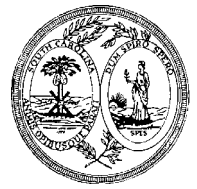




# The Palmetto State Bulletin



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## Father Parker To Retire

The Reverend James Parker retires on October 31 from active ministry and will no longer be stationed at Holy Spirit Parish on Johns Island. Fr. Parker, 75, can be reached by phone at 843-556-9454.

His mailing address is 2 Riverdale Drive, Charleston, SC. 29407, Father Parker remains active as State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus.

## Donations Now More Than \$1 Million For Gulf States Disaster Relief

10/20/2005

### FEMA Expedited Payments

FEMA is offering expedited payments of \$2,000 per household to help hurricane victims pay for emergency food, shelter, clothing, personal necessities and medical needs. Individuals can apply via FEMA's online [registration tool](#) or by calling toll-free, 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) (TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the hearing or speech impaired).

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has pledged \$2.5 million to aid hurricane victims in Gulf Coast states. It has also challenged its more than 12,000 local units to meet or exceed that commitment by contributing to a Knights of Columbus Charities fund established to aid the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. To date, gifts totaling more than \$1.3 million have come in from local units and the public.

### How to Donate

Of the \$2.5 million already committed by the Supreme Council, \$250,000 has been distributed to Catholic Charities in affected areas, and \$1.25 million will be used to assist those displaced and made indefinitely homeless. An additional \$1 million has been set aside to rebuild the estimated 130 Catholic schools destroyed or seriously damaged by the storm and its aftermath.

The Supreme Council has committed to matching all donations to the Order's Gulf States Disaster Relief efforts received before Nov. 1, 2005.

"We are asking all of our councils and assemblies in the United States and Canada to become active in this relief effort either through cash donations or volunteer efforts," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "We are also asking our members to support the collection appeal of the United States Council of

## SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

### September 2005

### October 2005

- 15 Regional Meeting- Districts- 6, 8, 10, & 14 - Council 8182 - Mauldin

### November 2005

- 1 Order Free Throw Kit
- 12 3rd Degree @ Council 9184 - Taylors
- 15 HOPE Foundation Money & Requests Due
- 24 Thanksgiving Day

### December 2005

- 2-4 DD's Membership Meeting - Hilton Head Island
- 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.

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## From The State Deputy

My Brother Knights,

A quarter of the fraternal year is now history. Your efforts to gain new membership should be paying off as you round the first turn. Retention continues to be on everyone's minds but we must continue to focus on membership

Katrina and Rita have been on our minds this past month. Your generosity has been over whelming in many ways.

Your my Brothers, have to date given over \$10,000.00 dollars.

This money has been forwarded to charities, Inc., as we continue to try and match the 2.5 million already provided to those in distress. Additionally, James Sansonetti, District Deputy No. 7 and I traveled to Slidell, LA, to help the folks in that region to try and find peace. The Grand Knight, Albert Salcier, of council 11841 in Pearl River, LA told us how desperate families are since the hurricanes. Work in the area is being done by outside contractors, since they are the ones known by the established contraction companies. While the contractors from the local area have nothing. Al went on to say, that the kids are in real need for school supplies.

We can make a big difference by collecting for these children.

On Sunday, October 9, 2005, fifteen (15) Hispanic brothers from council 7531 received the honors of the third degree in Garden City, along with 19 others from surrounding councils. Al Calla, Hispanic Development Field Coordinator, assisted the degree team by translating the degree into their native tongue so these men would enjoy the whole effects of the degree. Al, spoke to me saying he was impressed by the teams' professional attitude to the lesson taught.

Remember your Parish priest and all the priests we know on this day called "Priesthood Sunday," that will be celebrated on October 30.

Show your priest, a nice day!

The "BLITZ" is on! You may be already doing yours in your Council. Make sure you are keeping records of Whom, When and Where. Who are they, with name and phone number?

When they are to meet with your councils, for a get together to learn all about your council and where, the first degree will be held, to bring in the new candidates. Your councils are going to have a win, win possibility with the BLITZ.

My prayers are for you to be successful.

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## From The State Chaplain

As I write the weather is already beginning to act like fall which actually began on September 22nd. We can now all look forward to slowly cooling days so that the misery of this particular can be forgotten. I read in a newspaper just this week that on a world-wide-basis this past summer was the hottest on record. I don't buy all the earth warming business, but let's enjoy the passing away of the heat.

Parishes and organizations have already begun the annual fall renewal of various activities. It is always important for Knights of Columbus to be seen as active in their parishes' many activities. We are the soldiers of the Church and we are called to defend, protect, and indeed serve her.

And now, a personal note, On the 31st of October this year I shall be retiring from active ministry. My 75th birthday is in this month and that is the canonical age to ask for retirement. Of course, I will remain in the Charleston area, I was born here. Where else is there to go? And I will continue with joy and zeal to serve you all as the State Chaplain for the K of C. I will even have more time for K of C activities and meetings. Please note that my mailing address will be 2 Riverdale Drive, Charleston, S.C. 29407. My only phone number continues to be 843-556-9454 at my residence. Counting from the beginning, this is my 49th year of sacred ministry. Twenty three of these have been in Catholic Priestly Ministry: I have been pleased with what God has given and asked of me, and I am grateful to serve the Diocese of Charleston.

That last paragraph means that whenever we have an opportunity to be of any degree of influence over a young boy, it is incumbent on us to suggest priesthood either very subtly, or rather bluntly. You never know whose comments and what they included can have influence with the open mind of a young lad. You know as well as I that we are really in need of new priests. Let us pray! No, let us pray that our thoughts and even eggs served to friends can have suggestions of a vocation.

Let us pray for one another in this world. We so often face the temptations of a godless environment, but we are God's children. The Lord loves you very much.

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# From the State Ceremonial Chairman

Michael W. Telesco, PSD

## Second Degree Standings

2005-2006  
9/30/2005

DISTRICT	DEPUTY	DISTRICT	GOAL	ACTUAL	% GOAL
Mika		1	4	1	25%
NIX		2	4	2	50%
McMahon		11	4	1	25%
SPAINHOUR		4	4		0%
KRAMP		5	4	1	25%
ROBERTSON		8	4	1	25%
URBANIC		9	4	1	25%
PFZENMAYER		10	4	2	50%
TOTAL			32	9	28%



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

with the

## Knights of Columbus

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

- \*EXCELLENT PAY
- \*GENEROUS BENEFITS

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

## First Degree Standings as of 9/30/05

DISTRICT	COUNCIL	CITY	GOAL	ACTUAL	% of GOAL	
1	5026	BEAUFORT	6		0.00%	
	7289	HILTON HEAD	5		0.00%	
	10668	HILTON HEAD	6	1	16.67%	
	12263	BLUFTON	6	1	16.67%	
MIKA	DD #1		23	2	8.70%	
	2	2207	SUMTER	6	1	16.67%
		6847	E. COLUMBIA	6	2	33.33%
		9672	CAMDEN	4	1	25.00%
Nix	12554	COLUMBIA	5	1	20.00%	
	13713	BLYTHEWOOD	0		0.00%	
	DD #2		21	5	23.81%	
	4	3684	AIKEN	6	1	16.67%
7062		N.AUGUSTA	5		0.00%	
9161		BARWELL	4		0.00%	
11645		EDGEFIELD	4	1	25.00%	
SPAINHOUR	DD #4		19	2	10.53%	
	5	6629	SUMMERVILLE	6		0.00%
		8502	WALTERBORO	4		0.00%
		8900	N.CHARLESTON	5	1	20.00%
KRAMP	10334	CHARLESTON	5	1	20.00%	
	11910	SUMMERVILLE	5	2	40.00%	
	DD #5		25	4	16.00%	
	6	6684	SENECA	6	1	16.67%
7129		GREENWOOD	5		0.00%	
8295		ANDERSON	5		0.00%	
9576		PICKENS	5		0.00%	
PATTEN	DD #6		21	1	4.76%	
	7	724	COLUMBIA	6		0.00%
		6891	ORANGEBURG	4		0.00%
		6892	IRMO	5		0.00%
SANSONETTI	11325	LEXINGTON	5		0.00%	
	DD #7		20	0	0.00%	
	8	1668	GREENVILLE	6		0.00%
		8182	MAULDIN	5	1	20.00%
9745		GREENVILLE	4		0.00%	
ROBERTSON	10819	SIMPSONVILLE	6	3	50.00%	
	13112	GREENVILLE	4	1	25.00%	
	DD #8		25	5	20.00%	
	9	704	CHARLESTON	6	1	16.67%
6250		JAMES ISLAND	5		0.00%	
9475		MT. PLEASANT	6	1	16.67%	
12472		CHARLESTON	5		0.00%	
URBANIC	DD #9		22	2	9.09%	
	10	6756	ROCK HILL	6		0.00%
		10066	LANCASTER	4		0.00%
		12268	YORK	4	1	25.00%
Pfenmayer	12366	FORT MILL	5		0.00%	
	DD #10		19	1	5.26%	
	11	3067	GEORGETOWN	5		0.00%
		5086	MYR. BEACH	6	2	33.33%
7531		CONWAY	5	2	40.00%	
McMahon	8980	GARDEN CITY	6	1	16.67%	
	11028	PAWLEYS ISL	6		0.00%	
	DD #11		28	5	17.86%	
	12	5194	FLORENCE	5	1	20.00%
7122		N.M. BEACH	6	2	33.33%	
8123		HARTSVILLE	4		0.00%	
8790		MARION DILLON	4		0.00%	
Barcomb	10867	CHERAW	4		0.00%	
	DD #12		23	3	13.04%	
	13	6726	HANAHAN GC	6		0.00%
		6900	CITADEL	4		0.00%
11471		MONCK'S COR.	4		0.00%	
Sordelet	11991	GOOSE CREEK	6	2	33.33%	
	DD #13		20	2	10.00%	
	14	6076	SPARTANBURG	5		0.00%
		9184	TAYLORS	6		0.00%
9575		SPARTANBURG	6		0.00%	
Stanley	12274	GREER	4	2	50.00%	
	12995	GAFFNEY	4	1	25.00%	
	DD #14		25	3	12.00%	
	TOTAL		291	35	12.03%	

## From the Pro Life Chair Couple

*Submitted by Jim and Bobbie St. Clair*  
Dear Fellow Knights,

**A Call to Be Heard** On Saturday, January 21, 2006, we will be given the opportunity to voice our solidarity in the pursuit of respect for life in our American laws and culture. Failure to demonstrate in support of life is to demonstrate to our fellow countrymen our non-support of life. Which message will we send? Join your fellow Knights at the Columbia State House. **State Council Contest** The Stand up for Life March and Rally will begin at 11:00 a.m., at the Russell House on Greene Street. We will march to the State House where your Council leadership will register your Council's total attendance. Bring your family members, your Chaplin, and your Council banner. Featured speaker is Susanne Viatadamo, sister of Terry Schiavo. Mrs. Viatadamo was the main speaker at the National Right to Life annual convention held earlier this year in Minneapolis. Her speech will be riveting. Make your priority, to win the contest, a top priority. If each active Council member were to contact two inactive members and bring them to the Columbia March and Rally, think of the good that could come out of it for the long-term benefit of your Council.

**March on the Supreme Court Building** This coming January 23, 2006, we will again travel to Washington, DC and send a clear message to our national leaders and to the country at-large that life must be respected from conception to natural death. The highlight of this trip will be your opportunity to witness the enthusiasm of the tens of thousands of youth that support this movement. Also, you will hear the call of hundreds of women who have previously had abortions and are now exposing the horrors of the procedure and the devastation upon their lives. Finally, you will have the opportunity to march side by side with Bishop Robert Baker. Dozens of other bishops and numerous cardinals will be there as well. Round trip bus fare is \$85 and the Independence Air flight is \$69 each way. Hotel rooms are available for \$160. Call Jim & Bobbie St. Clair for reservations prior to October 31<sup>st</sup> or call Valerie Baronkin at (864)297-8838.

**Congratulations!** District 2 Deputy Johnny Nix has been actively collecting and delivering clothes, diapers and other miscellaneous items for mothers choosing to have their baby rather than have an abortion. Also, he has accumulated dozens of large boxes filled with clothes and other critically needed items, for Hurricane Katrina victims. Bill Mullane, Council 10668, is organizing 2000 rosaries for the cause of life. Stephen Boyle, Council 10334, organizes prayer services in front of abortion clinics. Rev. James Parker, State Chaplin and Pastor of Holy Spirit Church, will lead the Rosary and prayers at the West Ashley Abortion facility at 1312 Ashley River Road (corner of Hwy 61 & Fuseler) Saturday, October 15, 2005 from 8-9AM. Mike Barry, Council 2207, gave a pro-life presentation

to the Sumter Catholic Youth Organization. Bob Lyncheski, Council 7122, prepares generic newsletters for all South Carolina Councils to use for their own. Bob always assembles interesting and dynamic news articles. A million thank-you's to these brothers and all who are working to spread the spirit of life in our Knights of Columbus family.

Fraternally,  
Jim & Bobbie St. Clair  
(803)425-0340  
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## From the Family Activities Director

Another SMASHING SUCCESS at Council 10819. The Father/Daughter dance sponsored by council 10819 exceeded expectations. With a beach scene theme complete with sand, shells, shovels, sun tan lotions and even beach umbrellas the parish family center was filled with excited Fathers and Daughters of all ages. This is the second annual dance sponsored by the council and the participation this year was up by approximately 35 percent. Father Robert Falabella shown here with Grand Knight Bill Leverette stopped by to check out the festivities. Members of the Knights both with a few years and those with numerous years were present and had a great time. Each Father/Daughter(s) team had pictures taken and were presented with a copy at the dance. Check out the couples dancing.



The more seasoned Father/Daughter(s)



Congratulations to the Family of Gary and Sandi Little, Council 8182, Mauldin and the Family of Robert and Carol Tonon, Council 9184, Taylors for being selected at "Family of the Month" awardees by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.

Grand Knights submit your family activities to me and I will get them published in the state bulletin for all to see.  
Jim Alford



## From the Operation HOPE Drive Chairman

Operation HOPE Chairmen:

All of you should be well into your HOPE fund raising for this year. I ask you to report any difficulties you encounter when at store fronts. Please report any incidents regarding the wording on the aprons or the banners you use.

Just using the Tootsie Roll collections will not help you make your goals. Use innovation to raise money other than from the candy portion. Try Parties, Dances, breakfasts, 50/50 drawings or sell chances for a donated gift. My council partnered with the Music Ministry at our church to sell Apples Dumplings ( an annual function ) after all the Masses and paid for the materials to make them. We received a nice profit to HOPE through this opportunity, and the Dumplings are always delicious. Try writing a letter to all Council members asking for a family donation. This gives the less active members a chance to participate too.

It is important that you send your money received for Operation HOPE to the Secretary of the Columbus HOPE Foundation, Inc. on a regular basis. Do not leave the funds in the Council Treasury till the end of the year. Try to do this quarterly or better. This helps the Foundation measure the progress of the drive and allows them to better plan the Foundation gift opportunities.

We have heard of a few difficulties at Wal-Mart with scheduling store front days. Council members have shown up and so did the scouts, firemen, and whoever. The store Managers have told us we must write for permission from Wal-Mart Corporate to get scheduling, not to depend on the local store manager. When you make your store contacts, I suggest to be certain you do not have to contact anyone higher up the management chain.

Good luck and good fund raising.

Bill Zimmerman  
HOPE Drive Chairman



## Health Services Byline

Submitted by *Louis Umile Pulicchio,*  
*MD, MHSA*

### “COUGH et al REVISITED”

By popular request !

Cough remains as a prime purpose of patients outpatient office visits in the United States and remains as a cause of great concern to patients, their families and contacts, and to their physicians and other care givers.

Remember that this symptom ( varying from a mild response to a major persistent problem ) is primarily a protective neural reflex to help keep one’s airway clear. Any stimulus along this reflex arc may trigger a signal to the cough control center in the medulla where a response is generated. This involves a great air pressure expelled at a great speed. If mucus, foreign bodies, etc. are thus expelled from the respiratory passages, cough may be acute and simple or chronic and may be secondarily complicated i.e., by issues involving bleeding, sleep deprivation, headaches, air embolism, syncope, cardiovascular abnormalities, pulmonary trauma, or gastrointestinal or urinary injuries.

With treatment acute cough ( in non smokers ) seldom lasts greater than 6-8 weeks. If the symptom persists it is then called ‘chronic’ and one consider more serious conditions i.e. sinusitis, asthma, COPE, chronic infection, and turns the issue to your physician and his diagnostic skills and leads him to about various chest X-rays, sinus and chest scans, laryngoscopy, bronchoscopy, GERD, tuberculosis, and or malignant tumor.

These last two etiologies are or should be very worrisome to your physician. Symptomatic treatment with various opioids help treatment of the underlying cause by a qualified medical physician will either improve or eliminate the causative stimulus and eliminate the problem.

**REMEMBER:**

Greater than ninety percent of coughing patients improve by six to eight weeks time. If this symptom lasts longer you need an experienced medical physician’s help for a specific diagnosis and specific treatment and follow-up.

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## Patriot's Corner

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

### Annual Fraternal Survey Report

Now is the time for all Sir Knights to sit down and complete an individual survey questioner for services and contributions you have made for services and contributions you have performed during the period of January 2005 to December 2005. Why is this so important? First and foremost it is a way for you as an individual to see what you have given in funds and what services you have done during this year for your fellowman, your church, community, council/assembly, family and youth. Secondly, this survey gives circles, councils and assemblies important information needed to complete the annual fraternal survey report that is submitted to the supreme office annually by each circle, council and assembly in the jurisdiction. A copy of this report is also sent to the State Deputy, Vice Supreme Master, and Master and filed in the unit's files. All this information is needed by the end of December so that each circle, council and assembly can complete its annual survey and submit it to Supreme prior to January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Supreme in turn provides the Internal Revenue Services with necessary documents for maintaining its tax exempt status.

### Interested in Becoming a Fourth Degree Knight?

The Exemplification is your opportunity to become a member of the Fourth Degree, the Patriotic arm of the order. As our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson has stated, "we are part of the order – not apart from the order." If you are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight, contact your councils Grand Knight and let him know your wishes of becoming a patriot. There are nineteen (19) assemblies located throughout the state. Your Grand Knight has a directory which lists all assemblies and which one is closest to your council. Make contact with one of these assemblies or better yet ask one of your council brothers, who is already a Fourth Degree member, to invite you to join. So don't just sit back and wait until you are asked act now and become a patriotic member.

The Exemplification will be held in Columbia, SC on February 24, 25 and 26, 2006 at the Columbiana Hotel, which is or should be, renamed the Radisson Hotel by exemplification time. Please take action and become a Fourth Degree member now.

### Right to Life March

Once again we have a date to lead the Right to Life March in Columbia, SC from the Russell House to the steps of the Capital building. This year's march will be held on January 21, 2006. If you are a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member and have your cape and chapeau, please wear them. For all other members of the order and their families please be apart of the march and support the

Right to Life Program and our Bishop. When you join us for the march be sure to bring your councils/assemblies banner. Hope to see all of you there.

### Chaplain continued from page 2

Pray for me as I pray for you and never forget that God loves you very much. With personal best regards and fraternal good wishes, Faithfully in Christ,  
Rev. James Parker  
State Chaplain

### State Deputy continued from page 2

Remember that nothing is impossible, if we ask Our Father's help, before we talk to the person we want to ask to join our Order.

May Jesus continue to live in you lives,  
Ray

## Father Whitman Honored with Celebration Dinner

Father David Whitman, who was ordained in Charleston on June 23, 2005, was honored with a Celebration Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Assembly 1655 in Spartanburg. All Knights and their ladies from the two local Councils and the Gaffney Council were also invited to attend the event, which was held in the Community Room at Jesus, Our Risen Savior Church. Father Whitman, who was aided by the local Knights during his seminary years, was presented with a chalice, paten and traveling case. The chalice was engraved in memory of Sir Knight Ronald Bishop, deceased member of the Assembly.

## From the Spanish Coordinator

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

Good things are happening all over South Carolina.

I WAS invited by grand knight DAN SMITH of Council 7531 in Conway to attend a second degree. Incorrectly I said that will be a second degree in Spanish with a Spanish 2nd degree team. I am sorry. It was a 2nd degree attended by nine 1st degree Spanish members and four other members representing others councils. It was conducted by the Second Degree Coastal Team. They did an excellent job.

The council 7531 had at the moment 33 Spanish brothers in the round table, congratulations. We need to have more round tables for our Spanish brothers to attend.

Please give me a call phone 803-278-2418

Viva Jesus

God bless you

Angel Lacabe

Spanish Coordinator

## From the Vocations Chairman

### Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)

The Refund Support Vocation Program was started in 1981 by the Supreme Council so that local councils and assemblies could have an opportunity to provide financial aid, moral support and prayer for men and women studying to become a Priest or Sister. The donations made to a seminarian or a novice is not intended to cover their education, rather these funds are for their personal needs. They must be given to the individual, not an order or seminary. The funds must be drawn against the council account (not the charity fund).

Who is eligible to receive RSVP funds?

Seminarians attending collage seminaries:

Seminarians who have been accepted by a diocese and are currently in their spirituality year:

Seminarians attending major seminaries in preparation for priestly ordination:

Seminarians in their pastoral year:

Seminarians who belong to a religious institute and are currently in formation for the priesthood and

men and women who are novices or postulants in religious orders or religious communities.

If your council or assembly is not sponsoring a seminarian or novice at this time, contact me and I will provide you with the name of a young man or lady that can use your support.

### PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Brothers,

Since our "Pennies from Heaven" program is still new, many of our members are not familiar with the program so we need to education them. Take a few minutes at the council meetings and socials to pass the Pennies from Heaven container. Remind them of what the collection is for. If you do this, your council should have no trouble meeting our goal of just \$100.00 from each council. With 58 councils, this will enable us to give the Bishop's vocation program \$5000.00 or more.

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS by sending religious Christmas cards. This program is our opportunity as Catholics to bring Christ back into the Christmas season and at the same time earn some money for your council. Now is the time to start your Christmas card campaign.

Last year Conway Council 7531 used the money they earned to help their church youth raise funds to attend World Youth Day. What special project do you need to support?

Vivat Jesus!

Richard A. Gabriel, SW

## From The Youth Activities

### Director

#### Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

We have a site and hosts for the State Soccer Challenge! District Deputy Jim Sansonetti secured the Irmo Recreation Field for our use on Saturday December 10, 2005. Districts 2 and 7 will co-host the event.

I understand some councils still have not received their kits from Supreme. I can't explain why that is, but at this late date, if you have not yet received the kit, call Phil Gaudet, the Supreme rep responsible for most youth programs. His direct number is (203) 752-4154 He told me that shipment of kits could be expedited via UPS if required.

Again the program is open to all boys and girls ages 10 through 14 years as of September 1, 2005. Proof of age is required. Required equipment is a soccer goal, rope and 2 stakes to secure it to the ground, a size #4 soccer ball for ages 10 & 11, and a #5 ball for ages 12-14. The kit will include the Rules and Regulations, Posters, Entry Forms, Participation Forms, Council Champion Forms, and a Participation Report Form.

Council (and District) competitions must be completed and the District winners' entry forms in my hands by December 6, 2005.

#### What else is going on?

Last year many of you responded to an email request to let me know what Youth Programs you were doing. We printed many of your responses in the State Bulletin. I would like to hear from you all again this year. Maybe someone has a new great program other councils would like to try.

Fraternally,

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

Phone: (864) 579-2482, E-mail [ddvenner@bellsouth.net](mailto:ddvenner@bellsouth.net).





## **KATRINA Relief continued from page 1**

Catholic Bishops, and are looking into the possibility of establishing a job bank for those displaced.”

The Knights have nearly 50,000 members in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi. Of those about one-third have life insurance through the Order.

The Knights of Columbus has also announced that it will be suspending lapses of policies and premium notices in FEMA-designated disaster areas for at least 60 days. Knights of Columbus is ranked by Fortune Magazine as one of the largest providers of life insurance in the country with over \$54 billion of top rated life insurance in force.

On Aug. 31, the Supreme Council provided initial contributions of \$10,000 each to Knights of Columbus state councils in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

The Knights of Columbus has provided significant relief for other recent disasters, providing more than \$500,000 to victims of the Asian tsunami and \$1 million for families of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

## **Supreme Knight Addresses Synod**

10/13/2005

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, the only North American auditor at the Synod of Bishops meeting this month in Rome, spoke to the gathering on Thursday, October 13. Anderson was also an auditor at the 2001 Synod.

Auditors attend the Synod meetings, taking part in the discussions and assisting the bishops in their deliberations. The Synod will feature a wide-ranging discussion of “The Eucharist: Source and Summit of the Life and Mission of the Church.” It is the 11th such gathering since Vatican II. 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. The Knights of Columbus has been instrumental in promoting a broader and deeper understanding of this fundamental aspect of Catholic worship, and has sponsored three Eucharistic Congresses in the United States, the most recent of which was held in Chicago August 4-5, 2005, and drew an estimated 5,000 participants. It has also pledged \$1 million in financial support for a Canadian Eucharistic Congress to be held in Quebec in 2008.

Approximately 250 bishops from around the world will take part in the Synod. They have been asked to be prepared to discuss such issues as how local churches are transmitting teaching on the Eucharist to their communities and individual be-



lievers; the degree to which individual priests may be failing to “to highlight the profound sense of this great Mystery of the faith ... in an attempt to be personal and avant-garde”; and whether the faithful “have a clear understanding of the gift of the Lord’s Real Presence” in the Eucharist.

## **Roberts Confirmation is “Encouraging”**

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Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said that the confirmation of John Roberts as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court “is an encouraging sign that this time, at least, pro-abortion groups did not have the ability to hijack the judicial nomination process in Washington.

“Chief Justice Roberts responded to his harshest critics on the Senate Judiciary Committee with skill, honesty and good humor. And while it is disappointing that 22 senators chose to vote against a man who is so clearly well qualified for this position, we are glad that opponents did not resort to a filibuster, and hope that future nominations to the Supreme Court will be handled in a similarly straightforward manner,” Anderson said.

At the 2005 Knights of Columbus convention in Chicago in August, delegates adopted a resolution declaring that Roberts was “exceptionally well qualified” to serve on the Supreme Court, and calling upon senators to “conduct prompt, fair and expeditious hearings,” to “consider his nomination without delay or filibuster,” and to “allow him an up-or-down vote on his confirmation.”

“The Senate did all of these things, and that’s a very good sign,” Anderson said. “We fervently hope that the same courtesy is extended to the next nominee as well.” Anderson attended Roberts’ swearing-in ceremony at the White House.



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