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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April

15 Business Meeting

23-25 State Convention

30 Operation Hope

May

1 Operation Hope

6 Business Meeting

7-8 Operation Hope

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GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

Brother Knights: Easter is a time of renewal. As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ we look forward to the last part of our Fraternal year with a new Treasurer to replace our departed brother Bob Fitzsimons. Jack Davis has agreed to run for Treasurer. He will be nominated to fill Bob's term on April 15 and for the next fraternal year at our June election. Anyone interested in serving as Treasurer may be nominated April 15, contact the nominating committee and/or may be nominated at the June meeting.

We need a fitting tribute to Bob. I need a couple of volunteers to discuss some ideas with me and act on one or more. One is to ask the school to have

an annual chess tournament in Bob's honor. The Knights would dedicate a plaque to Bob and his formation of and service to the St. Joseph's Chess Club, and then Knights would be expected to attend the event each year to show support, provide prizes, etc. Another more expensive proposition would be to add something to the Shrine to the Unborn since Bob was the driving force to ensure the project became a reality.

Brother Gary Geneer has had lots of health difficulties in the last year and a half. After a definite improvement in the past 3-4 months he had a set back or two, but now is improving again. He does not have e-mail so a call or
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Birthdays

April

6	Fred Parsons
13	Conrad Linder
14	Greg Lamberty
19	Bob Nerbun
24	Bill Cunningham

Reminder!!!

Annual membership dues (\$36) are due in to the Financial Secretary on January 1 of each year. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2010, please remit them without haste! To remit your dues, or to determine your payment status, contact FS Lester Johnson, (803) 755-2736.

Novena for Pope Benedict XVI



All Knights of Columbus are encouraged to join in a special novena for Pope Benedict XVI, beginning Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, and concluding Monday, April 19, the fifth anniversary of the Holy Father's election in 2005.

We pray for the pope and for his pastoral mission, asking God to protect, strengthen and uplift our beloved Holy Father at this time of considerable challenge.

An initial supply of prayer cards has been sent to state officers, district deputies, grand knights and council chaplains in the United States. However, due to the change in our meeting date, members are encouraged to download the PDF document from the K of C web site (www.kofc.org) or use the one provided below that will enable participation until these can be disseminated.

Please spread the word about this novena and invite others in our parish and community to take part in it!

Membership Director

Community Sunday was a huge success with many new prospects identified! My congratulations and deepest thanks go out to those Knights that gave of their time and energy to help with this event, especially: Damien Masse, Jim Corbett, Sam Kopak, Andy Nelson, Jim Albert, Buddy Wier, and Jim Ki-nard. There were many other brother Knights that stopped in and took a few minutes to chat with our fellow parishioners, too many in fact to try to name them all! I really appreciate what you all did for our Council and our Parish, and I look forward to our hosting the Community Sunday activity again.

However, despite this success, we must continue to be vigilant in seeking out qualified prospects to become members of our Order. For example, I will have the opportunity to speak with the neophytes of RCIA on April 27th, of whom several have already shown interest in joining the Knights!

PRAYER FOR POPE BENEDICT XVI

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd, Benedict, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

- V** Let us pray for Benedict, the pope.
R May the Lord preserve him,
 give him a long life,
 make him blessed upon the earth,
 and not hand him over
 to the power of his enemies.
V May your hand
 be upon your holy servant.
R And upon your son,
 whom you have anointed.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
In Solidarity With Our Holy Father

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card to him would be greatly appreciated. He conscientiously calls to update me and apologize for not being able to attend our events, and looks forward to seeing his Brother Knights soon, and often.

Please try to attend our annual K of C State Convention being held in Columbia April 24-26, even if just the golf tournament or hospitality on Friday, or the dinner Saturday night. Our Brother

Knights around the state would like to get to know you and how we show our Charity, Unity and Fraternity, as well as Patriotism.

Remember that the beauty of Spring is but a poor reflection of the love of the Lord. Let's share it with our brother Knights, their families, and our widows like Mary Fitzsimmons and (Francis) Pat McDermott, wife of one of our founding members, Dick McDermott.



Jesus Christ is Risen!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

APRIL

- 15** REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM; DINNER, 6:30 PM
- 23-25** STATE CONVENTION, CLARION HOTEL, COLUMBIA

- 30** OPERATION HOPE, WALMART GARNERS FERRY ROAD, 9AM-6PM

MAY

- 1** OPERATION HOPE, WALMART GARNERS FERRY ROAD, 9AM-6PM
- 2** PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM, GYM, TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC RADIO
- 6** REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM, FIRST DEGREE AND NOMINATION OF OFFICERS; DINNER, 6:30 PM
- 7-8** OPERATION HOPE, WALMART GARNERS FERRY ROAD, 9AM-6PM
- 9** MOTHER'S DAY
- 14** ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION NIGHT, 6:30 PM, ROYAL Z BOWLING LANES

- 20** FAMILY NIGHT, 6:30PM, PARISH HOUSE, BLESSED MOTHER MARY THEME, COVERED DISH

- 31** MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE

- 3** REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM, ELECTION OF OFFICERS; DINNER, 6:30 PM

- 14** FLAG DAY

- 17** FAMILY NIGHT, 6:30PM, PARISH HOUSE, COVERED DISH

- 19** WORKSHOP FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AND APPOINTED DIRECTORS, TBA; *TENTATIVE*

JULY

- 1** REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM; DINNER, 6:30 PM
- 16** ORDINATION OF DAVE NERBUN TO DEACONATE, 6:00 PM, ST JOSEPH
- 23** INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND AWARDS BANQUET, 6:00PM SOCIAL HOUR, 7:00PM INSTALLATION; AMERICAN LEGION HALL, 200 PICKENS ST.; COAT & TIE, CASH BAR

Saint of the Month (March) *Deacon Charles P. Poole, Jr.*

Saint Katharine Drexel (1858 – 1955AD); Foundress, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament; Patroness of philanthropists and racial justice.



Katharine was born in Philadelphia on November 26, 1858, and died on March 3, 1955, at the age of 96. The second child of Francis Anthony Drexel and Hannah Langstroth, she was raised in a millionaire's home. Her mother died five weeks after her birth. The Drexel family was both powerful and wealthy. Her stepmother Emma opened their home to the poor three days a week, and spent her life sharing her wealth with worthy people. Katharine later did the same with her inheritance. Her father brought the family to daily Mass, and they meditated together half an hour every day. She became a wealthy orphan at the age of 25 inheriting one-third of the estate worth millions of dollars.

She became sympathetic to the plight of the Native Americans, and visited a reservation in the Dakotas. There she met the great Chief Red Cloud and saw the extreme poverty of Native Americans. Next she visited Pope Leo XIII in Rome and pleaded with

him to send more missionaries to the Indians. He encouraged her to become a missionary herself. Her spiritual director, Bishop James O'Connor, suggested that she found a new congregation of nuns for this apostolate, so she and thirteen others obtained their formation as nuns at a convent of the Sisters of Mercy. After they pronounced their final vows as Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Katherine transformed her family summer house at Torresdale, PA into a convent, and then opened boarding schools for Black and Native Americans, the first being St. Catherine Indian School in Santa Fe, New Mexico (1887) for Pueblo Indian children.

She spent her life using her inheritance and her energy ministering to the poor. The main priority of her congregation was founding and staffing schools for Black and Native Americans throughout the United States. She established 145 missions and 62 schools. She even founded what eventually became Xavier University in New Orleans. In 1935, she had a heart attack which disabled her, so she spent the remaining 20 years of her life in prayerful retirement. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on November 20, 1980, and canonized on October 1, 2000, as the second American-born saint.

4th Degree

BISHOP ENGLAND ASSEMBLY 1072



The 4th Degree is the Patriotic Degree, and the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church. If you are interested in joining the 4th Degree, the next Exemplification is tentatively scheduled for August in Myrtle Beach. You must have completed your 3rd Degree, be a member in good standing, and have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for at least 1 year.

The Bishop England Assembly meets promptly at 7:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the old house next to Good Shepherd Church at the corner of Calhoun and Gadsden Streets.

Pro-Life

The monthly Rosary at the Shrine of the Unborn that Bob Fitzsimons was promoting before his sudden passing is still going to take place. It will be held at 9:30am on the 1st Sunday of each month starting on May 2nd. The St. Joseph School will be leading the first Rosary.

You will be asked for

your preference of month at the April Business Meeting.



For additional information on, or to get involved in Pro-Life activities, contact John Staab, 803-381-3310.

89th State Convention

The South Carolina Knights of Columbus State Council has issued a **Call to Convention**.

The annual meeting of the South Carolina State Council will be held on April 23 – 25, 2010, at the Clarion Hotel, Columbia. Districts 2 and 7, will host the 89th State Convention. Our local councils, in conjunction with the State Council, are planning a fun filled, exciting, and informative weekend for everyone!

This is a great opportunity for you to meet other Knights from around the state, see the work-

ings of your State Council first hand, and to experience the excitement, fraternity, and gala that is associated with your annual state convention.

Any Knight with a current membership card can attend the Business Meeting (only Delegates can vote) and other activities (Golf, Hospitality Room, Mass), however the deadline to register has passed for attending the Banquet and Awards Breakfast.

Volunteers are needed to help man the registration table, work the hospitality room, and set up/

break down. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact GK Jim Corbett, 787-1075 or DD Tom Glynn, 695-5162.

There will be an Exemplification of the First Degree on Saturday, April 24th at 8:00AM before the start of the convention. If you have a prospect for membership who might like this option, please forward his contact information to our Membership Director, DGK Skip Hudson, 622-7932, prior to the April 15th Business Meeting. He must be voted on by the membership to take his First Degree!

For the Good of the Order *DGK S. W. Hudson, III*

This year's State Convention theme is "Faith in Action". There is no more accurate description, in my mind, as to what it means to be an active Knight of Columbus. Like many of you, when I joined the Knights, I did so seeking an outlet for putting my faith into action, among other things. In doing so, however, I found that, like with anything we might be associated with, it is what we put into it that deter-

mines what we get out of it.

Putting your faith into action as a Knight can take on various forms. First and foremost, we are called to exercise the virtue of charity. Through the Knights, we have an outlet for sharing our time, talents, and treasure—the basic components of charity.

It is up to each of us to determine which if any of these components we possess in abundance,

and how best to utilize them to the benefit of our neighbors.

One of the most important things you can do is get involved in your Council. It is the cornerstone of putting your faith into action. There are many roles in a Council that must be filled, whether as an Officer, Director, Chairman, Committeeman, or simply as an active Knight. Being an active Knight *is* Faith in Action.

Operation Hope

Operation Hope is the annual charity drive of the State Council, which benefits the Columbus HOPE Foundation (operated by K of C in South Carolina) to help those with mental disabilities.

In anticipation of next fraternal

year's obligation (\$50 per capita), we will be collecting donations again at the Garners Ferry Wal-Mart from 9am—6pm on the following dates: *April 30, May 1, 7, and 8.* Due to a new Wal-Mart policy, we will not be

able to collect on Sunday's. If you can help with a three hour shift on one or more of these dates, or if you'd like to make a financial contribution to this worthy cause, please contact Sam Kopack, 783-4056.

Insurance



When our organization began, in order to help each other, members "passed the hat" to assist families of deceased members. Soon, however, this became impossible, as membership grew.

Out of this simple process, we've evolved into a modern, dynamic

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