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UPCOMING EVENTS:

August

**18 First Degree
& Reception**

September

1 Regular Business Meeting

15 Social Meeting

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GRAND KNIGHT'S BRIEF



Congratulations to all of our newly installed officers, and to our Knights, Ladies, and friends who received special recognition at our annual Installation of Officers and Recognition Dinner. If you missed this year's event, you truly missed out on a great time. I hope you'll plan to attend next year!

Of particular note were those recognized for recruiting at least one new member: James J. Corbett, PGK, Charles P. Poole, Jr., Troy S. Penny, Frederick M. Parsons, III, and Robert W. Wiggs, Jr. Each received the member jewel on a ribbon drape. Two Knights each recruited two new members: Frederick M. Parsons, III, and Robert W. Wiggs, Jr. They both received a new K of C logo apron, a fitting gift for two of our valiant cooks.

Mrs. Carrie Penny, wife of Brother Troy Penny, received a special Certificate of Appreciation plaque in recognition of all of her hard work. Lester Johnson received the Council's annual Charity Award. Jim Albert received the Family of the Year award, and Robert Wiggs, Jr. received the Council's Knight of the Year award.

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I can't say it enough, a huge thank you to Fred Parsons for preparing the evening meal. He did an amazing job, and thanks to his efforts at beating on doors, we were able to bring in an additional \$330 through the silent auction to end the event in the black!

I hope that in years to come, this special event will continue to grow and prove to be the signature annual Knights event to which all members and their families look forward. You all work so hard for your Council, Community, and Church, you deserve one night for yourselves.

Lastly, let's continue to move our Council forward in this new fraternal year. We have planned a very doable activity calendar, provided everyone contributes his share. So, from here forward, let's rededicate ourselves to the main principles of our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism!

Fraternally,

Swinton W. Hudson, III

News Flash

This week is K of C Family Week. While we were unable to plan out a specific activity as a Council, you are encouraged to take this down time in our activity schedule to spend with your family. Things that you could do are attend Mass together, pray the Rosary together, visit a park or museum together, play games together, or take a short trip together as a family. The important thing is that you spend time as a family.

Football season is once again upon us, and our Council will continue its annual fundraiser by working a concession stand at Williams-Brice Stadium during SEC-East Division Champs, Carolina Gamecocks home games. If you'd like to participate in this important and worthy activity, please contact Rick Coker at rick@tobywardlaw.com or (803) 466-5020. We need seven persons per game (7 games), and an alternate or two in case someone gets sick, etc. The schedule, although subject to change, is posted in this newsletter.

We will again be sponsoring an Altar Server Appreciation Night to honor our young men and women who serve at Mass. We anticipate this event being held sometime in September, and we will again be going bowling. Keep watch for more information and dates for this fun and fulfilling activity!

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Membership

Membership Director Gene Olona is working hard to interview and prepare candidates for taking their First Degree with the goal of meeting our annual membership goal by the end of the year. If you have a prospect for membership, please forward you're his name and contact information to Gene (706) 202-7466 or gtolona@medscape.com.

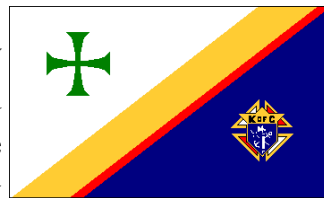
Ladies Auxiliary

The ladies meet on the **2nd Friday** of each month in the St. Francis de Sales House at 5:30PM. They still need several more members to establish a Columbiettes Auxiliary, so let all Catholic ladies know about this fantastic sister organization to the Knights of Columbus. Contact Carrie Penny, President, for more information at 803-477-2242 or carrie_penny@hotmail.com.

Ceremonials

Our next **First Degree** will be on Thursday, August 18th, at 7PM in the Parish House. Immediately following the degree, our Council will host a reception in coordination with our Ladies Auxiliary to welcome our newest members and their families into the Order. Please make plans to attend!

We still need team alternates, especially at the key roles of Deputy GK and Financial Secretary. Rule changes by Supreme now



allow for First Degree Team members to read their parts as needed. In addition, only the host Council will now receive credit for holding a degree, and will count towards Star Council. If you would like to serve the Council in this important role by exemplifying the First Degree, contact Gene Olona at (706) 202-7466 or gtolona@medscape.com.

Fathers For Good

An initiative for men by the Knights of Columbus

Discipline for Beginners

There came a time recently with my 4-year-old son when the usual time-out routine wasn't doing the trick. After some out-of-bounds behavior, we would send him to his room for the prescribed time, and he would emerge with a somewhat heartfelt "sorry" and proceed a short time later to another offense.

He was testing boundaries and authority, and I decided a stiffer dose of discipline was needed. Even after he expressed sorrow for a serious offense, I began taking away privileges, such as watching videos or playing with his favorite Pooh Bear and Tigger figures. "One more time and there are no videos for the rest of the day and tomorrow," I would announce.

Well, one week my son ran up a debt of four whole days without videos. Halfway through the punishment period, feeling deeply the loss of his faithful TV friends, he came to me with a long face of true penitence and asked for one day to be taken off the list.

I was struck, not just with the sincerity of his sorrow but with the nature of his request. He didn't ask to watch a video right then – he seemed to have a sense that some degree of punishment was still just. He asked only for time to be taken from his personal "purgatory."

Yes, I said, I'll reduce the punishment by a day if he would be extra good the rest of the afternoon and evening.

This routine was difficult for me to maintain, given my easy-going nature and eagerness to see my son's smile. But I took the harder road and risked seeing

the tears and frustration in his face.

Wondering if my thoughts about discipline were sound, I called an expert, psychologist Dr. Ray Guarendi, who writes the "Family Matters" column for the National Catholic Register. His personal experience includes bringing up 10 children with his wife.

"You've tapped into a truth of modern parenting," he said. "What has been called discipline is really a watered down version that is presented for popular consumption. Time out is not the whole story. Consistently bad behavior merits consistently strong discipline. Our children will test the limits, and we must be prepared to show them that we are serious when we say something is wrong."

"What we need to do as parents is take a much stronger approach to discipline," Guarendi said.

Scott Hahn, in his book *Scripture Matters* (Emmaus Road, 2003), writes, "One of the marvels of God's plan is that He has given fathers a priesthood and priests a fatherhood. Within the family, the father stands before God as a priest and mediator. Within the Church, the priest stands before his parish as a father."

"This is a powerful truth. And it is more than a metaphor. It is something profoundly sacramental, and built into the fabric of God's plan – from the very beginning."

Perhaps I'm on the right track, as long as I remember that he who disciplines must be open to the discipline of the Father of all. As St. Paul says, "My

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Saint of the Month by Deacon Charles P. Poole, Jr., PhD (Retired)

St. Clare of Assisi, Feast Day August 11



Life c. 1193-1253

Canonized 1255

Foundress of Poor Clares or Minoreneses (Franciscan Second Order)

Abbess for 42 years

Clare was born in Assisi in 1193 to Ortolana di Fiumi and Faverone Offreduccio. She was about 12 years younger than her mentor St. Francis. Her family was well off financially. She resisted family pressure to marry so her two younger sisters would be free to do so. She provided financial help to St. Francis while he was rebuilding the Portiuncula chapel. At age 18 when she heard Francis preach the Lenten sermons at San Giorgio Church in Assisi she decided to renounce the idea of marriage. She subsequently had some secret conferences with Francis which changed her life, so she ran away from home to the Portiuncula where she abandoned her fine clothes for a penitential habit given to her by Francis who also cutoff her hair. He found temporary shelter for her at a Benedictine convent, and then moved her to another nunnery where her 15 year old sister St. Agnes of Assisi joined her. Eventually Francis placed the two of them in a poor-house to serve as a convent near the church of San Damiano close to Assisi. They were eventually joined by Clare's mother and some other women,

and St. Francis wrote a short rule of life for them, appointing Clare as their superior. The new religious order grew and flourished, and Clare spent 42 years as the Abbess. She established other monasteries in Italy as well as in France, Germany, and Prague. A hundred and fifty years later there were over 400 Poor Clare monasteries in ten countries. There are presently almost 22,000 nuns in 978 residences. Clare was the first woman to write a rule for a woman's monastery. She believed that her rule expressed the tradition and spirit of St. Francis. Her sisters eventually became known as Poor Clares.

Clare and her nuns practiced great austerities which was unusual for upper and middle class nuns in those days. They rarely spoke, ate no meat, and slept on the ground. Clare wore a rough hair shirt under her clothes which caused her continual discomfort. She fasted on bread and water throughout Lent, and on some days ate nothing at all. Eventually the bishop of Assisi and Francis both insisted that Clare sleep on a mattress and eat some bread every day. During the final 27 years of her life she was often ill, and sometimes bedridden, possibly as a result of her earlier excessive penitential practices.

Clare and Francis shared an appreciation of God's creation and the vitality of nature. They also shared a recognition of the great importance of the virtue of poverty in both the temporal and the spiritual realms. Their two orders grew rapidly and spread throughout Europe. There were two types of Poor Clare convents, strict observants and mitigated observants with respect to the virtue of poverty.

Insurance



Put Away the Rose-Colored Glasses by Thomas P. Smith Jr.

Ah, the old rose-colored glasses. You know the ones I'm talking about. I don't wear them all of the time, but I keep them handy. They are always around when I need them.

Every summer when the Dallas Cowboys go to training camp (that's right — I'm a Cowboy fan ... go ahead and have your fun), I pull out my rose colored glasses and all the flaws that other people see in my team disappear. When I wait until the very last minute to go to the store to buy something I desperately need, I pop on my rose-colored glasses and convince myself that there is no need to worry — they'll have what I'm looking for, it will be on sale, and there will be no line at the checkout. Life is good with those rose-colored glasses!

Football teams and shopping sprees are trivial matters. A crooked view of life through my glasses on those topics doesn't hurt me much. But sometimes those glasses are big trouble.

You know you need life insurance. I know: it's not a glitzy purchase ... it's not something you show off to your friends ... but you know you need it. If you have some, chances are pretty good — great actually — that you need more. And you know why you need it. It's all about your family. It's not about you. It's about them.

So, assuming you know you need it, and I know you need it, why aren't we getting together to arrange for it? Those glasses. The glasses go on and we decide to wait until tomorrow, because after all, nothing bad can happen today. And when nothing bad happens today, those glasses go on much easier and fit much better tomorrow, because, after all, if nothing went wrong yesterday, what are the chances that something will go wrong tomorrow?

You're feeling good, you're looking good, you're loving life, and you have so many other, more important things to do with your hard earned cash. The only time you really think about life insurance, really, is when we call you. And for a brief second when that call comes in, or when you're reading this column, or when you see your agent, you say to yourself: you know, I really need to take care of that. But then the glasses come out, slide over that nose, and suddenly, tomorrow is a better option than today.

In the end, thinking that the Dallas Cowboys are going to go 16–0 and win the Super Bowl every year is foolish, but not dangerous. Thinking that you have an unlimited supply of tomorrows to make a decision on securing the future for your wife and children and grandchildren is both foolish and dangerous.

Put away the glasses (temporarily) and talk with your agent. We'll make your life really rosy.

Thomas P. Smith, Jr. is Executive Vice President for Agencies and Marketing.

4th Degree



BISHOP ENGLAND ASSEMBLY 1072

There will be an Exemplification of the 4th Degree on Pawley's Island, August 27th. The next scheduled Exemplification will be February 24-26, 2012, here in Columbia.

The Assembly regularly meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 809 Calhoun Street. The next regular meeting of the Assembly will be on Wednesday, August 17th.

To become a Sir Knight of the 4th Degree, the Patriotic degree, you must be a current 3rd Degree Knight in good standing, and to have taken your 1st Degree not less than six months prior to the Exemplification of the 4th Degree.

August Birthdays

7th Sam Kopack
 11th Joe Fixl
 13th Jim Kinard
 15th Fred Perry
 20th Bernie Chapman
 21st John Long
 23rd Larry Eberlin
 26th Neil Mahoney
 28th Troy Penny



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

Brother to Brother

Please remember especially these Brother Knights in their time of illness.

Brother Frank Toth is recovering from a kidney transplant, after a two year wait.

Brother Johnny Nix (783-0419) continues to recover from multiple surgeries, but is now back on his feet.

Brother Gerard Gener (447-3687) is continuing to recuperate from multiple surgeries and complications thereof.

Brother Laddie Gatling (261-6883) continues his battle with MS.

Brother Byron Weston (256-4983 Room 115) remains in the nursing home.

Let us join in prayer and ask God for His healing for those who are ill and to share His strength with them and their families.

O God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they are chosen to be saints, and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Remember, Charity begins at home! If you know of a Brother Knight that is sick or in distress, contact PGK Jim Corbett at JCoressq@aol.com.

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sons, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord, nor lose heart when he reproves you. For whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he receives” (Hebrews 12:6).

These can sound like hard words in a culture that views bad behavior in secular psychological terms, and treats troublesome kids with various prescription drugs.

Yet I think many parents would be more willing to impose discipline if they were given more positive models. You may spare the rod, but keep discipline consistent and significant. Your child will be the winner in years to come.

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We will be holding five pancake breakfast/brunches this year! Each will be dedicated to a specific charity or cause. The first is fast approaching on September 25th, and will be dedicated to supporting our seminarians. A request has been submitted to the Vocations Office for assignment of a new seminarian that our Council will support through his Ordination. A Pancake Breakfast Committee has been established to plan hours of operation, menu, and shift schedule. If you'd like to be intimately involved in this process, please contact Brother Rob Wiggs (803) 447-2127 or email him at wiggsw@scdot.org.

The Knights of Columbus traveling icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be at St. Joseph's Church

from September 26th until October 2nd. If you would be interested in planning or assisting with putting together the program for this visit, please contact Program Director (and Church Director) Dan Wagner (803) 553-2700 or dan@stjosephcolumbia.org.



Congratulations!

Our July Knight of the Month is Josh Riggins. Josh has been active with our Council since long before he became a Knight, and recently has completed his 3rd Degree. He is also our new Youth Director.

The July Family of the Month is that of Jim Corbett, PGK. Jim and his family are active in our Church, and area frequent communicants. Jim recently took his sons to the College World Series for the second time to watch the Carolina Gamecocks win their second CWS Championship.

**SAINT JOSEPH COUNCIL 12554
PROPOSED BUDGET 2011-2012**

	Budgeted 2010-2011	Actual 2010-2011	Budgeted 2011-2012	Actual 2011-2012
INCOME				
Annual Dues/Initiations	\$3,566.00	\$2,817.72	\$3,585.00	\$73.10
Members @ \$36 x 89	\$3,204.00	\$2,480.72	\$3,204.00	
New Members @ \$18 avg + \$10 x 8	\$280.00	\$236.00	\$280.00	
Honorary Members @ \$14.5 x 2	\$10.00	\$29.00	\$29.00	
Honorary Life/Disabled Members @ \$0 x 12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Back Dues @ \$36 x 2	\$72.00	\$72.00	\$72.00	\$73.10
Big Band Spaghetti Supper	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$600.00	
Convention Seed Money Reimbursement w/Interest	-	-	\$220.00	
Council Golf Shirts	\$50.00	\$474.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Council Suppers	\$700.00	\$728.00	\$850.00	\$85.00
Installation of Officers & Recognition Dinner	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$800.00	\$826.00
KCIC Auto Magnets	\$1,000.00	\$340.00	\$200.00	
Operation Hope Drive	\$5,050.00	\$5,981.54	\$5,300.00	\$4,719.72
Other Fund Raisers & Miscellaneous Income	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$373.75	
RSVP Rebate	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Pancake Breakfast - Seminarian	\$400.00	\$596.50	\$400.00	
Pancake Breakfast - Pro-Life	-	-	\$500.00	
Pancake Breakfast - St. Joseph School	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$500.00	
Pancake Breakfast - St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	
State Charity Drive	\$500.00	\$554.00	\$500.00	
Transfer from Savings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
USC Football Game Concession Fundraiser	\$2,800.00	\$3,380.22	\$3,200.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$16,106.00	\$16,736.98	\$17,968.75	\$6,043.82
LIABILITIES				
Culture of Life Fund Assessment @ 2.00/member	\$182.00	\$179.00	\$190.00	\$93.00
State Per Capita Liability Insurance @ \$2.85	\$259.35	\$250.80	\$270.75	
State Per Capita Tax @ 5.50/member	\$500.50	\$500.50	\$522.50	
Supreme Catholic Advertising @ .50/member twice a year	\$91.00	\$94.00	\$95.00	\$49.00
Supreme Per Capita Tax @ 1.75/member twice a year	\$318.50	\$318.50	\$332.50	\$171.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,351.35	\$1,342.80	\$1,410.75	\$313.50
EXPENSES				
Church Activities				
All Souls Day Mass and Reception	\$200.00	\$133.31	\$200.00	
Annuity Gift to Fr. David Nerbun	-	-	\$300.00	\$300.00
Catholic Information Booth at State Fair	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
KCIC Billboard	\$280.00	\$280.00	\$200.00	
Lenten Soup Supper	\$50.00	\$52.50	\$50.00	
Mass Cards, Deceased or Sick Fund	\$50.00	\$133.00	\$100.00	
Seminarian Fund	\$500.00	\$700.00	\$500.00	
St. Joseph's Church Capital Fund	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total Church Activities	\$2,680.00	\$2,798.81	\$2,950.00	\$1,800.00
Community Activities				
Big Band Spaghetti Dinner	\$400.00	\$353.84	\$400.00	
Blood Drive	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	
Operation Hope	\$4,569.30	\$5,526.31	\$5,093.00	\$4,719.72
Pancake Breakfast benefiting St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	
State Charity Drive	\$500.00	\$554.00	\$500.00	
Supplies for Operation Hope	\$480.70	\$519.41	\$207.00	
Total Community Activities	\$6,500.00	\$7,203.56	\$6,735.00	\$4,719.72

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PROPOSED BUDGET 2011-2012**

	Budgeted 2010-2011	Actual 2010-2011	Budgeted 2011-2012	Actual 2011-2012
Council Activities				
Columbiette Auxiliary Start-up	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Council Golf Shirts	\$50.00	\$507.83	\$0.00	
Council Suppers	\$600.00	\$742.60	\$750.00	\$123.62
Installation of Officers & Recognition Dinner	\$434.00	\$434.00	\$700.00	\$715.09
Knight of the Month	\$50.00	\$18.00	\$50.00	
Parking USC Games (fundraiser support)	\$330.00	\$225.00	\$330.00	\$225.00
Plaques/Engraving/Frames/Certificates	\$250.00	\$210.00	\$250.00	\$247.90
Total Council Activities	\$1,814.00	\$2,137.43	\$2,180.00	\$1,311.61
Family Activities				
Family Card and Board Game Night	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	
Family Picnics/Cookouts (4)	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	
Pancake Breakfast benefiting St. Joseph School	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$500.00	
Social Meetings (paper products, drinks)	\$60.00	\$6.26	\$60.00	
Total Family Activities	\$675.00	\$606.26	\$660.00	\$0.00
Pro-Life Activities				
Pancake Breakfast benefiting Pro-Life Billboard	-	-	\$500.00	
Total Pro-Life Activities			\$500.00	\$0.00
Youth Activities				
Altar Servers Recognition and Senior Bibles	\$400.00	\$390.00	\$400.00	
Free Throw Contest	\$75.00	\$87.83	\$85.00	
Poster Contest	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	
Soccer Shoot Out	\$20.00	\$14.62	\$40.00	
Total Youth Activities	\$545.00	\$492.45	\$565.00	\$0.00
Membership and Retention Activities				
Incentives and Membership Drives	\$100.00	\$52.00	\$125.00	
1st Degree Receptions	\$145.00	\$109.82	\$200.00	
2nd Degree, host (9/12)	\$50.00	-\$20.17	\$50.00	
3rd Degree (\$7x8)	\$56.00	\$35.00	\$56.00	\$14.00
Total Membership and Retention Activities	\$351.00	\$176.65	\$431.00	\$14.00
Operating				
Financial Secretary Stipend	\$235.00	\$204.18	\$265.00	
FS/Treasurer Bonding	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	
Miscellaneous Charities	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
New Council Support	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	
Postage	\$250.00	\$172.55	\$250.00	\$68.38
Printing/Copies/Faxes	\$100.00	\$14.54	\$100.00	
Sam's Club Membership	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	
State Convention (2 Delegates, 2 Alternates, 2 Others)	\$822.65	\$816.36	\$540.00	
State Convention Ad and Seed Money	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$227.00	
Supplies (to be broken out)	\$500.00	\$386.42	\$500.00	\$32.00
Transfer to Savings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Operating	\$2,189.65	\$2,251.05	\$2,537.00	\$100.38
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,754.65	\$15,666.21	\$16,558.00	\$7,945.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EXPENSES	\$16,106.00	\$17,009.01	\$17,968.75	\$8,259.21
INCOME LESS LIABILITIES AND EXPENSES	\$0.00	-\$272.03	\$0.00	-\$2,215.39

Activity Calendar

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2011-2012 Calendar

Date	Council	District / State / Supreme / Parish / Diocese	Holy Day / Holiday
2-4 Aug		129th Nat'l Convention - Denver	
4 Aug	Regular Business Meeting		
6-14 Aug	K of C Family Week		
7 Aug		Rosary at Shrine of the Unborn	
15 Aug			Assumption
16-21 Aug		World Youth Day - Spain	
18 Aug	First Degree and Reception		
27 Aug		4th Degree Exemplification Pawley's Island	
TBA Sep	Altar Server Appreciation Night		
1 Sep	Regular Business Meeting		
4 Sep		Rosary at Shrine of the Unborn	
5 Sep			Labor Day
11 Sep		K of C World Day of Prayer for Peace	
15 Sep	Social Meeting (Family Card and Board Game Night)		
16 Sep		Senior Ministry Event - TBA	
17 Sep	Football Concession Navy		
24 Sep	Football Concession Vanderbilt		
25 Sep	Pancake Breakfast > Seminarians		
26 Sep - 2 Oct	Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon		
29 Sep	5th Thursday		
1 Oct	Football Concession Auburn		
2 Oct		Rosary at Shrine of the Unborn	
6 Oct	Regular Business Meeting		
8 Oct	Football Concession Kentucky		
9 Oct	Membership Blitz		
10 Oct			Columbus Day
12-23 Oct		State Fair - Catholic Information Booth	
23 Oct	First Degree and Reception		
	Red Ribbon Week and		
24-28 Oct	Substance Abuse Poster Contest		

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Date	Council	District / State / Supreme / Parish / Diocese	Holy Day / Holiday
TBA Nov	Council Soccer Shoot Out		
mid-Nov	Keep Christ in Christmas //		
- mid-Dec	Food for Families		
1 Nov			All Saints - Holy Day
2 Nov	All Souls Day Mass and Reception		
3 Nov	Regular Business Meeting		
6 Nov		Rosary at Shrine of the Unborn	
11 Nov			Veteran's Day
12 Nov	Football Concession Florida		
17 Nov	Social Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner		
19 Nov	Football Concession The Citadel		
20 Nov			Christ the King
24 Nov			Thanksgiving
26 Nov	Football Concession Clemson		
27 Nov	Pancake Breakfast > SVDP		First Sunday of Advent
TBA Dec	Parish Blood Drive		
1 Dec	Regular Business Meeting		
4 Dec		Rosary at Shrine of the Unborn	Second Sunday of Advent
8 Dec			Immaculate Conception
10 Dec		State Soccer Shoot Out	
11 Dec			Third Sunday of Advent
18 Dec			Fourth Sunday of Advent
25 Dec			Christmas
29 Dec	5th Thursday		
31 Dec			New Year's Eve
TBA Jan	Council Free Throw Contest		
1 Jan		Rosary at Shrine of the Unborn	Mary, Mother of God
5 Jan	Regular Business Meeting		
6 Jan	St. Joseph School Epiphany Mass and Visitation		
8 Jan			Epiphany
14 Jan		State Pro-Life March and Rally	
			MLK, Jr. Holiday
19 Jan	First Degree and Reception		
23 Jan		National March for Life	
28 Jan		Mid-Winter Meeting	
29 Jan	Pancake Breakfast > St. Joseph School		

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Date	Council	District / State / Supreme / Parish / Diocese	Holy Day / Holiday
TBA Feb	District Free Throw Contest		
2 Feb	Regular Business Meeting		
5 Feb	Boy Scout Convocation	Rosary at Shrine of the Unborn	
16 Feb	Social Meeting		
18 Feb		Charlotte Men's Conference	
20 Feb			President's Day
21 Feb	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper		
22 Feb			Ash Wednesday
25 Feb		4th Degree Exemplification	
TBA Mar	Operation HOPE		
1 Mar	Regular Business Meeting		
4 Mar		Rosary at Shrine of the Unborn	
9 Mar	Lenten Soup Supper		
10 Mar	State Free Throw Contest		
11 Mar	Membership Blitz		
15 Mar	First Degree and Reception		
19 Mar			Solemnity of St. Joseph
25 Mar	Pancake Breakfast > Respect Life	K of C Day of the Unborn Child	Annunciation
29 Mar	5th Thursday	Founder's Day	
1 Apr		Rosary at Shrine of the Unborn	Palm Sunday
3 Apr		Chrism Mass - Charleston	
5 Apr			Holy Thursday
6 Apr			Good Friday
7 Apr			Holy Saturday
8 Apr			Easter
19 Apr	Regular Business Meeting		
28 Apr		State Convention	
29 Apr		State Convention	

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Date	Council	District / State / Supreme / Parish / Diocese	Holy Day / Holiday
TBA May	Operation HOPE		
3 May	Regular Business Meeting		
13 May			Mother's Day
17 May	First Degree and Reception		
18 May		Big Band Spaghetti Dinner	
20 May			Ascension
27 May	Pancake Breakfast > Operation HOPE		Pentecost
28 May			Memorial Day
31 May	5th Thursday		
3 Jun		Rosary at Shrine of the Unborn	Trinity Sunday
7 Jun	Regular Business Meeting		
10 Jun			Corpus Christi
14 Jun			Flag Day
17 Jun			Father's Day
21 Jun	Social Meeting		
23 Jun		Installation of State Officers	
1 Jul		Rosary at Shrine of the Unborn	
4 Jul			Independence Day
5 Jul	Regular Business Meeting		
13 Jul	Installation of Officers and Recognition Dinner		

Knights In Action

Installation of Officers and Recognition Dinner



Supreme Director Baker, State Deputy Monahon, and District Master Gubeli share a moment.



Msgr. Harris blesses the officer jewels.



Outside Guard Paul Ardoin receives his jewel of office from his wife, Vera, during the Officer Installation.



Council Officers led by GK S. W. Hudson stand in formation after being installed into office.

Installation of Officers and Recognition Dinner was held on July 15th at the K of C Hall on Marion Street.

Photos courtesy of Dan Rogers.



Msgr. Harris, GK Hudson, and State Deputy Monahon, present a Certificate of Appreciation to Kimberly Mason.



State Deputy Monahon, Msgr. Harris, and GK Hudson present the Charity Award to Lester Johnson.



GK Hudson present the Shining Armor Award to Troy Penny.



State Deputy Monahon, Msgr. Harris, and GK Hudson present the Family of the Year Award to Jim Albert.

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