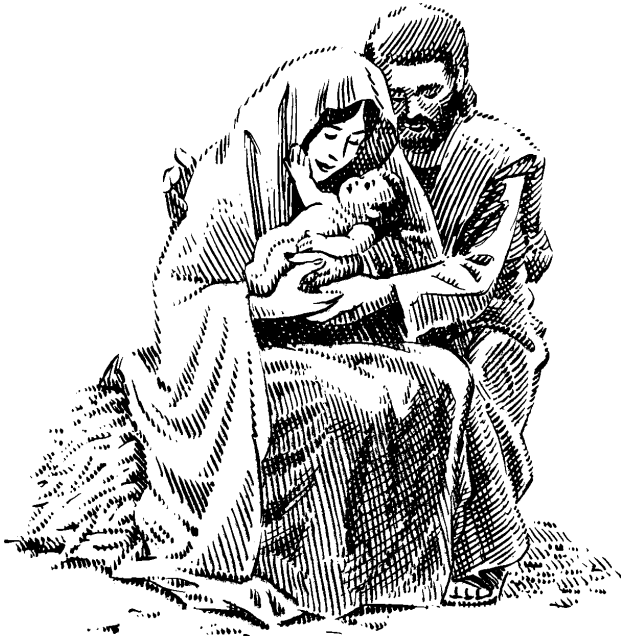
Membership



From the State Ceremonials Chairman

Michael W. Telesco, PSD

Phyllis and I wish all of you and your families a very merry and holy Christmas and extend our best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

with the

Knights of Columbus

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AGENCY
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KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES APPEALS
TO YOU THIS COULD BE THE CHANCE OF
A LIFE TIME.

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

First Degree Standings

As of December 8, 2005

MICHAEL W. TELESKO, PSD, STATE CEREMONIAL CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT	COUNCIL	CITY	GOAL	ACTUAL	% of GOAL
1	5026	BEAUFORT	6	1	16.67%
	7289	HILTON HEAD	5		0.00%
	10668	HILTON HEAD	6	2	33.33%
	12263	BLUFTON	6	2	33.33%
MIKA	DD #1		23	5	21.74%
2	2207	SUMTER	6	2	33.33%
	6847	E. COLUMBIA	6	3	50.00%
	9672	CAMDEN	4	1	25.00%
	12554	COLUMBIA	5	2	40.00%
	13713	BLYTHEWOOD	0		0.00%
Nix	DD #2		21	8	38.10%
4	3684	AIKEN	6	2	33.33%
	7062	N. AUGUSTA	5	1	20.00%
	9161	BARWNELL	4	1	25.00%
	11645	EDGEFIELD	4	1	25.00%
SPAINHOUR	DD #4		19	5	26.32%
5	6629	SUMMERVILLE	6		0.00%
	8502	WALTERBORO	4		0.00%
	8900	N. CHARLESTON	5	2	40.00%
	10334	CHARLESTON	5	1	20.00%
	11910	SUMMERVILLE	5	3	60.00%
KRAMP	DD #5		25	6	24.00%
6	6684	SENECA	6	2	33.33%
	7129	GREENWOOD	5		0.00%
	8295	ANDERSON	5		0.00%
	9576	PICKENS	5		0.00%
PATTEN	DD #6		21	2	9.52%
7	724	COLUMBIA	6		0.00%
	6891	ORANGEBURG	4		0.00%
	6892	IRMO	5	1	20.00%
	11325	LEXINGTON	5		0.00%
SANSONETTI	DD #7		20	1	5.00%
8	1668	GREENVILLE	6		0.00%
	8182	MAULDIN	5	2	40.00%
	9745	GREENVILLE	4		0.00%
	10819	SIMPSONVILLE	6	5	83.33%
	13112	GREENVILLE	4	1	25.00%
ROBERTSON	DD #8		25	8	32.00%
9	704	CHARLESTON	6	1	16.67%
	6250	JAMES ISLAND	5	2	40.00%
	9475	MT. PLEASANT	6	2	33.33%
	12472	CHARLESTON	5	1	20.00%
URBANIC	DD #9		22	6	27.27%
10	6756	ROCK HILL	6		0.00%
	10066	LANCASTER	4		0.00%
	12268	YORK	4	1	25.00%
	12366	FORT MILL	5		0.00%
Pfzenmayer	DD #10		19	1	5.26%
11	3067	GEORGETOWN	5		0.00%
	5086	MYR. BEACH	6	3	50.00%
	7531	CONWAY	5	4	80.00%
	8980	GARDEN CITY	6	1	16.67%
	11028	PAWLEYS ISL	6	1	16.67%
McMahon	DD #11		28	9	32.14%
12	5194	FLORENCE	5	2	40.00%
	7122	N.M. BEACH	6	4	66.67%
	8123	HARTSVILLE	4		0.00%
	8790	MARION DILLON	4		0.00%
	10867	CHERAW	4	1	25.00%
Barcomb	DD #12		23	7	30.43%
13	6726	HANAHANG C	6	1	16.67%
	6900	CITADEL	4	1	25.00%
	11471	MONCKSCOR.	4	2	50.00%
	11991	GOOSE CREEK	6	4	66.67%
Sordelet	DD #13		20	8	40.00%
14	6076	SPARTANBURG	5	2	40.00%
	9184	TAYLORS	6	1	16.67%
	9575	SPARTANBURG	6	1	16.67%
	12274	GREER	4	2	50.00%
	12995	GAFFNEY	4	1	25.00%
Stanley	DD #14		25	7	28.00%
TOTAL			291	73	25.09%

From the Family Activities Director

James O. Alford

Greetings and Merry Christmas from Pauline and myself. As the Family Director I would like to extend from me and my wife Pauline a sincere wish for a most holy and happy holiday season as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Ron Cleveland from Council 13112, Greenville reports that "A Knight with the Oldies" dance is over but not forgotten. Ron reports that the dance was not only a financial success for helping Seminarians and other charities but was a huge success socially. Guest dressed in their rolled jeans/t-shirts and poodle skirts danced away in the 50-60's atmosphere. Much to the surprise of guest Janice Messer, her special Knight, Jim Teixeira knelt down and proposed to her. She accepted and they after their special dance, others joined in and danced the night away with Disk Jockey Bob Ross. A special congratulations to Jim and Janice of St Mary's parish and heartfelt thanks to all that came to this event. Ron sends a special thanks to those who donated but were unable to attend. The Knights are always grateful for your support. If you missed this one, be alert, the Knights of council 13112 plan to turn the clock back again next year.

Do not forget. Send me reports on you family activities. Always remember, Keep "Christ" in Christmas and have a holy and happy holiday season.



Health Services Byline

*Submitted by Louis Umile Pulicicchio,
MD, MHSA*

"The Bugs Are Fighting Back"

Recently, the current medical literature has been reporting numerous articles concerning infectious organisms changing, evolving, mutating, and slowly adapting and becoming resistant to the usual way of treating and using antimicrobials. These infectious organisms include the classic bacterial lot, plus a whole host of large and small viruses, prions, etc. with a resulting increased morbidity and mortality. The top human killers remain tuberculosis, malaria, and schistosoma infections.

The classic signs and symptoms of infections, however, remain the same, namely, fever, redness, swelling, pain, and organ dysfunction. These signs and symptoms should signal and alert us that various organisms are causing a systemic response via what we call an infection. (An infection is further defined as bacteria and other organisms growing in normally sterile tissue).

Once it starts, timing response is the most important therapeutic variable. The earlier the diagnosis is made and treatment begins the better. Prompt early management of the source of the infection is the cornerstone of sepsis treatment.

Use your physician's experience and call for advice. He/she has a full diagnostic bag of tricks to isolate, grow, and identify the organism and to test it for sensitivity to various antimicrobials for the correct antibiotic therapy, to do surgical drainage (if necessary), to physiologically monitor the patient and to provide the appropriate ventilatory support, to use the right anti-inflammatory agents, etc.

REMEMBER: Every infection is potentially serious, so don't wait to prove the point. Use your physician's experience!

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From the Spanish Coordinator

WORTHY STATE DEPUTY RAYMOND HOCK. STATE OFFICERS, DISTRICT DEPUTIES, GRAND KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS KNIGHTS, WITH GREAT PLEASURE I WISH TO ALL OF YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

GOD BLESS YOU

VIVA JESUS

SPANISH COORDINATOR

ANGEL LACABE





Patriot's Corner

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

INFORMATION ON EXEMPLIFICATION

As you all know our exemplification is scheduled for February 24, 25 & 26, 2006 at the Columbiana Hotel and Conference Center, soon to be called the Radisson Hotel on Bush River Road, Columbia, SC. I have just received word that the "A" section of the hotel will not be ready in time for our exemplification. This will affect 78 rooms that are booked by our members. Ms. Randi Sullivan has made arrangements with Courtyard by Marriott for 78 rooms at \$74.00 plus tax, which includes continental breakfast. The Courtyard is located just a short way from the Radisson. I am working with Ms. Sullivan on obtaining a shuttle bus to run from the Courtyard to the hotel for the major events of the day. Areas that will not be affected by the renovations are the "B" and "C" sections. Most of the hospitality will be located in these sections and not affected. By the time you read this I will have contacted all the Navigators with detail information on adjusting for this unexpected inconvenience. In the mean time if any Sir Knight would like to move there reservation from the hotel to the Courtyard, please call Ms. Randi Sullivan at 1-803-744-0140.

Other reminders about the exemplification:

Candidate Fee: &65.00 – Priest: \$40.00. This includes one banquet ticket, Social Baldrick and Fourth Degree lapel pin. Assemblies should take care of the fees and accommodations for the priests. These fees cannot be waived. Deadline: Tuesday, January 24, 2006. Banquet Fee: \$40.00. Dress Attire: Formal.

Reservations, listings and payments are to be sent to SK Joseph F. Gubeli, Jr., District Secretary: 214 Basswood Ave., Summerville, SC 29483-4450, Phone: 843-871-2158, Fax: 843-871-7252. Please make all checks payable to "Richard E. Koehler, Master K of C Fourth Degree."

Required Dress: **BLACK TUXEDO WITH PLAIN WHITE SHIRT, BLACK SOCKS AND SHOES. No White Gloves.**

All candidates should be reminded that they must purchase another ticket for their wife/guest. This is not included in their fee.

If you have any questions or concerns about the exemplification, please call Joseph Gubeli, Ronald Povero or myself.

DON'T FORGET

Items needed; Annual Survey Report, due no later than January 31, 2006 and Sir Knight of the Year nominations due, January 2006.

With the Advent Season upon us Linda and I would like to ask each of you to keep the first 6 letters of Christmas in mind.

The reason for the season is our Blessed Savior's birth.

Faternally,

Richard E. Koehler, Master
SC District, DeSoto Province

From the Church Director

December is the month of Advent – the beginning of the Church Year. It is the time to prepare our minds and hearts for the coming of Christmas – the day that celebrates the birth of our Lord. Christmas becomes a very stressful time with all the shopping for gifts for family, friends and relatives. TV and newspaper advertisements are intended to draw you into the stores and shopping centers where the retailers are looking to extract every cent they possibly can from you. When you become overwhelmed by it all, stop and think about what the season is REALLY about. Stop by your Parish Church, sit down and relax with HIM. Wish Him a Happy Birthday. Let him have all your troubles and he will give you the most perfect gift - His Grace and Peace. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember to keep "Christ in Christmas." Also remember to keep our Servicemen and Women overseas in your thoughts and prayers during this season and pray especially for their safety and speedy return.

The ICON Madonna of South Carolina is making its way around the State of South Carolina visiting Council Homes and Churches. During the month of December it will be visiting the following Councils: 8123 Hartsville, 5194 Florence, 8790 Marion/Dillon, 7531 Conway, and 7122 North Myrtle Beach. Welcome her into your homes and hearts.

Grand Knights, DGKs, Church Directors. What are you doing, or what have you done, to commemorate the year of the Eucharist? There will be a special award for the best program at the State Convention. Submit your programs to me. My address is listed in the State Directory.

Vivat Jesu,

Jim Martin



From The Youth Activities

Director

1st State Council Soccer Challenge a Success!

The temperature was just above freezing when the Council/District Champions bravely assembled at the Irmo Recreation Field on Saturday December 10. Some were soon wearing mud badges of honor as the frosty wet grass let enthusiastic feet get ahead of bodies. But all competed and enjoyed the competition.

Thanks to DDs Jim Sansonetti and Johnny Nix for their efforts. Their Districts 2 and 7 co-hosted the event. The Fourth Degree Honor Guard posted the colors, impressively awing the youngsters and their parents. State Deputy Ray Hock and Trudy, State Secretary Bob Ficco and Ronnie, and State Advocate Tom Monahan attended and assisted.

The State Champions are:

Andrew Anderson, 10, Council 5194, District 12, 190 pts.

Brody Albergotti, 11, Council 6891, District 7, 90 pts.

Claire Capelle, 11, Council 10819, District 8, 165 pts.

Michael Bouchette, 12, Council 6891, District 7, 155 pts.

Zachary Robinson, 13, Council 6891, District 7, 200 pts.

Jenny Troutman, 13, Council 6891, District 7, 130 pts.

Ronnie Goodwin, 14, Council 6891, District 7, 110 pts.

We congratulate these champions. Thanks also to all the councils that took on this program with such short notice. I know that many more of you will conduct the Soccer Challenge in your councils and districts next year. Hopefully technical problems at Supreme will be resolved and program kits will be distributed on time for the 2006 Soccer Challenge.

The scores of the State Champions were submitted to Supreme for international competition.

Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Poster Contest

I hope all the councils planning to conduct this program have requested, and received the free kits from Supreme.

It is open to all boys and girls ages 8 to 14. Competition is in one of two categories (alcohol or drug abuse) and two age groups (8-11 or 12-14). Each council can then have as many as four winners. The winning council posters and properly completed entry forms must be in my hands by February 1, 2006. There will be no District judging. A panel of judges will select the State Council winners at the Mid-year Organization meeting February 4, 2006.

Small cash awards may be given to poster contest winners at the council level. The state winners will receive plaques and \$50 checks. Their posters are submitted to Supreme for international competition.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

Order our free kits from Supreme for this program.

It is open to all boys and girls ages 10 to 14. Councils can then send 10 winners to District Championships. Council champi-

onships should be in January. District competitions will be in February.

The properly completed entry forms of each District winner, showing both council and district scores must be in my hands by March 15, 2006. The State Council Free Throw Championships will be hosted by Columbia Council 12554 at St. Joseph's Catholic School starting at 10:00 AM Saturday March 18, 2006.

Cash awards should not be given to winners of this program. District winners will receive medals available from Supreme. District Deputies must request these medal. State Council winners will receive trophies. The scores of the winners at the State Championships will be submitted to Supreme for international competition.

Fraternally,

Don Vennergrund, 128 Brian Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29307.

Phone: (864) 579-2482,

E-mail ddvenner@bellsouth.net

Spartanburg Knights in Christmas Parade

Members of the Knights of Columbus Councils 6076 and 9575 joined forces to participate in Spartanburg's Christmas parade on November 25. The Knights sponsored the Special Olympics Float and marched before and beside the float, accompanied by members of Assembly 1655 in full regalia. The Assembly furnished a Color Guard and emphasized the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas". Special Athletes, representing Upstate Area 12 from Spartanburg, Union and Cherokee Counties occupied the float.



From the Pro Life Chair Couple

The Annual Stand Up for Life March and Rally in Columbia is rapidly approaching. This year's event begins at 11:00 a.m. on January 21, 2006. The State Council is sponsoring a Contest which will award a beautiful plaque to the local Council who brings the most Members and family members to Columbia. The featured guest speaker is Susanne Schindler Vitadamo. Susanne speaks from the depth of a heart broken by the court-ordered killing of her disabled sister, Terri Schindler Schiavo, in Florida last March. Yet, sustained by her deep faith in God, Mrs. Vitadamo has pledged to spend the rest of her life working to protect disabled and other medically vulnerable people from being tortured to death by court-ordered thirst as was her sister Terri.



- 11:00 a.m. Line up for the march, USC Russell House, Greene Street
- 11:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus 4th Deg. Honor Guard lead marchers to the South Carolina State House.
- Noon Rally begins at the State House steps, Gervais Street side.

Remember to bring your Council's banner to the Rally.

Form up with all the other Knights at the USC Russell House on Greene St. at 11:00 a.m. The Knight who carries the Council's banner will stand on the State House steps behind Bishop Baker. Each Grand Knight or his designated representative should **register** at the Kof C contest table next to the Ben Tillman statue in front of the State House.

Upcoming event: Pro-Life Rally in Washington DC, January 23, 2006. Contact Jim & Bobbie if you are interested in going to this outstanding pilgrimage & protest.

Upcoming event: The Day of the Unborn Child will be March 25, 2006. More information next month.

Our new project selling "Choose Life" magnetic ribbons has been a great success so far. These ribbons can be easily affixed to your automobile to initiate meaningful thought about the culture of life. They do not harm your car's paint and can be removed simply by lifting it off. As an added bonus, the heart can be removed and used as a refrigerator magnet. They send a great message to the driver behind you while you are standing still at a red light. The cost is \$1.07 each plus postage. Please email us or call so your Council can sell them for the benefit of the charity of your choice...perhaps Birth-



right or a local crisis pregnancy center. The "Support Our Troops" ribbons usually sell for \$5 to \$8 each. We suggest \$3 for the "Choose Life" ribbons. They sell like hotcakes and the initial response by the Councils has been outstanding!! We have more ribbons! Contact us at: stclair33@bellsouth.net or (803) 425-0340.

Seventh Medical Organization Affirms Abortion-Breast Cancer Link.



According to a December 7, 2005 LifeNews.com article, "MaterCare International, an international group of OBGYNs, has become the seventh medical organization to affirm the link between abortion and breast cancer. The organization says it's

disappointed that groups like the National Cancer Institute has misled women about the research on the subject. Dr. R. L. Walley, an Obstetrics and Gynecology research professor, said MaterCare was first presented with information about the link at its October 2004 conference. 'The medical explanation and the epidemiological evidence convinced our group that there is a significant increase in breast cancer risk after induced abortion, especially before the first full term pregnancy,' Walley explained.

Dr. Walley said some studies have been conducted in an effort to cast doubt on the link, which has been found in most research conducted on abortion's link to breast cancer. Those studies 'have serious methodological weaknesses and flaws and therefore do not invalidate the conclusion that there is an increased risk of breast cancer,' he explained.

Walley said his group is concerned that women are not being informed by abortion centers before they have abortions that breast cancer is a real possibility following an abortion. 'This evidence has been denied by the U.S. National Cancer Institute (NCI) and other researchers,' he explained. 'Women have a basic right to know of this increased risk of breast cancer and it is unacceptable that the information should be denied to them by the medical and cancer research establishments,' he said."

God bless all of you this Christmas season for everything you have done to protect the sanctity of Life.

Fraternally, Jim & Bobbie



South Carolina Department of Public Safety
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE

MV-95
Revised
12-02

To Apply:

1. Indicate the plate you desire and complete the application information.
2. Provide any required certifications and fees. (See the back of this form for a complete list of requirements.)
3. Mail your application to S.C. Department of Public Safety, P.O. Box 1498, Columbia, S.C. 29216-0008.
 - DMV Special Plates can be viewed by visiting the DMV website at www.scdps.org/dmv.
 - The plates are for cars/light trucks with an empty weight of 6,000 lbs. or less, but not licensed to haul over 9,000 lbs.
 - Depending on your present expiration date, an updated tax receipt and additional fees may be required.
 - Some applications for special plates must be mailed to the Department.
 - If you no longer meet the requirements for the special plate, you must return it to your local DMV office.
- Registration Fees are as follows:
 - Passenger Cars - \$24.00
 - Light Trucks GVW Fees
 - 0001-4000 \$30.00
 - 4001-5000 \$40.00
 - 5001-6000 \$60.00
 - 6001-7000 \$70.00
 - 7001-8000 \$80.00
 - 8001-9000 \$90.00
- Senior Citizen Fees are as follows: Cars - \$20.00 (age 65) \$22.00 (age 64)
Light trucks with a GVW of no more than 6,000 lbs. fees are \$30.00.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Type of Special Plate Requested		Total Fees Included with Application \$	
If you are requesting a College or University Plate, specify school:			
Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Street Address			
Mailing Address			
City	State	Zip Code	(Area Code) Telephone Number
Vehicle Identification Number		Make	Year License Number
Do you wish to donate \$1.00 to the Gift of Life Trust Fund? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Amount \$			

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare this vehicle is insured with the company named below and I will maintain liability insurance throughout the registration period.

Name of Insurance Company _____

CERTIFICATION

I certify all information provided in this application is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant _____

DMV USE ONLY

Check No. _____ Amount \$ _____ Plate No. _____ Clerk Initials _____

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