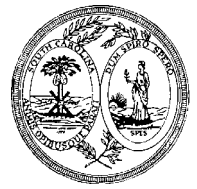




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Convention Advertising

My Fellow Brothers,

The State Convention Committee is in the process of collecting material for the State Convention Program. I need all Grand Knights to forward me their patron list, list of deceased members, and advertisements as soon as possible. We had hoped to receive all of this information by March 15th, but since final layout won't take place until approximately April 1st you still have plenty of time to get me this information.

Patron List-This list is included in the State Convention Packet and is basically a list of all members who have contributed \$5 in order to become a patron. I greatly encourage all GKs to get as many patrons as possible. The individual cost per member is minimal, but shows your support for our convention. I have received lists from the following councils;

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| 1. 704 | 3. 5026 |
| 2. 9475 | 4. 7062 |

Deceased Members List- This list consists of all brothers who have died since the last state convention and I have received lists from the following councils;

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|---------|---------|
| 1. 704 | 6. 9475 |
| 2. 9575 | 7. 724 |
| 3. 7062 | 8. 6884 |
| 4. 5086 | 9. 8182 |
| 5. 9184 | |

Advertisements- We are still in need of more ads. I greatly encourage ALL councils to participate, individually or collectively with other councils in your district. So far I have received ads from the following councils and/or districts:

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|----------|-----------------|
| 1. 12263 | 7. 9475 |
| 2. 7531 | 8. 704 |
| 3. 6629 | 9. 7062 |
| 4. 3684 | 10. 9184 |
| 5. 12472 | 11. District 11 |
| 6. 6250 | 12. District 14 |

If any council is having trouble building a camera ready ad, but would like to participate I will build a 1/4, 1/2 or full page ad for you. Simply email me your council name, number, city and a list of your officers. Please include the size of the ad you would like 1/4-\$50, 1/2-\$90 and Full-\$145, and send a check made out to SC K of C State Convention to:

Steve Vettel
1939 North Trinity Drive
Charleston, SC 29407

Thank you for your support to our State Council and to our Order!

God bless, Steve Vettel, GK 704

SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

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

April 2006

- 1 Convention Delegate/Registration/Ads Deadline
- 1 ICC Final Report Deadline

May 2006

- 5-7 State Convention at Sheraton Hotel in North Charleston
- 21 3rd Degree, Council 2207, Sumter

June 2006

- 3 3rd Degree, Council 11991, Goose Creek
- 15 Form 185 Due
- 24-26 DD Workshop - TBA
- 30 Forms 2630 & SP 7 Deadline



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From The State Deputy

Brother Knights,

The eyes of March are upon us and everyone is busy writing their reports preparing for the 85th Convention to be held in North Charleston at the Sheraton Hotel.

The convention committee continues planning for our arrival making sure that as our host we will be impressed by their hospitality.

Hey, don't forget your goal to obtain the "STAR" award, for your council. "Experience of a Life time" is a theme we use and can be the start of a new way your council can experience growth. Plan to have an open house for the parishes around your council home or, opening the doors to your part of the parish, so you can display the past accomplishments your council has made. You my friend have a responsibility as well as a great opportunity to share our values with those in our communities and parishes.

New members in your council will revitalize the efforts of the existing programs and for new members who have not yet known about our Order because those gentlemen have not been asked to join. Follow what Jack Cavagnaro, our Membership Chairman has been telling you all year, "Just ask someone to be a Knight"

Plan a first degree for the end of this month and have your team recertified using the latest version.

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.

Speaking of new members, just in case you did not hear, the State Council is again offering to each councils' Grand Knight and Membership Director a special shirt for attaining 100% goal status and will be again called the "100 Club". Will you be included in this year's club? Make sure your council is a part of this club. The list has been started for the 100% club; do you know if your council is in the 100% club yet? Members of the councils can be a part of this club by purchasing the same shirt, ask for details!

March 18th we will be together in Columbia for the "Free Throw" competition at St. Joseph's. Last year we saw one of our competitors from Charleston, win his age group. You may see a repeat this year, come and cheer the youngsters on.

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From The State Chaplain

Now we are in the midst of Lent and it is for each of us a very important time. Lent is not a learning time as are the other seasons of the liturgical year. It is a time of special experience. We are called upon to let this season of Lent form our lives in a special way. We are to meditate and think deeply about our lives - our sinful lives and to form ourselves in such a way that we will have within us a strong sense of sorrow or penitence for our failures in life in the moral sense. We are all inheritors of the sin of Adam which we call the Fall of Man. We are not as God would have us be and we must prepare ourselves to be cleansed. That's a job we cannot do of ourselves. There is no way man can make-up for his sin. Therefore, God Himself, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, became a man in the person of Jesus Christ in order to be the perfect man who could indeed make-up for our sin. This He did by His full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice on the Cross and victorious Resurrection on Easter. If we can become what He is we can share in the redemption He won. This we do by being baptized into His Mystical Body, the Church. He is the Church. We live in Him. He is our Redeemer and we share in that redemption by living in Him. Lent is the annual reliving of our need for redemption and the anticipation of the Death and Resurrection of Christ. So, you see, we really need to live out our Lent so that we will always know and want salvation and share in it with rejoicing.

The end of the twentieth century began to show us some disappointing things around us in the Catholic Church. There were some unorthodox writers and teachers who broadcast things like ordination of women, same sex marriage, lessening of discipline in the Church, disobedience to the magisterial teachings of the Church, sideshow liturgies, and some other things we may recognize. But the good news was there. It was proclaimed amidst the confusing liberal nonsense coming even from some theologians. And, the new century begins with a firm proclamation by the Holy Spirit that the Truth of the Faith is protected and will indeed be proclaimed above the voices of confusion. It starts with Pope Benedict XVI. The Holy Spirit gives us the pope we need. He is the Shepherd who will follow in the path of the magnificent pontificate of John Paul the Great. This Pope will solidify all the teaching

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From the Membership Director

Jack Cavagnaro, PGK State Membership and Retention Director

February was another good month for membership. We brought in 56 new brothers and lost 13 for a net gain of 43. After a very poor start we are now at 194 net new or 60% of our yearly goal, very close to 67% year-to-date target. If we can continue this pace, we have a real chance of surpassing 100%. 14 councils have already achieved goal, 5 more are tracking, and an additional 14 have a genuine chance. Our pacesetters are 2207 Sumter, 6900 Charleston, 12263 Bluffton, 11991 Goose Creek, 9575 Spartanburg, 13713 Blythewood, and 7531 Conway, each over 150%. Unfortunately, 3 councils have had major "house cleaning", and, in addition, 8 councils have yet to sponsor.

The upcoming Spring Blitz is our major chance to catch up and go over 100%. About half of all new brothers we brought in so far this year came from the Fall Blitz. I cannot urge you too strongly to have a successful Spring Blitz and to schedule one immediately if you haven't already. In order to get prospects to first degree by June, your blitz should happen no later than the end of April. The most successful blitzes are pro-

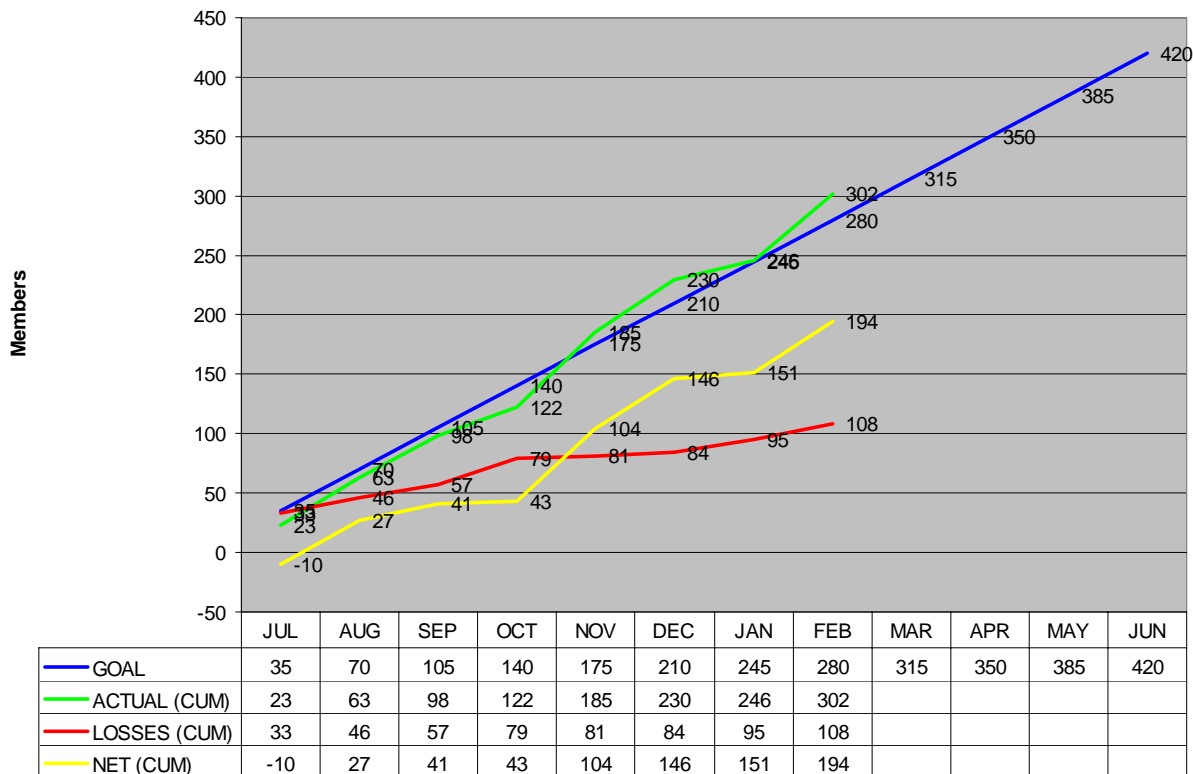
moted in advance in the Parish Bulletin, and addressed at each mass on blitz week-end. Exit doors need to be staffed and names and phone numbers taken for immediate follow-up by membership staff. Then, get them the information they need and to a scheduled 1st degree as soon as possible. Keep it simple, but do it right with follow-up.

All Grand Knights and Membership Chairmen should note our worthy State Deputy's offer of green colored, embossed golf shirts for all of you who attain 100% by June 1st. 25 councils received gold ones last year and I see a lot of proud wearers at our state meetings. I expect a lot more winners this year. Will you be among them?

As a prideful side note, Brother Bob Gagne of St. James , Conway, reports that Brother Paul Mevissen, born 1/29/86, took his 4th degree on Feb. 25th, arguably our youngest Sir Knight. In 2005, Brother Dick Russo of St. Francis Hilton Head, born 11/21/11 took his, arguably our oldest Sir Knight. Any one who knows these brothers should give them your very best wishes.

You have my continued prayers that you have great recruiting and are able to retain every brother possible. Until we meet again, may He continue to hold you in the palm of His hand.

Membership



From the State Ceremonials Chairman

Michael W. Telesco, PSD

First Degree Recertification Standings

DISTRICT DEPUTY	DISTRICT	GOAL	ACTUAL	% GOAL
Mika	1	4		
Nix	2	4	1	25
Spainhour	4	4		
Kramp	5	4		
Patten	6	4		
Sansantt	7	4		
Robertson	8	4		
Urbanic	9	4	1	25
Pfzenmayer	10	4		
McMahon	11	4		
Barcomb	12	4		
Sordelet	13	4	1	25
Stanley	14	4		
TOTAL		52	3	6%

POC MICHAEL W. TELESKO, PSD,
State Ceremonials Chairman

DD ACHIEVING GOAL BY MAY 1, 2006 WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL GIFT FROM THE STATE DEPUTY.

From the Columbian Squires Chairman

To All Council Leaders:

Men we spend much time and money on many organizations. The one organization that is lacking in many types of Council is the Columbian Squires, our own young men! Let's get our future Knights growing up strong in our own faith and our very own organization, the SQUIRES. Please help and support a local Squires Circle. If you know any young men between the ages of 10 and 18 talk to them about joining the Squires, and watch how your Council grows.

Support Your Future: A SQUIRE!!!!

State Chairman Columbian Squires

S.K. Gary Little

(864) 244-1051



First Degree Standings

Michael W. Telesco, PSD, Ceremonials Chairman

DISTRICT	COUNCIL	CITY	GOAL	ACTUAL	% of GOAL		
1	5026	BEAUFORT	6	1	16.67%		
		HILTON HEAD	5	1	20.00%		
		HILTON HEAD	6	4	66.67%		
		BLUFTON	6	4	66.67%		
MIKA	DD #1		23	10	43.48%		
			2	2207	6	5	83.33%
2	6847	E. COLUMBIA	6	4	66.67%		
		9672	CAMDEN	4	2	50.00%	
		12554	COLUMBIA	5	2	40.00%	
		13713	BLYTHEWOOD	0		0.00%	
Nix	DD #2		21	13	61.90%		
		4	3684	AIKEN	6	2	33.33%
	7062	N. AUGUSTA	5	2	40.00%		
		9161	BARWNELL	4	1	25.00%	
		11645	EDGEFIELD	4	1	25.00%	
		SPAINHOUR DD #4		19	6	31.58%	
5	6629	SUMMERVILLE	6		0.00%		
		8502	WALTERBORO	4		0.00%	
		8900	N. CHARLESTON	5	2	40.00%	
		10334	CHARLESTON	5	1	20.00%	
KRAMP	DD #5	11910	SUMMERVILLE	5	3	60.00%	
		6	6684	SENECA	6	3	50.00%
		7129	GREENWOOD	5	1	20.00%	
		8295	ANDERSON	5		0.00%	
PATTEN	DD #6	9576	PICKENS	5		0.00%	
		7	724	COLUMBIA	6	1	16.67%
	6891	ORANGEBURG	4		0.00%		
		6892	IRMO	5	2	40.00%	
		11325	LEXINGTON	5		0.00%	
		SANSONETTIDD #7		20	3	15.00%	
8	1668	GREENVILLE	6		0.00%		
		8182	MAULDIN	5	4	80.00%	
		9745	GREENVILLE	4		0.00%	
		10819	SIMPSONVILLE	6	7	116.67%	
ROBERTSON	DD #8	13112	GREENVILLE	4	1	25.00%	
		9	704	CHARLESTON	25	12	48.00%
	6250	JAMES ISLAND	6	2	33.33%		
		9475	MT. PLEASANT	5	2	40.00%	
		12472	CHARLESTON	6	5	83.33%	
		URBANIC DD #9		22	10	45.45%	
10	6756	ROCK HILL	6	1	16.67%		
		10066	LANCASTER	4		0.00%	
		12268	YORK	4	1	25.00%	
		12366	FORT MILL	5		0.00%	
Pfzenmayer	DD #10		19	2	10.53%		
		11	3067	GEORGETOWN	5		0.00%
		5086	MYR. BEACH	6	4	66.67%	
		7531	CONWAY	5	6	120.00%	
McMahon	DD #11	8980	GARDEN CITY	6	3	50.00%	
		11028	PAWLEYS ISL	6	4	66.67%	
		12	5194	FLORENCE	28	17	60.71%
		7122	N.M. BEACH	5	3	60.00%	
	8123	HARTSVILLE	6	5	83.33%		
		8790	MARION DILLON	4		0.00%	
		10867	CHERAW	4	1	25.00%	
		Barcomb	DD #12		23	9	39.13%
13	6726	HANAHAN GC	6	3	50.00%		
		6900	CITADEL	4	1	25.00%	
		11471	MONCK'S COR.	4	2	50.00%	
		11991	GOOSE CREEK	6	7	116.67%	
Sordelet	DD #13		20	13	65.00%		
		14	6076	SPARTANBURG	5	3	60.00%
		9184	TAYLORS	6	3	50.00%	
		9575	SPARTANBURG	6	3	50.00%	
	12274	GREER	4	3	75.00%		
		12995	GAFFNEY	4	1	25.00%	
		Stanley	DD #14		25	13	52.00%
		TOTAL		291	118	40.55%	

From the Church Director

James Martin, PGK

During the past few months, while on business travel, I have had the opportunity to attend different Catholic Churches in Norfolk, San Diego, Hawaii, and Guam. Not knowing the Mass schedules or church locations, my first attempt was try looking for a Church in the local phone book and try to correlate its location in reference to the Hotel. Just by chance while I was on the internet, I typed in "Mass Times" in the Google search engine. Lo and behold, I was able to enter a city and state and it quickly brought up a listing of all the Catholic Churches in the local area including Mass times, information about the Church, Church Bulletins, Parish web sites, directions and even maps. After I selected one nearby my hotel I was able to go directly to the Church and participate in their Mass Celebration. If you do any traveling and have a computer and/or computer access you might want to keep this site in mind. I made it one of "My Favorites".

It was also my experience during these and previous visits to Churches locally, out of state and even foreign, that I found each to be different but also the same. The Priests may have been from different backgrounds and cultures, the churches were old (some really old) and new, traditional and modern, the music and singing different and sometimes even celebrated in different languages, but the content of the Mass was always the same. In each location, I was confident that our Lord and Savior was present in the Eucharist.

Where is the ICON Madonna of South Carolina going next? So far the ICON Madonna of South Carolina has visited 6 Districts and 23 of our 58 Councils. Where is she going next and when can you expect her at you council? The schedule for the March and April includes the following Councils for periods of six days or more in the order and beginning date listed. Charleston Council 12472 (3/5), James Island Council 6250 (3/11), Charleston Council 10334 (3/17), North Charleston Council 8900 (3/23), Summerville Council 6629 (3/29), Summerville Council 11910 (4/4), Walterboro Council 8502 (4/10), Beaufort Council 5026 (4/16), Hilton Head Council 7289 (4/22), and Hilton Head Council 10668 (4/28).

For a complete listing including the prayer service that accompanies the ICON, please contact me at PGK6726PFN1900@comcast.net.



Health Services Byline

*Submitted by Louis Umile Pulicicchio,
MD, MHSA*

"Overactive Bladder and Urinary Incontinence"

The medical complex of an Overactive Bladder with urgency (with or without incontinence), with urinary frequency and nocturia affects all ages and genders. Note that some of these symptoms can be caused or aggravated by a number of GU tract infections, metabolic conditions, drugs etc. thus complicating and masking the true nature of these symptoms.

Occurring in about 15% of the general population, the hardest hit clinically are older individuals.

Remember that this medical condition is NOT normally a part of aging and searching for specific collateral and aggravating factors to treat can bring acceptable control and comfort in the urinary storage/bladder emptying sequence involving the neurologic control mechanisms of the central neural system and those of the lower urinary neural system.

Pharmotherapy requires careful consideration of drug tolerances and interactions etc. that is to say that the treatment is tailored for a specific patient. Special attention should be focused on neurologic issues, GU, GI and GYN inflammations and infections, diabetes mellitus, diabetes insipidus, renal disease etc.

With a focused history and examination, and with appropriate lab testing, an experienced physician can select the optimal treatment program.

REMEMBER: Accurate diagnosis, obviously, can lead to effective treatment in the hands of a knowing physician who will use successfully his optimal therapeutic options (surgical, behavioral and pharmacological)

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Patriot's Corner

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

Record Setting Exemplification

This year's exemplification was the largest class held in the 53rd year history of the Fourth Degree in South Carolina. The class consisted of 174 Sir Knights, 8 of whom were priests. Bishop Baker was present for our weekend event and opened the Saturday activities with a beautiful Mass. During the induction of our newest candidates, our ladies attended a Luncheon just for the ladies (322 in attendance). Bishop Baker was the guest speaker for the Luncheon, speaking on his recently published book "When Did We See You Lord?", co-authored by Father Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R. As the Vice-Supreme Master said, "this was the icing on the cake." At the closing banquet Sir Knight Michael Telesco, PSD, FM of Charleston was the honoree and was presented the class of 2006 as well as being honored for his long service over 53 years to the Knights of Columbus. A tribute well deserved. Guest speaker for the banquet was John Harrison, one of our Supreme Directors, who gave a wonderful speech about the Knights of Columbus and the Fourth Degree. This was accomplished under less than ideal conditions as the hotel was being renovated. In a letter from Vice Supreme Master Frank Scandone written to the Supreme Master, "The performance of the South Carolina's Exemplar Corps was outstanding. The exemplars knew their parts and their delivery and tone put the additional meaning into their presentation for the candidate's benefit." He also applauded the State Officers and State Deputy, Raymond Hock for their attendance and showing support of the Fourth Degree.

I would like to THANK my staff for all of their help in making a record setting Exemplification. Thanks for a job well done considering all of the adverse conditions.

Below is a list of participating assemblies in this year's exemplification including number of new Sir Knights:

Rev PN Lynch 1071	Charleston	16
Bishop England 1072	Columbia	04
Msgr. AK Gwynn 1073	Greenville	05
Msgr. GL Smith 1074	Aiken	06
Msgr. CD Wood 1574	Florence	05
Fr. MR Daly 1655	Spartanburg	06
Bishop HP Northrop 1714	Sumter	02
San Miguel 1799	Myrtle Beach	21
Msgr. RC Madden 1900	Summerville	07
Fr. J Hacker 1933	Seneca	07
Grand Strand 2107	Garden City	13
Fr. H Tevlin 2108	Rock Hill	11
Hilton Head 2208	Hilton Head	19

Fr. G Moynahan 2431	N. Myrtle Beach	10
Holy Family 2502	Taylors	05
Holy Spirit 2890	Simpsonville	07
Cardinal Bernardin 2902	E. Columbia	33

Bi-Ennial Meeting

As directed by the Laws and Rules governing the Fourth Degree, a bi-annual meeting will be held at the St. John Newman School, 721 Polo Road, Columbia, SC 29223 on April 1, 2006 at 10:00 am and ending no later than 3:00 pm. Noon meal will be Dutch treat. Navigators are directed to Article V Section 14 of the Fourth Degree Laws and Rules. Navigators should send names of Delegates and Alternates to Joseph Gubeli, 214 Basswood Ave., Summerville, SC 29483.

Awards/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.

Fraternally,

Richard E. Koehler, PSD

Master SC District DeSoto Province



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*EXCELLENT PAY

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

From The Youth Activities Director

Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council Free Throw Championship Final Results!

56 boys and girls participated in this year's championships. Conflicting basketball programs drastically reduced attendance. 26 youths who were qualified to complete failed to report. But those who made it to St. Joseph's school had a fine time. Thanks to Council 12554 for their excellent hospitality, to the 4th Degree Color Guard, to all the volunteers who scored and rebounded, and to District Deputy Johnny Nix, who coordinated all of this,

The Winners of the 2006 South Carolina State Council Free Throw Championships are:

Age 10, Clayton Bridges, 19/25, Council 10867, Cheraw.

Age 10, Jazzmine Devlin, 15/25, Council 9672, Camden.

Age 11, Sumter Godley, 22/25, Council 9475, Mt. Pleasant.

Age 11, Elizabeth Mum, 18/25, Council 2207, Sumter.

Age 12, John Swinton, 19/25, Council 9475, Mt. Pleasant.

Age 12, Jessica Rivers, 17/25, Council 10867, Cheraw.

Age 13, Josh Corry, 22/25, Council 12995, Gaffney.

Age 13, Shanice Cooper, 16/25, Council 2207, Sumter.

Age 14, Chris Adams, 17/25, Council 12995, Gaffney.

Age 14, Jodi Cameron Crocker, 21/25 Council 12995, Gaffney

The champions were presented trophies and basketballs by State Deputy Ray Hock and Immediate Past State Deputy Roosevelt Cummings.

The scores of these champions will be submitted to Supreme for the international competition.

Bluffton Council 12263 excels!

Just look at what can be done with your youth programs. I recently received copies of the participation forms from council 12263 for the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest and the Free Throw Championships. Hold on to your hats!

POSTER CONTEST:

297 entrants. What more can I say?

FREE THROW

Boys 343, Girls 163, Total 506. They had 102 10-year old boys compete.

Congratulations to Grand Knight Anthony Caruso and his team.

I know this took a lot of work and planning.

Fraternally,

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



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Have you taken your Third degree yet? You only have three more opportunities this fraternal year.

March 25th- Mauldin

May 21st- Sumter

June 3rd- Goose Creek

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

Ray

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and witness of his wonderful predecessor. We have that and more besides. Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger was a brilliant and well respected thinker. Some scholars consider him the finest post-Vatican II theologian alive. His election to the papacy may indeed even be considered sort of like electing Thomas Aquinas or Augustine of Hippo to the Chair of Peter. We are living in an era when the Church's greatest living theologian is also her earthly leader.

Let us rejoice in the choice of Benedict XVI and support him by our love and loyalty and prayers. Long may he reign!

Please pray for me as I pray for you. The Knights of Columbus is one of my greatest joys in the outward and visible life of the Church. I pray that you will really let the K of C take hold of your life and works so that we can all live and work together with the mind of the Church. God bless you all.

With fraternal good wishes and best regards, I am,

The Reverend James Parker, State Chaplain



From the Pro Life Chair Couple



Dear Fellow Knights,

The above photos of the Memorial to the Unborn Child dedication, at St. Francis Church in Walhalla in December of 2000, is submitted by Brother Joseph Hewes, Sr. of Council 6884. Bishop Robert Baker dedicated the memorial and their 4th Degree Honor Guard presided. Please see what your Council can do this year to make the Day of the Unborn Child on March 25th a very special one. Some effort is required, but it is well worth the benefit (a strong witness to all who pass by). Send us photos of your Council's effort and we will publish them next month.

Building a culture of life is critical to our society, our community, our family, and most importantly, to our very souls. To nurture wrong attitudes is detrimental to our salvation. Not to pass judgment, but in our opinion, here are some examples of attitudes that could threaten one's well-being: "Abortion doesn't involve me....I'm beyond the child bearing age....It's not my place to tell others what they should or should not be doing in their private lives....I can't do anything about abortion....the Supreme Court has ruled it to be legal....My Congressman and my Senator do not listen to me, why should I waste a letter or phone call to them about life issues in America? There are more issues that determine who I vote for than just simply abortion. My family has always voted for Republicans, and I will continue to vote the same way....I don't want to suffer when I get seriously ill....I wouldn't want to live like Christopher Reeves....I'd rather they just pull the plug.....I want to die with dignity, so when my time comes, I'm going to refuse all methods of nutrition....I want to go quickly.....I don't want to be a burden on my family." It goes on and on.

We were listening to a middle-aged priest recently who alerted us to the problem of men who have actively helped their wives or girl friends have an abortion. These men feel extremely burdened by the guilt they are now experiencing in participating in such a horrible act. They are afraid to go to confession and receive forgiveness. The priest that was giving the talk explained how he personally understands the pain and anguish because before he became a priest, he participated in precisely this very act. It haunted him until he finally got the courage to go to confession and rid the stain from his soul. God so blessed the man that he was given a calling to the priesthood. He is now winning souls back to God through the priesthood and

has a special ministry of serving men who are hurting from their pain of killing their own child. The priest talked about the hundreds of thousands of men who are afflicted by this situation. It dawned on us that possibly some of our Knights here in South Carolina could be hurting and need encouragement to seek help. If so, the greatest day of your life will be when you go to a priest and tell him of your plight. He will gently find peace and forgiveness for you. Don't put it off, dear Brothers. Jesus is waiting with merciful arms to heal your wound and welcome you back into his fold in the most complete of ways.

The following Councils were cited for their support for the Rock for Life youth event on March 4th. The Pro-Life Coordinator for the Piedmont Deanery enthusiastically said in a thank you letter that their support was greatly appreciated. With their donations the Deanery was able to cover their expenses which are the most important part in planning an event like this. Congratulations to Council 9575; Council 7129; Council 8182; Council 6884; & Council 13112.

Next month we will talk extensively in this newsletter about euthanasia. Here are some recommended readings from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Paragraphs: 1520, 1521, 1522, 1523, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2324, 494, and 495. The last thing we want to do is mortally offend God just prior to our human death....let's all get this issue right!!!! May the Holy Spirit bless us and guide us all toward spiritual health.

Fraternally,

Jim & Bobbie St. Clair



From the Vocations Chairman

Richard A. Gabriel, SW

Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)

Brothers,

Over the last 25 years, the Refund Support Vocation Program has provided more than \$34.7 million in direct support to seminarians, postulants and novices. In 2004-2005 fraternal year, Knights of Columbus units (councils, assemblies and squires) contributed over \$2.5 million for the support of future priests and religious sisters. We, the knights of South Carolina provided \$21,500 for the support of future priests. It is most heart warming to see the statistics of the generosity of our order. Thanks to all the councils and assemblies that took part in this great program.

I would like to give you an update on the list of seminarians sponsored by the Dioceses of Charleston.

In June 2006, David Runnion and Marcin Zahuta will be ordained as priests. In May 2006, Tim Gahan, Jeremi Wodecki and Andrew Trapp will be ordained as transitional Deacons. In October 2006, Bryan Babick, Michael P. Cassabon and Jeff Kirby will be ordained as transitional Deacons. Soon to be added to the list is Augustin Guzman from the Oratory.

Pennies From Heaven

Brothers,

Again I want to remind you to send the Pennies from Heaven money to the State Secretary Bob Ficco. Please send in your money by April 15. We will present the money to the Bishop's Vocation Program at the convention in Charleston.

Vivat Jesus!



Spartanburg 4th Degree Recognized for Participation

The Dorn Veterans Administration Medical Center presented a program on March 3 honoring Gulf War, Iraq Freedom/Enduring Freedom Veterans. Members of the Spartanburg 4th Degree Assembly 1655 of the Knights of Columbus furnished the Color Guard for the posting of colors at the event. The Invocation was given by Sammie Wade, Dorn VAMC Chaplain, and Anthony Stovall, Chief Air Controller for the SC Air National Guard, was the Keynote Speaker. The Knights were presented with a Recognition Certificate for their participation in the event.



Brian Heckert, Dorn Medical Center Director, presents a Certificate of Recognition to Sir Knights (left to right) Bill Schwartz, Don Vennergrund, Paul Kountz and Ray McNamara.



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