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Order Responds to Katrina With Largest Disaster Effort Ever



The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has announced the largest disaster relief effort in its history. The Order has pledged a minimum of \$2.5 million in financial assistance and will match any funds beyond that donated to the Knights of Columbus Katrina Relief Fund over the next 60 days.

How to Donate

Of that money, \$250,000 will be immediately distributed to Catholic Charities in affected areas, and \$1.25 million will be used in the immediate future to assist those displaced and made indefinitely homeless. An additional \$1 million will be set aside and used to rebuild the estimated 130 Catholic schools destroyed or seriously damaged by the storm and its aftermath. "We are asking all of our councils and assemblies in the United States and Canada to become active in this relief effort within 60 days 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 Catholic Bishops, and are looking into the possibility of establishing a job bank for those displaced." Many Knights of Columbus in local councils near the affected areas are volunteering their homes, council halls, and personal time and supplies to those affected. These efforts, local and national, will expand in the days ahead. Members of the Order in the United States and Canada, and the general public are asked to donate to this effort.

Donors in the United States should make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Inc. and donors in Canada should make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Canada Charities, Inc. Both your check and envelope should be clearly marked: Attention: Hurricane KATRINA Relief.

Donations should be sent to:

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Knights of Columbus
Charities USA, Inc.
Gift Processing Center
PO Box 9028
Pittsfield, MA 01202-9028

Attention: Hurricane KATRINA Relief

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

September 2005

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

October 2005

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

November 2005

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

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From The State Deputy

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

Worthy Brother Knights,

This month has started off with a terrible storm that has caused many people and a lot of our brothers to be left out of their homes, many families displaced, separated and broken. You have stepped up and shown how we the Knights of Columbus can gather, arm in arm and show all that we will not allow despair break the spirit of the families of the coastal region.

The response noted to date has been overwhelming and we are starting the second phase to support our brothers along the coast with needed care packages.

As I continue to receive information from the affected regions, I will pass it onto you. Please, don't stop sending monies to our State Secretary; our brothers are just starting to begin the task of rebuilding.

I have the privilege to present to each council the awards from Supreme, whether it is the Father McGivney award or, the Columbian award or the coveted, Star Council Award. I am honored and proud of your accomplishments and would like to make the presentations to you, so please, schedule a special event so I can properly present the award to you with your families in attendance. Send me e-mail or call me so that we can finalize your plans.

We are quickly coming up on the Fall Blitz, for membership! This is a perfect opportunity for all of us to step out of our shells and ask that fellow in church you haven't seen before. Or, that one fellow who has continued to side step your efforts when asking him to join. Get involved in making your council the best it has ever been.

The regional meetings are just around the corner. As the Grand Knight, I want you at one of these meetings. This is a mandatory meeting that you are required to attend. The dress code will be leisure, slacks and golf Shirts. If you the Grand Knight, cannot be at the meeting you should designate one of your Officers to be there in your place and be able to represent your council.

Fraternally,
Ray Hock
State Deputy



From The State Chaplain

There are several things in my mind as I write to you this month. I would want to say a few words about each of these with the prayer that they will be of some benefit and use to you.

First, my news is that I retire from active ministry on October 31. I will no longer be Pastor of the wonderful Holy Spirit Church on Johns Island where I have served for about 15 years. I will become 75 years old in October and will enter into canonical retirement. This does not mean “quitting” anything. I will, certainly continue to say Mass everyday at home or wherever I may be needed, and I will be available to support on weekends where the priest may be ill or have a need to be away. But, I am pleased and happy to tell you that I will indeed continue to be your State Chaplain as well as Council Chaplain of my own local P.N. Lynch Council # 704 in Charleston. This may even mean that I will have a bit more time to give to the Knights of Columbus, a fraternity which I love dearly.

Then, as I, write these words I am concerned about the Hurricane Ophelia which is moving around very slowly and in a strange fashion. While I monitor its adventures on the TV Weather Channel, there is only a general feeling that it may hit land in North Carolina. I pray that it will avoid the South Carolina coastal areas, but it will have an effect on our beaches even if only the outer circle of winds. Prayer is the need. And, let us pray for all those who suffered so much in the New Orleans and Gulf Coast region. Whatever happens with Ophelia, it won't be that bad. Prayer is our defense.

The Diocese of Charleston is entering into a very special Capital Funds campaign called “Our Heritage, Our Hope.” This effort will seek to assist all parishes in South Carolina with spiritual and material needs, complete the exterior of St. John the Baptist Cathedral, assist and support Catholic Charities and Catholic Education, establish a central location for a diocesan retreat and conference center, assist retired priests, support our Hispanic ministry, support seminarians and religious in the diocese. I would want to urge you to contemplate these goals and try to make them very personal goals for you. We are not asked just to give money, we are being asked to act out a witness to our faith-commitment and to see these goals

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From the Membership Director

Jack Cavagnaro, PGK State Membership and Retention Director

By the time you read this every council should have had, or have scheduled, at least one first degree this year. If not, you are behind in your goal of making Star Council. Once again, Star Council needs to be the objective of every Grand Knight and council leader. You need to expect to make it, and plan accordingly.

As of 9/1, we have a net gain of 17 state-wide, which is just 5% of our goal of 335. This is largely due to a significant early loss in July. Now that the fall has started, we need to step it up. Congratulations to Councils #6847 E. Columbia, #11910 Summerville, and #10819 Simpsonville for getting off to a fast start during July and August.

Since it is already mid-September, you should be making plans for your fall blitz. My council, #10668, is scheduled for October 22-23 week end. What about yours? Pick a date. Get your pastor's approval to speak at each mass (2-3 minutes on why you should become a knight). Plan to have each church exit covered by one or two brothers, in jacket, tie, and name tag, whose objective is to get as many names and numbers as possible on 3x5 cards. Have membership committee follow-up with phone calls on each within 48-72 hours. Have an informational night planned, and/or an in-home meeting with prospect and his wife, if married. And, most importantly, have dates set in advance for one or more 1st degrees. We need to bring them in, or our efforts will have been in vain. A blitz is how we reach those many we may not know personally, or can't otherwise reach. If done correctly, as above, it should generate a large number of new brothers for us at one time. It makes achieving Star Council a whole lot easier.

Remember, State Deputy, Ray Hock, has pledged myself, and every State Council officer to do whatever we can to help you make Star, so there should be no excuses. Don't hesitate to call for help when needed.

May God continue to hold you in the palm of His hand.

Jack Cavagnaro, PGK, State Membership Chairman



Supreme Court Nomination “First Rate”

Statement by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson on the nomination of Judge John Roberts to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson called Judge John Roberts “a first-rate choice for the U.S. Supreme Court.” President Bush announced that he would nominate Roberts in a nationally-televised address July 20.

“Judge Roberts is exactly the kind of nominee that members of both parties have described as the kind of choice the President should make,” Anderson said.

“He is one of the brightest legal minds in America, graduating at the top of his class at Harvard Law School, and has a well-deserved reputation for fairness, integrity and superb judicial temperament on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.”

“During his years in private practice,” Anderson recalled, “he argued a case pro bono — free of charge — on behalf of some of the District's neediest welfare recipients, who were about to lose their benefits under the D.C. Public Assistance Act.

He is someone who knows and appreciates the plight of the poor, especially those who have the most difficult time getting fair and even-handed treatment in our legal system.”

“Judge Roberts' experience in private practice, in the executive branch, and as a judge make him exceptionally well-qualified to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, and we applaud President Bush for making such an excellent nomination to fill the vacancy created by Justice O'Connor's retirement,” Anderson concluded.



From the State Ceremonial Chairman

Michael W. Telesco, PSD

ATTENTION DISTRICT DEPUTIES... Degree Exemplification reports, form 1450 must be submitted to me, within 7 days after your councils conduct a First Degree. (Note DD if a 2nd or 3rd Degree is held in your area you must also report those to the State Ceremonial Chairman the same form.)

You are reminded that you, the State Deputy or the State Ceremonial Chairman, can only certify back-up members for First Degree Teams. No one else is authorized to accomplish this. **CONGRATULATIONS!** To the Councils who are off to a great start in the conduct of First Degrees during the period 1 Jul thru 1 Sep 05 See First Degree Standing below

HATS OFF TO following 2nd Degrees Teams for conducting 2nd degrees since July 1, 2005: Dist 2, 11, 5, 8, 9, and 10, well done worthy Sirs:

THE DOWN SIDE: THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE NOT CONDUCTED A FIRST DEGREE IN THEIR DISTRICT THIS FY: DISTRICT 7,9,10, LETS HAVE 100% FOR THE NEXT REPORT PERIOD.

PROTOCOL NOTES: COUNCIL MEETINGS: The Grand Knight must conduct his meetings in strict accordance with the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, Supplemental by the council's by-laws and according to parliamentary procedure. The standard reference on the subject is **ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER**, available from a local library or bookstore. The order of business for conducting a council meeting is outlined in the "RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GRAND KNIGHT #1937, provided each council from Supreme Council in July 99. In addition to learning these rules and following them scrupulously, the Grand Knight must control the meeting politely but firmly, so that it does not get out of hand through unnecessary arguments of unpleasant wrangling. The Grand Knight should prevent any discussion from wandering from the business of the day.

The Grand Knight is the presiding officer in the council. When a member wishes to speak, he does so by rising from his seat, addressing the chair by saying "Worthy Grand Knight" and saluting at the same time. The Grand Knight will return the salute and acknowledge the member. The Grand Knight should at all times refer to and address his officers by their proper title. He thus sets a good example for the council members to follow. All members, who are not officers, should be recognized by name as "Brother....".

All speech must be directed to the chair (the grand Knight), for example "Worthy Grand Knight, may I ask the previous speaker to explain...."

The Grand Knight always speaks in the third person such as "The Chair rules that...." or "Your Grand Knight reports that"

REMINDER: ALL CANDIDATES AND MEMBERS ATTENDING 2nd & 3rd DEGREES WILL WEAR COAT AND TIE. NO EXCEPTIONS. GRAND KNIGHTS, DISTRICT DEPUTIES PLEASE ADVISE YOUR MEMBERS OF THIS RULING. NO EXCEPTIONS

THE NEXT 3rd DEGREE WILL BE HELD AT Garden City, Council 8980 ON SUNDAY OCT 9



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From the Pro Life Chair Couple

Submitted by Jim and Bobbie St. Clair

Dear Brother Knights,

This summer, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson had some wonderful words of guidance for us. He wrote (in part): "...in anticipation of October, which has been designated '**Respect Life Month**'...every council should participate in Respect Life Month in a significant way. Use this occasion to collaborate with parish and local pro-life organizations in our common cause to promote respect for life. Every council should have in place a pro-life chair couple, or at least a pro-life chairman, to initiate pro-life projects and carry them through. At the Supreme Convention the delegates unanimously resolved that Judge John G. Roberts, nominated for a seat on the United States Supreme Court, should not be subjected to any pro-abortion litmus test or filibuster, and that he be allowed an up-or-down vote on his confirmation....I ask that you, your members and families write to your Senators to favor Judge Roberts' fair and timely confirmation."

Please note that our leadership in the Knights of Columbus is not taking an easy, no-ruffled-feathers approach to our nation's Supreme Court nomination processes. Our leadership is not hiding behind "this is politics and we are a non-profit organization" excuse. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson is saying in essence, "Take a stand for life and don't compromise. Call or write your elected representatives and demand that they do the right thing for our country".

Do you know that the Constitution prohibits religious tests for federal office? Yet, that is what many in the Senate are doing with regards to the Supreme Court nomination....they are building a case that a nominee's personal religious beliefs are a critical "litmus test" as to whether he is qualified to be a non-partisan judge. This kind of bigotry has no place in the confirmation process. If we stand by and allow this type of partisan politics to prevail, then what will be next for us Catholics? Will it be 'Catholics need not apply' for any federal office?! Email or telephone your two Senators and demand that they fight for a swift and fair up-or-down vote....no filibusters:

Senator Lindsey Graham: (202)224-5972, Email <http://lgraham.senate.gov/index.cfm?mode=contactformOldVersion>
 Senator Jim DeMint: (202)224 -6121, E-mail <http://demint.senate.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=Contact.Home>
 Finally, please contact us with the name and address of your pro-life representative. We have most names but not all. Our job is to support them and we will. Just give us the tools...name and email address will do it.

Fraternally,
 Jim & Bobbie St. Clair
 Stclair33@bellsouth.net

1st Degree Standings

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%
MIKA	12263	BLUFTON	6	1	16.67%
	DD #1		23	2	8.70%2
	2207	SUMTER	6		0.00%
	6847	E. COLUMBIA	6	2	33.33%
2	9672	CAMDEN	4		0.00%
	12554	COLUMBIA	5	1	20.00%
	13713	BLYTHEWOOD	0		0.00%
	DD #2		21	3	14.29%
	3684	AIKEN	6	1	16.67%
4	7062	N. AUGUSTA	5		0.00%
	9161	BARWNELL	4		0.00%
	11645	EDGEFIELD	4	1	25.00%
	DD #4		19	2	10.53%
5	6629	SUMMERVILLE	6		0.00%
	8502	WALTERBORO	4		0.00%
	8900	N. CHARLESTON	5	1	20.00%
	10334	CHARLESTON	5	1	20.00%
	11910	SUMMERVILLE	5	2	40.00%
6	DD #5		25	4	16.00%
	6684	SENECA	6	1	16.67%
	7129	GREENWOOD	5		0.00%
	8295	ANDERSON	5		0.00%
7	9576	PICKENS	5		0.00%
	DD #6		21	1	4.76%
	724	COLUMBIA	6		0.00%
	6891	ORANGEBURG	4		0.00%
	6892	IRMO	5		0.00%
8	11325	LEXINGTON	5		0.00%
	DD #7		20	0	0.00%
	1668	GREENVILLE	6		0.00%
	8182	MAULDIN	5		0.00%
	9745	GREENVILLE	4		0.00%
9	10819	SIMPSONVILLE	6	2	33.33%
	13112	GREENVILLE	4		0.00%
	DD #8		25	2	8.00%
	704	CHARLESTON	6		0.00%
	6250	JAMES ISLAND	5		0.00%
10	9475	MT. PLEASANT	6		0.00%
	12472	CHARLESTON	5		0.00%
	DD #9		22	0	0.00%
	6756	ROCK HILL	6		0.00%
11	10066	LANCASTER	4		0.00%
	12268	YORK	4		0.00%
	12366	FORT MILL	5		0.00%
	DD #10		19	0	0.00%
	3067	GEORGETOWN	5		0.00%
12	5086	MYR. BEACH	6	1	16.67%
	7531	CONWAY	5	1	20.00%
	8980	GARDEN CITY	6	1	16.67%
	11028	PAWLEYS ISL	6		0.00%
	DD #11		28	3	10.71%
13	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%
	10867	CHERAW	4		0.00%
14	DD #12		23	3	13.04%
	6726	HANAHANG C	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%
	6076	SPARTANBURG	5		0.00%
	9184	TAYLORS	6		0.00%
Stanley	9575	SPARTANBURG	6		0.00%
	12274	GREER	4	1	25.00%
	12995	GAFFNEY	4	1	25.00%
	DD #14		25	2	8.00%
TOTAL			291	24	8.25%

MICHAEL W. TELESKO, PSD, STATE CEREMONIAL CHAIRMAN

From the Church Director

Jim Martin

At the GK workshop in Taylors a proposed schedule for the ICON for the fraternal year 2005/2006 was provided. The ICON for this year will be the Madonna of South Carolina provided to us by the Diocese of Charleston. Accompanying the ICON will be a suggested prayer service lasting approximately 15 minutes. This ICON can be used at your Council meetings or at a special church service or activity coordinated with your pastor. We will start the ICON on October 1st with Council 9184 in Taylors. The schedule for the remainder of October is as follows: On October 7 it should go to Council 12274 in Greer, October 13th to Council 9575 Spartanburg, October 19th to Council 6076 Spartanburg, October 25th to Council 12995 Gaffney, and October 31st to Council 12268 in York. This schedule provides for each council to have the Icon in their possession for a minimum of six (6) days. It is suggested that the Grand Knight or a representative of the next council contact the Grand Knight of the preceding council to arrange a time and place agreeable to both to transfer the Icon from one council to the next. The District Deputies can help to coordinate transfers within the district or between districts. When your Council receives the ICON please email me at PGK6726PFN1900@comcast.net so that I may keep track of its current location.

How many of our parishes in South Carolina need Priests? Where do our future Priests and Religious come from? How many parishes have Altar Servers? The youth of today are going to become our leaders of tomorrow. That also includes our future Priests and Religious leaders. What recognition do our Altar Servers get, other than maybe a thank you from the Priest after mass? The service of these young girls and boys, young women and men is voluntary, an example to others, and a reflection of the good work and upbringing by their parents. By their dedication, devotion and service, they help the Priest in the Celebration of the Mass and truly demonstrate the virtues all of us should seek to attain. Just possibly their present service could be a step in the direction for the Priesthood or Religious life. As Knights we can recognize the efforts of these dedicated youth by presenting them with an Altar Server Certificate or some other recognition at a Church function or at the end of Mass - it could even be incorporated with a Recruiting drive. As always, coordinate with your Pastor first.

Vivat Jesu,
Jim Martin



Health Services Byline

*Submitted by Louis Umile Pulicicchio,
MD, MHA*

“ADULT VACCINATION , REVISITED”

In the first few years of life most of us got our original immunizations and vaccinations against DPT, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, various viral hepatitis, pneumococcal disease, and finally influenza.

We were rechallenged during our preadolescent years and we thought we were through with “SHOTS ” but we soon found out that “SHOTS” were not forever since various immunity variables change with time. For example, influenza shots are changed yearly, rabies vaccination indications changed depending on the circumstances of the exposure. Starting next year the approved HZV shot for adults will renew our exposure to chicken pox etc.

World travel is another unexpected factor influencing “SHOTS” for various forms of hepatitis, typhoid , and meningococcal disease. More recently, pertussis (whooping cough) has returned to revisit grandparents (more than 5000 such cases in the United States last year). Circa 5-6% of these adult whooping cough patients required hospitalization because of difficulty in recognizing these atypical cases. Two new adult vaccines (called Boostrix and Adacel) are being approved. Each carrying its own precautions, contraindications, and adverse reactions. Never-the-less these vaccines have the potential of providing considerable benefits by reducing the frequency of pertussis and by providing significant antibody titers and finally these agents are usually well tolerated.

REMEMBER: When going for your annual “flu” shot ask not only about your pneumococcal status but also ask about your pertussis status.

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Patriot's Corner

Submitted by Richard E. Koehler, PSD District Master

Support Our State Council

I'm sure most of you have seen the e-mail's that has gone out about the support that is needed for the States in the Gulf Coast that

were devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Supreme has pledged 2.5 million to the devastated states. I ask all Assemblies' that can give a monetary donation to go through our State Council to give this money so that it can go through the K of C Charities toward this pledge. Should your Assembly wish to do this please let me and the Vice Supreme Master know how much you contributed to this worth while project.

Point System Set-up for Districts

Our Vice Supreme Master, Frank Scandone has set up a point system to determine which district is the best in the province. This system is based on reports that are required to be submitted to the Vice Supreme Master. They are: officers' reports, audit reports, fraternal reports, civic awards, Vocations Refund and To Be a Patriot. Other areas that points can be earned are meeting membership and new assemblies' goals for the district, the Exemplification and activities at the Exemplification, the number of Assemblies that meet their membership goal and also supporting our Veterans Hospitals and having representatives attending Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS) meetings.

As you can see this requires team work. I challenge all of you to become part of the team by making sure your Assemblies' reports are turned in on time. I know that the SC District can be NUMBER ONE in the province and with TEAM WORK this can be accomplished with us all working together.

January Reports Needed

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities, form #: 1728, are due by January 31, 2006, please mail original to Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services and copies to the Vice Supreme Master and Master.

Sir Knight of the Year nominations, one per Assembly, is due by January 31, 2006. Please mail this to Sir Knight Ronald Snyder, Program Director.

Exemplification

It's not too late to begin recruiting new members for the upcoming Exemplification. Our goal for the 2005-2006 fraternal year has been set for 150 new members. The normal requirements to become a Fourth Degree member are; A knight for at least one year and has obtained the honors of Third Degree prior to the Exemplification. Knights with less than one year but more than six months may request a waiver subject to Supremes approval.

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as something we really want in our commitment to the diocese. Let us all pray for the campaign and for our Brother Knight, Bishop Robert J. Baker. And let us be very serious about our financial share in this endeavor. Your parish will be approaching you about a pledge. Be Knightly about it and be deadly in earnest about giving.

Right in the middle of September Our Holy Mother, the Church calls upon us to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross - September 14. This calls us to a deeper realization of what redemption actually means to us, and gives us the answer as well. Jesus is God and man. As man he offered himself perfectly to God the Father and is accepted in joy. This opens for use the pathway back to where we were before Adam and that's what counts.

That's about covers what it might be to leave Charleston until everything is like we want it to be. That's not the way things work out. We are children of God and we live in Him. He will give us grace and the perseverance to hold up under all difficulties. Be strong! Persevere! And above all, pray!

Remember, I pray for you all every day. Hold fast to the principles of our order and stay loyal to the Knights of Columbus. Fall is just around the corner and it brings more activities to most organizations. Let us all be loyal and faithful and persevering with regard to the Knights. And, please pray for me. Fraternally in Christ,

The Rev. James Parker State Chaplain

Spartanburg 4th Degree Installation Banquet

Officers for the 2005-2006 Fraternal Year of Fourth Degree Assembly 1655 were installed recently by Richard Koehler, Master of the South Carolina District. FN Frank Tenberge presided at a banquet at the Carolina Country Club immediately following the installation. Savings Bonds were presented to Ben Weiskircher, a 10th Grade Student at St. Joseph Catholic School in Greenville, as the Assembly's winner of it's 2004-05 Catholicity Award and to Sonny Bandigas, an 8th Grade Student at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School in Spartanburg, as the Assembly's winner of it's Essay Competition. SK Koehler also presented Supreme's Civic Award and the "To be a Patriot" Award to the Assembly as the Regional winner for the 2003-04 Fraternal Year.

From the Vocations Chairman

Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)

On July 23, while we were conducting the Grand Knights Work Shop, Robert Higgins, Christopher Smith and David Whitman were ordained at the Cathedral in Charleston. Many thanks to the councils and assemblies who have supported them throughout their time as seminarians. The Diocese of Charleston has four new young men who have been accepted to a seminary and are starting on their journey to becoming a priest. They are Jason Oakes, David Nerbun, Mathew Gray and Richard Jackson. These young men need our support as do the two novices, Sr. Kathy Delancey and Sr. Kathleen Ann Horvat of the Poor Clare Sisters in Greenville. The list of our Diocese sponsored seminarians and novices was made available to the Grand Knights at the Grand Knights Work shop. If you did not attend the work shop or did not receive a copy, please contact me so that I can provide you with the current list.

I encourage all of the councils to get involved in the "Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)". All the details are provided in your Vocations Handbook and Program books. If you have additional questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Pennies From Heaven

Brothers,

Our "Pennies from Heaven" program is in its second year. Our first year was good but let us make it even better this year. Take the time at the meeting or socials to remind members of the program and pass the Pennies from Heaven container. While at a council social last month, the grand knight was reminded that the container should be passed around for collection. The council collected \$35.00. As you can see, this will provide your council the opportunity to meet the goal of collecting \$100.00. With your help, we will be able to give the Bishop's vocation program \$5000.00 again this year. This goal can easily be reached if each council participates and meets or exceeds their goal.

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.

The cut off date for ordering the 36 box starter kit at the special price is rapidly approaching. I am sorry to say that not many of our councils have taken advantage of this opportunity. This is an excellent way for your council to earn extra money.

Vivat Jesus!

Richard A. Gabriel, SW

From The Youth Activities Director

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

Several councils have indicated that they have not received their kits from Supreme. I spoke recently to Phil Gaudet, the Supreme rep responsible for most youth programs. He said that kits mailed August 11 seemed to be delayed. If you sent for the kit before August and have not received it you should reorder it now. You can download a new order form from the K of C Website. You can fax the form to (203) 752-4108. You can also call Mr. Gaudet directly at (203) 752-4154 for an expedited shipment via UPS if required. This link will get you into the appropriate place on the website. <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/events/detail.cfm?id=13689>

This 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.

Council competitions must be held before December so that a State contest can be completed before the end of the year. It is yet to be determined if there will be an actual State Soccer Challenge this year.

Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

Remember to order your kits before October 31. Poster Contest Kit Order Forms are available in the Council Report Forms Booklet and on the web at www.kofc.org.

This program is open to all boys and girls ages 8 to 14. They compete in two age groups (8 to 11 and 12 to 14). There are two poster theme categories: alcohol and drug abuse awareness. Posters are to be 11" x 17".

The deadline for council winning entries to be received by me is February 1, 2006. Please send only the four (4) winning posters from your council, and attach a completely filled out application form. Posters without required signatures will not be accepted. The council winners will be judged at the Mid-year meeting and the State winners will be entered into the International Competition.

Fraternally,

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The Supreme Council on Aug. 31 provided initial relief funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Initial contributions of \$10,000 each were made available 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 Officers discuss relief efforts on a conference call with state deputies from affected areas and throughout North America.

Mt. Pleasant Council 9475 to Sponsor Harbor Cruise

What: 3rd Annual "Knight on the Harbor" Cruise sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

When: October 15: board 7pm return 9:30pm

Where: The General Beauregard departing from Patriot's Point in Mount Pleasant

How much: \$25 per person includes food, beverages, music, dancing, door prizes and lots of fun.

Join us for a fun "Knight" of cruising on Charleston harbor. You don't want to miss this once a year very fun event. Tickets are limited.

Who: Contact Neil Whitman @ 270-9834 for tickets



Knights at World Youth Day

8/12/2005

Order Funds Travel for Impoverished Participants, Prints Devotional Literature

Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity distribute devotional materials printed by the Knights of Columbus to a World Youth Day pilgrim.



The Knights of Columbus made a significant contribution to the World Youth Day events in Cologne, Germany, Aug. 16-21, providing funding for economically disadvantaged participants, sending a delegation to the event, printing literature for distribution at the events and funding the performance of Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* at Cologne Cathedral in honor of Benedict XVI prior to World Youth Day.

The Knights donated \$50,000 to the Pontifical Council for the Laity's Solidarity Fund for the purpose of subsidizing the travel expenses of participants from Mexico, the Philippines, the Dominican Republic and Cuba who might otherwise be unable to attend.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, right, with college Knights attending World Youth Day.



The Order was represented at World Youth Day by a delegation of student members of Knights of Columbus college councils, as well as by members of the Supreme Council in New Haven, headed by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

The Knights printed more than one million pieces of literature — including prayer cards in five languages — that were distributed by the Missionaries of Charity — the religious community founded by Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

A performance of Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* at Cologne Cathedral, in honor of Pope Benedict XVI, was also funded by the Knights of Columbus. The July 29 performance featured the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and London Philharmonic Choir led by Maestro Gilbert Levine.

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