



SHINING ARMOR GAZETTE

Serve the Priest, Serve the Parish, and Build a Better Culture

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

August

- 5 Business Meeting
- 19 Social Meeting

September

- 2 Football Concessions
- 10 Altar Server Appreciation Night
- 16 Business Meeting

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GRAND KNIGHT'S BRIEF

July was a busy first month in office, and I want to thank everyone that contributed to the transition. While much has been accomplished, there is yet a lot of work to do!

The Installation of Officers and Recognition Night on July 23rd was a resounding success, and I understand that the 40 or so people in attendance had a good time. I also truly appreciate Father Harris making time in his busy schedule to join us for this important event. It was an honor to have him there.

Our inaugural Knights Night social activity was held on July 29th at Damon's Grill in the Vista, and a good time was had by all. Council Director Gene Olona is already planning for our September 30th Knights Night. I hope you'll make plans to attend!

Our Semi-Annual Audit, held on July 31st, shows that we are fiscally sound. We also worked hard to develop an annual budget that I think is realistic and achievable, and will maintain our continued financial strength.

While August will be a much more

relaxed month, it's merely the quiet before the storm. From September onward, we will be running at full speed ahead! This is a sign that we are a healthy, vibrant Council. **Please note that our next Business Meeting has been changed to September 16!**

Which reminds me, we do need all hands on deck! While we may have a full calendar of activities scheduled, if everyone pitches in a little we'll be able to accomplish a lot. Remember, many hands make light work! Just pick a few programs that interest you throughout the year and get involved.

One new program we'll be starting this year is a family picnic to be held several times throughout the year on Sunday afternoons after Mass. While the exact dates, times, and locations are still under consideration, I would encourage you to plan on attending with your family. There is no better time than with friends and family over a meal. Keep your eyes open for this information to be made available in the days and weeks to come.

Vivat Jesus!

Awards Given At Recognition Night

The following awards were given at the annual Installation and Recognition Night. Knight of the Year Award: Lester Johnson; Family of the Year Award: Jim Albert; Youth of the Year Award: Sean Corbett; Pro-Life Award: John Staab; and Charity Award: Bob Fitzsimons (posthumously).

Certificates of Merit were awarded to Jim Albert, Brian Casey, Bernie Chapman, Rick Coker and Family, Jack Davis, Joe Fixl, Gerard Gener, LTC Nick Gentile and Family, Tom Glynn, Skip Hudson, Lester Johnson, Sam & Legare Kopack, Greg & Colleen Lamberty, Neil Mahoney, Damien Masse, Andy Nelson and Family, Johnny Nix, Fred Parsons, Deacon Charlie Poole, Mike Sakara and Family, Chris Slota, John Staab, Dan Wagner and Family, and Rob Wiggs.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Branden Conrad, Bill Cunningham, Larry Doolen, Tawfig Hoidal, Austin Hughes, Tom Kahaly, John Long, Mickey Mauldin, Terry McWaters, Dick Monckton, Gene Olona, Kemp Peel, James Snow, and Buddy Wier.

Father Harris also was recognized with a special Certificate of Appreciation in Solidarity with Our Priests, and he was presented with a check in the amount of \$1,500 for St. Joseph's Church.

PGK Jim Corbett was presented a plaque recognizing his two years of service as Grand Knight, and PGK Sam Kopack was also recognized for his continued service and devotion to the Council. Newly installed GK Skip Hudson was presented a plaque for Most Valuable Knight for 2009-2010 by PGK Jim Corbett.

Membership

Before you consider HOW to recruit, you must address the question of WHO to recruit by creating a prospect list. There are many eligible Catholic men and their families who would enjoy participating in the Order. Identifying them is easier than you think.

We are inviting any and all prospects to attend our Social Meeting on August 19th, and we welcome them to all non-Business Meetings and activities of our Council. If you know of a Catholic Gentleman that would benefit from being a Knight, invite them and their family to participate in this and all of our open activities. A personal invitation is most effective, but they won't come if you don't invite them!

Ceremonials

First Degrees for 2010-2011 have been scheduled. Seek out qualified prospects to fill these dates:

- October 7th
- November 4th
- February 3rd
- April 7th
- May 5th

There will be a 2nd Degree held at St. John Neumann School on August 8th at 1:30pm, and also here at St. Joseph on September 12th at 2:30pm. If you're a First Degree member, make plans to attend one of these dates! Contact FS Lester Johnson.

Programming Note

Our first Social Meeting and Potluck Dinner of the year will be held on August 19th. This is a great opportunity for our families to come together, and for prospective Knights and their families to join with us at table. Take a moment and invite someone!

The Council will again be working the concession stands at every USC home football game. The first game is Thursday, September 2nd. Seven volunteers

are needed per game! Contact [Rick Coker](#) (466-5020) to help.

Our annual Altar Server Appreciation Night will be held on September 10th at Royal Z Lanes, 8512 Two Notch Road, beginning at 6:30pm. We need all hands on deck for this activity! Bring the family too.

The next "Knights Night" will be September 30th, at 7PM, location to be announced in the September Issue of this newsletter.

Our first pancake breakfast of the season will be held on October 3rd from 9AM-12:30PM to benefit our seminarian, Deacon David Nerbun. Please come out and support the future of our Church!

You don't have to do everything, just pick something you're interested in and get involved! Remember, the basic principle of our Order is Charity.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

AUGUST

- 1 MONTHLY ROSARY AT SHRINE OF THE UNBORN
- 5 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM; DINNER, 6:30 PM
- 7-15 K OF C FAMILY WEEK
- 15 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- 19 SOCIAL MEETING, 7 PM, PARISH HOUSE, COVERED DISH; OFFICER MEETING, 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER

- 2 FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND FUNDRAISER
- 5 MONTHLY ROSARY AT SHRINE OF THE UNBORN
- 6 LABOR DAY
- 10 ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION NIGHT, ROYAL Z LANES, 6:30 PM
- 11 FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND FUNDRAISER
- 16 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM; DINNER, 6:30 PM (NOTE THAT THIS IS THE 3RD THURSDAY)
- 18 FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND FUNDRAISER
- 30 5TH THURSDAY "KNIGHTS' NIGHT" SOCIAL

OCTOBER

- 3 MONTHLY ROSARY AT SHRINE OF THE UNBORN
- 3 PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT SEMINARIANS
- 7 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM; DINNER, 6:30 PM
- 9 FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND FUNDRAISER
- 10 COMMUNITY SUNDAY MEMBERSHIP BLITZ
- 11 COLUMBUS DAY
- 13-24 CATHOLIC BOOTH AT SC STATE FAIR
- 17 YOUTH SOCCER SHOOTOUT, 2PM, ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL SOCCER FIELD
- 21 SOCIAL MEETING, 7 PM, PARISH HOUSE, COVERED DISH; OFFICER MEETING, 6:30 PM
- 30 FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND FUNDRAISER



Fathers For Good An initiative for men by the Knights of Columbus

Men on a Mission by Joseph McInerney

Suppose you had a choice: your dream car with all the options and a summer home on the shore, or a life of daily toil spent with persons you truly love and who truly love you. Which would you choose? Think twice. The answer lies in what really makes you happy. If there is more to happiness and fulfillment than material comfort, where can we turn to find the truth about these things?

While there is always a limit to the number of things you can accumulate, or cars you can fit on your driveway, there is no limit to the amount of happiness a human heart can receive – or give. The same is true for love. Ultimately, the human heart reaches out to the infinite and eternal love of God.

The Second Vatican Council tells us that we should look to Jesus Christ to find the meaning of human fulfillment. “Christ...in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, fully reveals man to himself and brings to light his very high calling” (Gaudium et Spes, 22). The Christian father must look to the God-man, Jesus Christ, for the meaning of human life and happiness. Turning to Christ we see a very different conception of happiness than that offered by our consumer culture.

Mission: Redemption

Christ’s role on earth can be depicted in terms of a mission. God the Father sends his only-begotten Son into the world to reconcile it to himself. In other words, the mission of Jesus is nothing less than to save the souls of all people from all time. Christ achieves this mission through his roles as priest, prophet and king. As the perfect priest, Christ offers himself as the perfect sacrifice for the salvation of all humanity. As a prophet, he bears God’s message of reconciliation to the world, teaching about God’s love and mercy. As king, he rules the universe, exercising his authority through service and humility.

The mission of the modern-day father, like that of Christ, is the salvation of souls. The difference between them is the fact that Christ’s mission is universal, concerned with the salvation of all mankind. The father’s mission is concerned primarily with the salvation of his own family. Despite the difference in scope, the father has the same methods at his disposal to achieve this mission of salvation.

Through his share in Christ’s grace in the sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony, a father shares the grace of Christ’s death and resurrection with his children. He is also a priest in the sense that he brings his children to the sacraments, giving them a direct share in the grace of Christ. The father is a prophet – the bearer of God’s message – to his children by fulfilling his obligation to teach them the Catholic faith.

Lastly, he performs Christ’s kingly function as the spiritual head of his family. This headship is always exercised in a Christian manner, rather than a worldly manner. A father’s obligation to lead his family in holi-

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

St. Augustine



Life 354-433

Bishop, Doctor of the Church,
(Doctor of grace)

Author: Confessions, City of
God, 500 extant homilies

Aurelius Augustinus was born in Thagaste, North Africa, to Patricius, a pagan civic councilor, and Monica, his saintly Catholic mother. His father instilled in him patriotism and an admiration for the Latin classics. His mother raised him as a Christian with Baptism deferred until adulthood, a common practice at that time. He went to Carthage in 370, studied rhetoric at Carthage University, and became a lawyer. He made his living teaching rhetoric and grammar.

Augustine spent twelve years as a Manichaean, a popular religion based on dualism between light and dark, with the world governed by two principles, one good and one evil.

He spent fifteen years living with a woman whose name we do not know, and they had a son Adeodatus in 372. In 384 he went to Milan where he was appointed a public orator and a professor of rhetoric. A year later his mother arrived in Milan and began influencing him, so he dismissed his live-in woman who went back to North Africa. His 15 year old son died a while after this. He became friends with Bishop Ambrose of Milan, renounced Manichaeism, and in two years was baptized by Ambrose at the Easter Vigil, 387, right before his 33rd birthday. Some time later he had a mystical experience, his

“Vision at Ostia,” which he shared with his mother who died later that year. After that he returned to Thagaste where he led a near monastic life with a group of friends living in his house. He started writing treatises against the Manichaeans, pointing out the goodness of creation and the freedom of the will. In the year 391 he was ordained a priest and in 4 years he was appointed coadjutor to Valerius the bishop of Hippo, a city in North Africa. Four years later he succeeded Valerius as bishop of Hippo, and held that post for the remainder of his life. He founded a community of religious women and gave them his so-called “Rule of St. Augustine” which formed the basis of the constitutions of many later religious orders.

He became involved in controversies involving the main heresies of the day and wrote extensively exposing their errors. These included the Donatists who held that the Church consisted of only saints and sinners and that sinners cannot confer valid sacraments such as baptizing and saying Mass if they are priests. He also wrote against the Pelagians who taught that original sin did not taint human nature so a person can be saved by his good works without the assistance of grace from God. Augustine was shocked when the Visigoth’s sacked Rome in 410, and he died during the Vandals’ 14 month siege of Hippo twenty years later.

In his Confessions, he provides us with a self analysis of his early life of sin and his later life of serving the Church. His book City of God contrasts the two rival societies of Jerusalem and the pagan empire of Babylon. He was a prolific writer and one of our greatest theologians.

4th Degree

BISHOP ENGLAND ASSEMBLY 1072



The next Exemplification of the 4th Degree will be held in Beaufort on August 28th, at Saint Peter Catholic Church, 70 Lady's Island Drive, Beaufort, SC.

This will be a one day event. Registration and sign in for candidates is at 9:00am, followed by Mass at 10:00am, Lunch at 11:30am, Exemplification at 1:30pm, and Adjournment at 3:30pm. There will be a planned ladies function, so bring your wives!

Bishop England Assembly 1072 meets at 7:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the old house next to Good Shepherd. To join the 4th Degree you must be a 3rd Degree Member in good standing, and a member of the Knights of Columbus for six months. Contact any 4th Degree member for a Form 4.

Pro-Life



The monthly Rosary at the Shrine of the Unborn is held at 9:30 AM on the 1st Sunday of each month.

The St. Gianna Guild's next business meeting will be held Monday, August 30th at 6:30PM in the St. Francis de Sale House. The 40 Days for Life runs from Sept. 22 to Oct 31.

There is a Rosary Vigil every Saturday morning at 10AM outside the Planned Parenthood parking lot. There will also be a special 8:15 AM Vigil there on days when abortions are to be performed.

Jim Corbett and Wayne Cockfield will be giving a talk at St. Joseph on the Living Will vs. Will to Live on Wednesday Sept. 1st at 6:30 PM.

For more info contact [John Staab](#), 381-3310.

Sick or in Distress

Brother Gerard Gener is in Palmetto Baptist Hospital after complications from hip surgery. Please pray for his full recovery.

Brother Laddie Gatling continues to recover. Keep him in your prayers.

Brother Nick Gentile (LTC) is currently deployed to Iraq with his Squadron. His wife Dayna is pregnant with their sixth child. Pray for Nick's safe return and the health and well being of his family.

If you or if you know of a Brother Knight that is sick or in distress, contact PGK Jim Corbett or PGK Sam Kopack.

August Birthdays

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| 7th | Sam Kopack |
| 11th | Joe Fixl |
| 13th | Jim Kinard |
| 15th | Fred Perry |
| 20th | Bernie Chapman |
| 21st | John Long |
| 23rd | Larry Eberlin |
| 26th | Neil Mahoney |

We wish all of our Brother Knights a happy and blessed birthday!

**SAINT JOSEPH COUNCIL 12554
APPROVED BUDGET 2010-2011**

| Source | Budgeted | | |
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| | INCOME | | |
| Annual Dues/Initiations | \$3,566.00 | Council Activities | |
| Members @ \$36 x 89 | \$3,204.00 | Council Suppers | \$600.00 |
| New Members @ \$18 avg + \$10 x 10 | \$280.00 | Installation of Officers FY10 (food, decorations, hall rental) | \$434.00 |
| Honorary Members @ \$10 x 1 | \$10.00 | Knight of the Month | \$50.00 |
| Honorary Life/Disabled Members @ \$0 x 8 | \$0.00 | Parking USC Games (fundraiser support) | \$330.00 |
| Back Dues @ \$36 x 2 | \$72.00 | Plaques/Engraving/Frames/Certificates | \$250.00 |
| Council Suppers | \$900.00 | Total Council Activities | \$1,664.00 |
| Installation of Officers FY10 | \$420.00 | Family Activities | |
| Operation Hope Drive | \$5,050.00 | Family Card and Board Game Night | \$25.00 |
| Other Fund Raisers & Miscellaneous Income | \$934.00 | Family of the Month | \$50.00 |
| RSVP Rebate | \$100.00 | Family Picnics/Cookouts (6) | \$180.00 |
| Seminarian Pancake Breakfast | \$400.00 | Social Meetings (paper products, drinks) | \$100.00 |
| State Charity Tickets | \$1,000.00 | Total Family Activities | \$355.00 |
| USC Football Game Concession Fundraiser | \$2,800.00 | Youth Activities | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$15,170.00 | Altar Servers Recognition and Senior Bibles | \$500.00 |
| | | Free Throw Contest | \$75.00 |
| | | Poster Contest | \$75.00 |
| | | Soccer Shoot Out | \$75.00 |
| | | Youth of the Month | \$35.00 |
| | | Total Youth Activities | \$760.00 |
| | | Membership and Retention Activities | |
| | | Incentives and Membership Drives | \$100.00 |
| | | 2nd Degree, host (9/12) | \$100.00 |
| | | 3rd Degree (\$7x8) | \$56.00 |
| | | Total Membership and Retention Activities | \$256.00 |
| | | Operating | |
| | | Financial Secretary Stipend | \$235.00 |
| | | FS/Treasurer Bonding | \$70.00 |
| | | Delinquent Annual Dues | \$216.00 |
| | | Miscellaneous Charities | \$100.00 |
| | | New Council Support | \$50.00 |
| | | Postage | \$250.00 |
| | | Printing/Copies/Faxes | \$100.00 |
| | | Sam's Club Membership | \$35.00 |
| | | St Joseph's Church Fund | \$1,500.00 |
| | | State Convention (2 Delegates, 2 Alternates, Registration) | \$760.00 |
| | | Supplies (to be broken out) | \$500.00 |
| | | Total Operating | \$3,816.00 |
| | | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$13,851.00 |
| | | TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EXPENSES | \$15,170.00 |
| | | INCOME LESS LIABILITIES AND EXPENSES | \$0.00 |

ELECTED OFFICERS OF ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL 12554 FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2010-2011

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| GRAND KNIGHT | SWINTON W. HUDSON, III | 622-7932* |
| DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT..... | ROBERT W. WIGGS, JR. | 447-2127* |
| CHANCELLOR..... | FREDERICK M. PARSONS, III | 467-4755 |
| RECORDER | MICHAEL A. SAKARA | 783-8936 |
| TREASURER | JOHN J. DAVIS | 708-6167 |
| ADVOCATE..... | GENE T. OLONA | 706-202-7466* |
| WARDEN | JOSEPH W. FIXL | 253-8894* |
| INSIDE GUARD..... | ANDREW J. NELSON | 787-3917* |
| OUTSIDE GUARD..... | DAMIAN P. MASSE | 776-2715* |
| THREE YEAR TRUSTEE..... | JAMES J. CORBETT | 787-1075* |
| TWO YEAR TRUSTEE | SAMUEL J. KOPACK, JR. | 783-4056* |
| ONE YEAR TRUSTEE | GREGORY L. LAMBERTY | 755-0106* |

APPOINTED OFFICERS OF ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL 12554

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| CHAPLAIN..... | TBA | |
| FINANCIAL SECRETARY | LESTER W. JOHNSON | 755-2736* |
| LECTURER | CHARLES P. POOLE, JR. | 782-6250* |

DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN OF ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL 12554

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| <u>PROGRAM DIRECTOR</u> | DANIEL F. WAGNER | 788-7492 |
| <u>CHURCH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR</u> | DANIEL F. WAGNER | 788-7492 |

Support seminarians pancake breakfast, Support Vocations, Catholic Information Booth, Keep Christ in Christmas, All Souls Day reception, Lenten Soup Supper, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Feast of St. Joseph, Charity Award

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| <u>COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR</u> | LESTER W. JOHNSON | 755-2736* |
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Operation Hope, State Charity Drive, Support St. Vincent de Paul Society pancake breakfast, Blood Drive, Wheel Chair Foundation, St. Patrick's Day booth fundraiser

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| <u>COUNCIL ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR</u> | GENE T. OLONA | 706-202-7466* |
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Knight of the Month, Newsletter, Web site, Annual Installation of Officers and Recognition Night, Council Business Meeting Meals, 5th Thursday "Knights Night", Concession stand fund raiser, Fraternal Benefits Night

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| <u>FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR</u> | TBA | |
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Family of the Month, Support St. Joseph School pancake breakfast, Family picnic, NFP Awareness, Fathers for Good

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| <u>PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR</u> | JOHN P. STAAB | 736-4131 |
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Pro-Life March and Rally, 40 Days for Life, KofC Day of the Unborn Child, Monthly Rosary to End Abortion

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| <u>YOUTH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR</u> | BRANDEN W. CONRAD | 673-0069 |
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Youth of the Month, Altar Server Appreciation Night, Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Contest, Substance Abuse Poster Contest

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| <u>MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR</u> | FREDERICK M. PARSONS, III | 467-4755 |
| INSURANCE PROMOTION CHAIRMAN..... | PETER R. ZEEFF, II | 807-71337 |
| ADMISSION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN | FREDERICK M. PARSONS, III | 467-4755 |
| ADMISSION COMMITTEE..... | LESTER W. JOHNSON | 755-2736* |
| ADMISSION COMMITTEE..... | JOHN J. DAVIS | 708-6167 |
| ADMISSION COMMITTEE..... | DANIEL F. WAGNER | 788-7492 |
| RETENTION CHAIRMAN..... | ROBERT W. WIGGS, JR. | 447-2127* |
| RETENTION COMMITTEE..... | JAMES J. CORBETT | 787-1075* |
| RETENTION COMMITTEE..... | SAMUEL J. KOPACK, JR. | 783-4056* |
| RETENTION COMMITTEE..... | GREGORY L. LAMBERTY | 955-9775* |
| INTER-COUNCIL CHAIRMAN | SAMUEL J. KOPACK, JR. | 783-4056* |
| ROUND TABLE, ST THOMAS MORE..... | TBA | |
| ROUND TABLE, ST MICHAEL..... | TBA | |
| VOCATIONS | TBA | |
| HEALTH SERVICES..... | BERNARD R. CHAPMAN | 865-1651 |
| PUBLIC RELATIONS | NEIL J. MAHONEY | 806-8246* |
| OPERATION HOPE CHAIRMAN | JOHN J. DAVIS | 708-6167 |
| OPERATION HOPE CO-CHAIR | WILLIAM E. JONES | 730-4935 |
| BREAVEMENT AND SURVIVORS | JAMES J. CORBETT | 787-1075* |
| SICK AND IN DISTRESS | SAMUEL J. KOPACK, JR. | 783-4056* |
| BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES..... | GREGORY L. LAMBERTY | 955-9775* |

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ness is not a call to domination, but to service.

A Father’s Fulfillment

Each week at Mass when reciting the Gloria we learn that Christ alone is the holy one. In living out the vocation of fatherhood, a man is called to imitate the holiness that led Christ to give his entire self for the love of his brothers and sisters. At its root, then, fatherhood is a call to holi-

ness. The example of Christ shows that holiness consists in the radical gift of oneself for the sake of others.

Fatherhood is the mission that allows a man to give of himself unreservedly. Thus, it is through fatherhood that most men will find their greatest happiness. To avoid fatherhood for the sake of that dream car, or that special summer home, is to cheat yourself out of one of life’s most rewarding experiences. By calling

men to make a gift of themselves to others, God calls fathers to a life of remarkable holiness, indescribable happiness, and true fulfillment.

Joseph McInerney, a graduate of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, lives in Springfield, Va., with his wife and five children. He is also a member of Springfield Council 6153.

Insurance



Dedicated to Service and Training

Our field force is among the best in the insurance industry and our agents work hard to maintain that standard. They know the task they perform is the direct fulfillment of Father McGivney's vision, a charge they take very seriously as Catholic gentlemen.

In mid-July, nearly half of the Order's field agents and general agents from Canada and the

United States gathered for two days of training and discussion on how they can improve the service they provide to their fellow Knights and their families. Agents welcomed the opportunity to meet with each other and the leadership from the Supreme Office.

A similar gathering was held in 2009. That event was so well-received by agents that this year's conference reached its capacity in the matter of weeks. Agents were more than happy to

take time from their schedules and provide for their own travel and accommodations in order to get together with their peers and sharpen their knowledge about our products.

Remember, all of our agents are highly trained professionals here to serve you and your family. Set aside time soon to meet with your agent to review your needs. Contact Field Agent Peter Zeeff to start protecting your family today, 731-5107. You'll be glad you did it!

Did You Know?

- A current membership card is required for attendance and participation at all Knights of Columbus business meetings and ceremonial exemplifications. A "current" membership card is defined as one bearing a "Dues paid to" date equal to or greater than the current date. This card is your ticket to any Knights of Columbus meeting, anywhere in the world! Be sure to always pay your dues in a timely manner to ensure your continued good standing in our Order.
- It is absolutely forbidden to give the work of any degree to priests except by observation on their part. Priests shall participate in all pledges and should stand to be knighted.

The *Shining Armor Gazette* is a monthly publication of the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council 12554. Distribution is via email generally on the Friday immediately following the 1st Thursday of the month.

The Council currently meets in the Parish House at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Columbia on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month, unless otherwise published. Regular Business Meetings, closed but to the membership, are held at 7:30pm on the 1st Thursday, preceded by dinner at 6:30pm. Social Meetings, open to all, are held at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday, and consist of a potluck dinner and program, which is preceded by an Officer/Director Meeting at 6:30pm, if applicable.

We are now on the Web! Check out our Council web site at www.kofc12554.org, and our Facebook page.