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UPCOMING EVENTS:

July

**15 Installation
and Recognition Dinner**

**31 Semi-Annual
Audit**

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GRAND KNIGHT'S BRIEF



My Brother Knights, congratulations on completing yet another successful fraternal year. We met all of our Council goals, performed some amazing charitable works, and brought in ten new members to our Order. Thanks to everyone that contributed in some way to this successful year! But today, we begin anew.

I want to welcome and congratulate our new and returning officers who will be serving in their respective posts for the next twelve months. I also want to welcome the several service program directors under the guidance and direction of our Program Director Dan Wagner who has planned a fun and charity-filled year. Thank you, gentlemen, for your willingness to serve this Council and our Church. As Brother Wagner will reiterate, we are still in need of service program directors and activity chairmen. This isn't difficult or time consuming work, and in fact it can be quite rewarding. Please contact Brother Wagner immediately to see where you can help out most.

Let me also remind everyone that our annual Installation of Officers and Recognition Dinner is fast approaching, and the DGK has yet to hear from many of you! So please call in your RSVP to Brother Parsons right away so that he can ensure enough food is prepared. We have a nice evening planned, a great meal will be prepared, and it will be an enjoyable time for all. We have room for about 20 more, so make those reservations, and I'll see you on Friday!

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't extend a heartfelt congratulations herein to our Brother Knight and newly ordained Father David Nerbun! While I was personally unable to attend the Ordination in Charleston, I want to thank Sam Kopack, PGK and Lester Johnson, FS for arranging the bus trip. Thanks to everyone that made the trip, and for all of those that came out in support of Father Nerbun at his Mass of Thanksgiving on July 2nd.

Fraternally,

Swinton W. Hudson, III

Officer Installation and Recognition Dinner

This year's Installation of Officers and Recognition Dinner is upon us! This is the one yearly Council event that is about *us*, the Knights of Columbus. It's a time to reflect on the past year's accomplishments, celebrate individual achievements, and spend time with good friends and honored guests. If you haven't yet called in your reservation, it's not yet too late. This is one event you won't want to miss.

While the formal ceremony installing our Council officers may begin at 7PM sharp, plan to arrive early and enjoy a social hour beginning at 6PM. Dinner will be served immediately following the installation ceremony, which will be followed by the giving of awards and special recognitions. This year's menu consists of delicacies and staples alike prepared by our very own Fred Parsons, such as seasoned rotisserie chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, squash casserole, salad, and fresh blueberry cobbler for dessert.

In addition, each guest will have the chance at one of many lovely door prizes, to participate in a 50/50 drawing, and even a silent auction for a Golf 4-some with cart at Northwoods, and special date night packages! Some of the door prizes include gift certificates to popular local restaurants and bottles of alcohol.

WHEN: Friday, July 15th, 6PM-until WHERE: KofC Hall, 1623 Marion Street RSVP: Fred Parsons 467-4755

Membership

Congratulations and welcome to Jason Kearnes and Bob Jackman on becoming members in the First Degree on June 19th! Also welcome returning 4th Degree member, LTC Pat Walsh.

We are officially in the new fraternal year, and our new Membership Director is Gene Olona. Forward your prospects to Gene (706-202-7466) right away.

Ladies Auxiliary

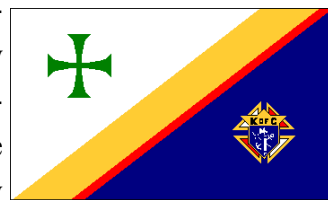
The ladies are now meeting on the **2nd Friday of each month** in the St. Francis de Sales House at 5:30PM. They still need 5 more members to form the Columbiettes Auxiliary, so let all Catholic ladies know about this fantastic sister organization to the Knights of Columbus. Contact Carrie Penny, interim 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!

Additional Degrees are being scheduled, so watch for those dates in future issues.

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. If you would like to serve the Council in this important role by exemplifying the First Degree, contact GK Skip Hudson at swhudson3@yahoo.com.

Programming Note

The Programs Committee met on Wednesday, June 22nd, to finalize the slate of programs and activities for the coming fraternal year. The following activities and charitable works were decided upon for the new fraternal year. There should be something of interest for everyone! The name after each activity is the assigned chairman. If it's followed by TBA, then this is an area where we need you!

CHURCH — Director: Dan Wagner
(dan@stjosephcolumbia.org)

Support seminarians pancake breakfast – *TBA*

Catholic Information Booth – *TBA*

All Souls Day Mass and Reception – *TBA*

Keep Christ in Christmas – *TBA*

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Dan Wagner

Lenten Soup Supper – Fred Parsons

COMMUNITY — Director: David Fiorini

Operation Hope – Sam Kopack

Blood Drive – *TBA*

Support St. Vincent de Paul Society pancake breakfast – Rob Wiggs

State Charity Drive – Lester Johnson

Food For Families – *TBA*

Big Band Spaghetti Dinner – Bill Jones

COUNCIL — Director: *TBA*

Public Relations Director: Troy Penny

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

JULY

- 1 ORDINATION, CATHEDRAL IN CHARLESTON, 6PM
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 7 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM; DINNER
- 9 OPERATION HOPE WORKSHOP, OLOH
- 15 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND RECOGNITION DINNER, KOFC HALL ON MARION STREET, 6PM—?
- 22-23 GRAND KNIGHTS WORKSHOP, OUR LADY OF THE HILLS; GK, DGK, CH, FS, PD; 9AM-3PM
- 31 SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT, 2PM, PARISH HOUSE; BUDGET MEETING TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW

AUGUST

- 4 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM; DINNER
- 6-14 KOFC FAMILY WEEK
- TBA COUNCIL FAMILY COOKOUT
- 7 MONTHLY ROSARY AT SHRINE OF THE UNBORN
- 15 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- 18 FIRST DEGREE AND RECEPTION, 7PM

SEPTEMBER

- 1 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM; DINNER
- 4 MONTHLY ROSARY AT SHRINE OF THE UNBORN
- 5 LABOR DAY
- TBA ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION NIGHT
- 15 SOCIAL MEETING/FAMILY CARD AND BOARD GAME NIGHT
- 17 FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND
- 24 FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND

OCTOBER

- 1 FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND
- 2 MONTHLY ROSARY AT SHRINE OF THE UNBORN
- 6 CONFIRMATION, ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
- 8 FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND
- 9 MEMBERSHIP BLITZ AFTER ALL MASSES
- 20 FIRST DEGREE AND REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:00 PM, RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

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

St. Bonaventure — July 15



Life: 1221-1274

Canonized: 1482

Bishop, Cardinal, and Doctor of the Church (1588)

Title: Seraphic Doctor

“Second Founder of the Franciscans”

He was born Giovanni di Fidanza in Bagnoreggio, Italy in 1221, and little is known about his early life. When he joined the Franciscans at age 22 and took the name Bonaventure they sent him to Pais to study. Five years later he obtained his teaching license, and ten years later he became master of the Franciscan school in Paris.

When in 1257 Bonaventure was elected minister general the new order was in a state of crisis. St. Francis had died thirty years earlier and several factions were competing to lead the friars in accordance with the alleged original spirit of St. Francis. For example, the Spirituals wished to emphasize poverty as paramount and not allow the ownership of books or buildings. In opposition to them Bonaventure put much stress on study and learning, and fostered the establishment of academic friaries in uni-

versity towns. Unfortunately Francis had never established a reasonable administrative structure to cope with the huge increase in the number of friars. Bonaventure subsequently became known as the “Second founder of the Franciscans” under his leadership as minister general. He wrote a Commentary on the Rule which made it more applicable to existing circumstances, and his Life of St. Francis became the only allowed official biography, with all others ordered to be destroyed. As a result he made the Franciscan ideal acceptable to the order and thereby reinvigorated it. Bonaventure confirmed the new orientation by living a personal life of simplicity and poverty. In particular he showed how the original ideals of St. Francis could be successfully combined with the attainment of great learning, and with the holding of high ecclesiastical offices in the Church.

In spiritual matters Bonaventure put stress on the union with God experience that St. Francis had on Mount Alverna, as well as on the three steps or ways traversed by those who seek God: (a) the active purification from sin that brings the peace of a clear conscience, (b) the way of illumination based on imitation of Christ leading to the “splendor of the truth,” and finally (c) union with God leading to “sweetness of love.” By enjoying these three, namely: the “calm of peace”, the “splendor of truth” and the “sweetness of love” the Church and its members come closest to resembling the blessed in heaven. Bonaventure taught that the purpose of human knowledge, including theology, is not to speculate but rather to love.

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

You Can Keep Your Kids Catholic. Here's How . . .

A talk with Catholic author and father of 11 kids, Patrick Madrid

There are very few things a father can give his children that will last forever – the latest iPod, a trust fund and even a college education are good only for this lifetime. But there are some eternal gifts that a dad should be very careful to pass on. They are love, and the greatest expression of love that is found in death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is, the Catholic faith.

To offer some guidance, Fathers for Good spoke with Patrick Madrid, a Catholic author who is host of the Thursday edition of EWTN's "Open Line" radio show (Thursdays from 3-5 pm ET) and the director of the Envoy Institute of Belmont Abbey College. He and his wife Nancy have 11 children, ages 28 to 8, and are the grandparents of eight children.

Fathers for Good: Are all your children still practicing Catholics?

Madrid: Yes, thanks be to God, our five children who are still at home all practice the faith (they don't have a choice!), and our six adult children who are "up and out" (three of them who are married with children of their own) are also devout, practicing Catholics.

FFG: Give some key 'ingredients' in making the Faith fresh and palatable for kids.

Madrid: We cannot underestimate the importance of parental good example when considering what Catholic parents can and should do to help foster a

lively faith in God and love for the Church in the hearts of their children. There is a great and powerful effect when mom and dad themselves live out as best they can their own love for God, in a visible but not ostentatious way, through their prayer, piety, and sacramental life.

An analogy I often use is that of growing tomatoes. Southern California, where I was born and raised, had vast tracts of tomato farms which are immediately recognizable because of the thousands of upright stakes the tomato plants are tied to. If left to grow naturally, the tomato vine will simply grow along the ground and produce inferior, and often diseased, tomatoes due to the worms, caterpillars, fungi, etc. However, if the plant is fastened to a stake and forced to grow upright, it produces healthy fruit. True, caterpillars and fungi are still dangers that need to be counteracted, but they can do far less damage to the tomato vine that has been tied firmly to the stake.

The analogy is clear. As Scripture says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Children, need firm guidance and good example from their youngest years so that they will grow straight and "upright" in their knowledge of and love for God. So, the combined benefit of good example from mom and dad, as well as clear and purposeful handing on of the truths of the faith is essential.

FFG: Some parents may feel inadequate for the job.

Madrid: Let me be very clear, I do not hold myself up as a paragon of fatherly perfection. We all make

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4th Degree



BISHOP ENGLAND ASSEMBLY 1072

The annual Installation of Officers will take place on Wednesday, July 20th, at 7:00PM, Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church, 120 Marydale Lane, in the Family Life Center. Attire: Regalia (tux with social baldric).

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.

July Birthdays

2nd William Kundinger
 3rd Tawfig Hodaly
 8th Jim Albert
 19th Joseph Turkaly
 20th Lester Johnson
 23rd Alan Kirby
 27th David Pauling
 29th Msgr. Richard Harris



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 Don Wagner is in ailing health, please keep him in your prayers.

Brother Jack Davis (708-6167) suffers from chronic pain and is limited in his mobility.

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.

Insurance: Ready To Serve



Knights of Columbus Insurance: Your Shield for Life by Thomas P. Smith Jr.

Ten times every year, we host a Field Agent Training School here in New Haven. We extend invitations to the agents who, in their first three to four months, have shown a tendency to grasp the habits necessary to be a success in the insurance business. Most arrive on Sunday of the week, and stay through Friday about noon. Over the course of the week, we do our best to cap off the training they have received in the field from their general agent, with discussion about product knowledge, prospecting, maintaining good fraternal relationships and many, many other items.

During the average month, about 20 new, fresh-faced agents from all over the United States and Canada populate our third-floor training facility. When we send them home on Friday, it is with a diploma signifying their attendance and hopefully an increased knowledge base of how to reach success.

I have lots of occasions to visit with these men. When I am not on the road, I present a session on ethics on Friday morning just before they leave. It is a great week for all of us who take part in the school — seeing the enthusiasm and energy of these new men actually gives us energy and enthusiasm. Morale in our business doesn't filter down from the top. It rises to us from the feet we have on the street.

There is one favorite time during the week though that I enjoy more than any other. It is first thing in the morning on Monday when each field agent guest gets up in front of the class and introduces himself to the home office staff assembled as well as his fellow students. I usually sit in the back and listen to the amazing stories of men who range in age and background, from different states and provinces, as they tell us how they arrived here.

Very few (none is more likely) ever get up and say it was their childhood dream to be an insurance salesman with a fraternal organization.

Most have come to us from other jobs and careers. For the majority, that other job lacked something they were looking for, or that other career ended abruptly with closings or layoffs. They find us in a variety of ways, and to a man they express amazement and gratitude that they have found the Order and this career. Most importantly, 99 percent of them were members of the Order — loyal, devoted, active members — first. Man after man gets up and tells us “I’ve been a member for years” or “I’ve always been an active member” or “I come from a Knights of Columbus family.” Active, devout, loyal Knights first, who now have decided to spend their working life fulfilling the vision of Father McGivney full time. As a Knight, just the kind of guy I would love to have on my side as I try to sort through the financial maze around me. Knights first. Professional agents now. Ready to serve.

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

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mistakes, we all lose direction at times, and I am sure you can ask my wife and children where I have gone wrong at times.

What I am talking about is a diligent effort that a father must make to impart a basic knowledge of the Catholic faith, and a purposeful effort to teach his children how to really live out that faith. You don't need a theology degree to do this. You do need a conscious awareness of God's will for you as a father, an abiding love for him, and at least a basic knowledge of your Catholic beliefs coupled with a desire to learn more as you go along in life (the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a handy, helpful tool for accomplishing that task).

You wouldn't expect your children to take you seriously if all you had was a grade-school knowledge of money or budgeting or any of the other duties fathers must handle in raising a family. In the same way, if you never try to learn and grow in your own knowledge of and love for the Catholic faith, they could easily get the message that living the Catholic faith is not really very important to you. When they get a little older, they may well go elsewhere with their questions about God and the meaning of life. You don't want that to happen.

FFG: Offer some suggestions for setting this good example.

Madrid: First, you have to let your children know that the Catholic faith is more than an hour a week on Sunday. Sunday Mass should be the highlight and absolute obligation of the week, but it doesn't end there.

A Catholic home is a sort of "domestic church," as John Paul II and others have noted. This does not mean Gregorian chant and incense at the dinner table. But it does mean that faith must inform the daily routine and decisions in the home. Children must see their mom and dad as truly prayerful, again not in a showy way, but in a way where they know — because they can see — that their parents look to almighty God trustingly throughout the day and are not too proud to ask for help from above.

I always strongly encourage praying the family Rosary. If you, the father of the family, trustingly invoke the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary each day (she knows quite a bit about parenting, after all) on behalf of your family, especially your children, you can rest assured that, no matter how bumpy the road of life may become, she will be there helping you.

It may be a challenge at times to gather the whole family together, but the spiritual benefits of praying the rosary are enormous, especially if each child is allowed to take part in reciting part of this beautiful prayer. Other acts of piety are things such as prayer before and after meals (every meal), night prayers which include devotions such as the Act of Contrition, the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel, etc.

In our home, when our kids get to be about 12, Nancy and I give them their own personal Bible with a lov-

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ing inscription from us inside the cover. And we strongly encourage them to read Scripture often, starting with the Gospels. This has two goals in mind: First, our children learn that the Bible is not a “Protestant thing,” that in fact Scripture is Catholic and is (or should be) cherished by all Catholics everywhere. Also, they learn to discover the biblical basis for a wide range of Catholic teachings and practices, found either explicitly or implicitly.

Beyond the externals of prayer and piety in the home, the children have to see that mom and dad are imbued with results of prayer – that they actually live out the gifts of faith, mercy and forgiveness. Having kids in the home is really a constant source for examination of conscience. A father does well to tell his kids not to gossip or speak critically about others, but does he talk about the neighbors uncharitably? If dad tells his children to practice moderation but he eats or drinks to excess, that’s sends the strong signal which says: “Do as I say, not as I do.” Telling children not to talk back or be disrespectful is a good thing, but if the father sets a bad example of shouting at his wife or ignoring her, his words to the children are empty. The list goes on.

There is no doubt that your children will pick up on every time you do not act according to the advice you give them. Of course, no father is perfect, and our children will understand this too, but I believe that they must see men who love God and are doing their very best to live the faith as best we can, by God’s grace. One more thing. Let your children see that you frequent the sacrament of Confession. That will help them see that you really do “walk the walk” as much as you “talk the talk.”

FFG: Many dads are worried about their kids losing their faith in college.

Madrid: As well they should be! Entering college is one of the most crucial crossroads for young Catholics, and fathers must be vigilant and diligent in helping them through this rite of passage so that they don’t become casualties in the war against truth and against belief in God that is waged on campuses, even so-called Catholic ones.

So many Catholic parents are shattered when their kids go to college and become swayed by an atheist professor, or drawn out of the Church by aggressive evangelical Protestants who challenge their Catholic beliefs using the Bible. Or, if their children don’t abandon the faith for some substitute ideology (atheism, skepticism, secularism), it sometimes happens that the kids just succumb to the wiles of the world, which the Bible speaks of as “the world, the flesh, and the devil.”

We’ve all heard the more popular rendition of this as “sex, drugs, and rock-n-roll.” However you describe it, the truth remains the same: There are lots of moral and spiritual dangers waiting for your children when they go to college. So we fathers have to prepare our children to face the challenges not with fear but with heads held high, as Catholics who love Jesus Christ and who are not afraid to be a light shining in a dark place

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(Matt. 5:14-16). We must teach them how to lead others to Christ, not to be themselves led away from him.

I believe very much in the practice of “inoculation.” Prepare your kids now for what they will face later. I tell my kids what atheists believe and what skepticism and relativism are, and I seek to give them the answers to these and similar challenges. I also tell them about the errors of Protestants and how to answer their challenges right from the Bible. Your kids may not immediately understand the importance of everything you tell them at the time, but believe me, when they do come against these challenges (and they will), your efforts to prepare them ahead of time will have a good effect. They will remember what you said and this will only reinforce in their minds the fact that you, their dad, are someone who knows about the world and how to deal with it. They will be even more confident in coming to you about other important matters, such as sex, marriage, career and money, because they see you as credible and reliable, someone with knowledge and wisdom. And what dad wouldn’t want that!

FFG: Does the average Catholic dad have this wisdom and knowledge?

Madrid: I believe that, yes, most dads who love the Lord and are serious about their Catholic identity do. But even for those who may not be fully prepared in this way, getting prepared is not difficult, if you know what to do. We live in an information age, and there is a vast amount good Catholic resources right at your fingertips, far more than at any time in history. God has put you on this earth at this time, and given you these children, and I am convinced that he expects you to make good use of these resources to help your children grow and become strong in the faith. I am convinced that when we die, at our individual judgments, God will ask each of us if we did our best to pass on the faith to our children.

So, become familiar with solid Catholic sites like catholicscomehome.org, catholic.com, ewtn.com, fathersforgood.com, newadvent.org, and envoyinstitute.net. Share the information with your kids. Just Google-search away. And of course, there’s also the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the shortened Compendium, which, in addition to your Holy Bible, should be standard “tools of the trade” to lead your children toward heaven.

Invest in some CDs by great Catholic teachers like Peter Kreeft, Scott Hahn, Ken Hensley, Father Corapi, etc. Give them to your kids before they go off to college, make sure they listen to them. Upload those kinds of talks to their iPods so they can listen in their spare time. In other words, make sure they are inoculated! You won’t regret it.

The bottom line: Fatherhood is a great joy and a great privilege, but we must never forget that it is also a great and awesome responsibility given to us by God the Father. As a Catholic father, ask yourself what greater joy could you possibly have than to pass on the riches of the Catholic Faith as a permanent, priceless inheritance to your children. If they have their Catholic faith and a true love for God, they have everything.

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And they will eventually rejoice with you in heaven, thanking God and thanking you for the ineffable fatherly gifts that you bestowed on them. That is your mission as a father. That and nothing less.

Patrick Madrid's personal website is www.patrickmadrid.com. His blog address is <http://patrickmadrid.blogspot.com>

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Knight of the Month – Gene Olona

Newsletter – Editor Troy Penny

Web site – Dan Wagner

Installation of Officers and Recognition Dinner – Fred Parsons

Council Business Meeting Meals – Bill Jones

Concession stand fundraiser – Rick Coker

Fraternal Benefits Night – Fred Parsons

FAMILY — Director: *TBA*

Family of the Month – *TBA*

Fathers for Good – Newsletter Editor

Corporate Communion Sunday – *TBA*

Family cookouts/picnics – *TBA*

Family Card and Board Game Nights – Jim Corbett

Support St. Joseph School pancake breakfast – *TBA*

Survivors Assistance – *TBA*

YOUTH — Director: Josh Riggins

Youth of the Month – *TBA*

Altar Server Appreciation Night – *TBA*

Soccer Challenge – Brian Binette

Substance Abuse Poster Contest – *TBA*

Epiphany Mass and School Visit – *TBA*

Free Throw Contest – Branden Conrad

Scouting Convocation – *TBA*

PRO-LIFE — Director: John Staab
(JPSTAAB@aol.com)

Monthly Rosary to End Abortion – *TBA*

40 Days for Life – *TBA*

Pro-Life March and Rally – *TBA*

KofC Day of the Unborn Child – *TBA*

If one of these service program areas or a specific activity sounds like something you'd like to head up or if you desire more information, please contact Program Director Dan Wagner at (803)553-2700 or email him at dan@stjosephcolumbia.org.

Congratulations!

Brother Knight Fred Parsons is our June Knight of the Month. Fred led our Council as Membership Director in completing our 2010-2011 membership goal. It was a long tough battle, but thanks to Fred's determination, leadership, and surely some intercessory prayer by our Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, he got the job done. Great work Fred!

Our Knights Family of the Month for June is that of Brother Bob Nerbun. Bob and Ann are the parents of our very own and newly ordained Father David Nerbun. Congratulations to the Nerbun Family!

Knights In Action



First Degree Member Bob Jackman



**ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL 12554
COLUMBIA, SC**



First Degree Member Jason Kearnes



DGK Fred Parsons (l) and member David Fiorini (r)

Knights Night Social and Cook-out was held on the fifth Thursday in June, and hosted by Gene Olona. All in attendance had a great time.

Photos courtesy of Gene Olona.



PGK Sam Kopack (r) and guest (l)

The *Shining Armor Gazette* is a monthly publication of the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council 12554. Distribution is via email generally on the Monday 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 program that varies from month to month.

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