



SHINING ARMOR GAZETTE

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

June

- 10 Business Meeting
- 17 Family Night Social

July

- 1 Business Meeting
- 23 Installation & Recognition Night

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GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER



This is my last column as Grand Knight of Council 12554. Maybe. After two years as GK, it time for another, Skip Hudson, to serve. I have said several times that many could do the various officer positions, and each Knight should find out what roles they can serve in, and the appropriate time for them to serve in that role whether its Grand Knight, Treasurer or Youth Director. For some it is inconceivable to fill some of these positions - today. Next year, the year after, even five years from now you could be happily wrong. Ten years from now I could be Grand Knight again - or it could be you.

We are all in this together, Brothers, serving the Lord, our Church, priest, parish, and each other as Catholic Gentlemen. We also serve our families, friends and community through our K of C activities and activities outside of the Knights. But we are always Knights. We are always part of a fraternal brotherhood. We are

always burdened with demands but we always have the Lord to guide us, through our Faith, in every interaction with our fellow human beings.

Some of us will remember the offices held, awards received, and honors earned by our Council and its members during our journey as Knights. It is my fervent hope that we all remember the faces of friends, the friendships we shared, the feelings we had, and the faith that was deepened and strengthened because we choose to bond together as Catholic Gentlemen during our journey through life. It is the journey, not where it seems we finish, that defines who we are.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Corbett
Grand Knight

Officers Elected for Upcoming Year

Election of Officers for the 2010-2011 Fraternal Year was held at the Regular Business Meeting on June 10th. These officers will officially assume their posts on July 1, and will be formally installed on July 23rd.

GRAND KNIGHT SWINTON W. HUDSON, III*

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT..... ROBERT W. WIGGS, JR.*

CHANCELLOR..... FREDERICK M. PARSONS, III

RECORDER MICHAEL A. SAKARA

TREASURER JOHN J. DAVIS

ADVOCATE..... JOHNNY E. NIX*

WARDEN JOSEPH W. FIXL*

INSIDE GUARD GENE T. OLONA*

OUTSIDE GUARD DAMIAN P. MASSE*

THREE YEAR TRUSTEE..... JAMES J. CORBETT*

TWO YEAR TRUSTEE SAMUEL J. KOPACK, JR.*

ONE YEAR TRUSTEE GREGORY L. LAMBERTY*

* *Represents 4th Degree Knight*

Directors and Committee Chairmen are appointed by the Grand Knight-elect. The following appointments have been made: Lector: Charles P. Poole, Jr.; Program Director: Daniel F. Wagner; Membership Director: Frederick M. Parsons, III; Council Director: Gene T. Olona; Church Director: Daniel F. Wagner; Youth Director: Branden W. Conrad; Pro-Life Director: John P. Staab; Retention Chairman: Robert W. Wiggs, Jr.

We are still in need of a Family Director, Community Director, chairmen and committeemen for all of our programs. If you are interested in supporting the work of your Council as a Director or Committee Chairman for one of the service activities or programs featured in last month's "Good of the Order" article, please contact Grand Knight-elect [Skip Hudson](#) (622-7932) or Program Director [Dan Wagner](#). It is crucial that qualified and dedicated Brother Knights are promptly appointed to these positions to ensure a smooth transition and successful fraternal year. You need not be a 3rd Degree Member to hold one of these appointed directorships, chairmanships or to sit on any committee. Some positions do require more time than others. However, if everyone pitches in a little, as the old saying goes, "many hands make light work."

For the Good of the Order *S. W. Hudson, III, Grand Knight-elect*

I am deeply humbled by the honor this Council has bestowed upon me as your next Grand Knight. It is a duty which I do not undertake lightly. My solemn pledge to you, Brother Knights, is that I will give my all in this endeavor, and that I will always have an open door to you. Please be mindful, however, that I have a limited amount of time each day. We have an established chain-of-

command, thus I ask for you to utilize it to your advantage.

As Knights we are servants of God, and as such our first earthly priority is to our family, the cornerstone of society. We are husbands, fathers, and sons first, Brother Knights second. Remember, charity begins at home. We are volunteer members of this Catholic fraternal service organization, and our biological family must and always should

come before our fraternal family.

That said, however, we also have an obligation to our fraternal family as members of the body. Each Brother must pay his dues in a timely manner, try to attend meetings, and whenever possible give of his time and talents. True charity, the main principle of our Order, does not consist solely in gifts of money.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

JUNE

- 10 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, 7:30 PM; DINNER, 6:30 PM
- 14 FLAG DAY
- 17 FAMILY NIGHT, 6:30PM, PARISH HOUSE, COVERED DISH
- 20 FATHER'S DAY

JULY

- 1 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM; DINNER, 6:30 PM
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONTHLY ROSARY AT SHRINE OF THE UNBORN
- 10 OPERATION HOPE WORKSHOP, O. L. OF THE HILLS
- 16 ORDINATION OF DAVE NERBUN TO DEACONATE, 6:00 PM, ST JOSEPH CHURCH
- 23 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND RECOGNITION BANQUET, 6:00PM SOCIAL HOUR, 7:00PM INSTALLATION, 7:30PM DINNER AND AWARDS; AMERICAN LEGION HALL, 200 PICKENS STREET; COAT & TIE,

BUFFET, CASH BAR; ALL MEMBERS & GUESTS

- 24 GRAND KNIGHTS WORKSHOP, ST. JOHN NEUMAN SCHOOL, 8:30AM-4PM, COAT & TIE; GK/DGK/CH/PD
- 31 SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT, 9AM, GK/FS/T/TRUSTEES BUDGET MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER, ALL WELCOME

AUGUST

- 1 MONTHLY ROSARY AT SHRINE OF THE UNBORN
- 5 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND 1ST DEGREE, 7:30 PM; DINNER, 6:30 PM



Our Sword is Prayer

What is Prayer? Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, or the petition of good things from him in accord with his will.

It is always the gift of God who comes to encounter man. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is infinitely good, with his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

How Does Jesus Teach Us to Pray? Jesus teaches us to pray not only with the Our Father but also when he prays. In this way he teaches us, in addition to the content, the dispositions necessary for every true prayer: purity of heart that seeks the Kingdom and forgives one's enemies, bold and filial faith that goes beyond what we feel and understand, and watchfulness that protects the disciple from temptation.

Why is Our Prayer Efficacious? Our prayer is efficacious because it is united in faith with the prayer of Jesus. In him Christian prayer becomes a communion of love with the Father. In this way we can present our petitions to God and be heard: "Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full" (Jn 16:24).

Membership

As of this writing, our Council has 98 active members! We have exceeded our membership goal for the year with a net gain of 8 new members. Plans are already underway to start the new Fraternal Year off with a First Degree in either July or August to induct 3 or more new members. Your St. Joseph Council is active, strong and growing. Keep seeking out duly qualified Catholic Gentlemen to join our Order. Not sure? "*Just ask him.*"

Fred Parsons will be assuming the role of Membership Director on July 1st. If you'd like to be a part of the Membership Committee, please contact [Fred](#). Your help will be needed in October and March with our semi-annual membership blitz. We anticipate again hosting the Community Sunday due to its previous success. Stay tuned for updates on this planned activity as the particulars are worked out.

Ceremonials

The First Degree Team would like to welcome Brother Gene Olona to our ranks as the ceremonial Chancellor. Gene comes to us from Council 6514 in Athens, GA. Gene has big shoes to fill in replacing Bob Fitzsimons, who held the role of Chancellor on our team for many years until his untimely death.

This brings up an important point! When Bob died, there was no one prepared to step in and take up his role. This could happen again for many reasons: death, sickness, relocation, vacation, etc. To ensure that our Team can properly function and continue to exemplify the First Degree, we need trained alternates for each position. Please strongly consider a role on our Degree Team!

For more information or to join the Team, contact Team Captain [Skip Hudson](#), 803-622-7932.

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

St. Antony of Padua



Life 1195-1231

Canonized 1232

Theologian

Patron of lost articles, harvests, the poor, and Portugal

Doctor of the Church in 1946

Antony was born of a noble family in Lisbon, Portugal. He became an Augustinian friar at the age of 15 or 16. He acquired a remarkable knowledge of the scriptures. He wanted to be a missionary to the Moors (Moslems in North Africa), but could not do so as an Augustinian, so he obtained permission to switch to the Franciscan order. He then went to Morocco to preach to the Moors, but soon became very sick, and was sent home. In the year 1221, he attended the Great Chapter of the Franciscan Order, the last to which all the friars were invited. Brother Elias, the vicar general, presided with Francis, a deacon, sitting at his feet. He was very impressed by Francis because they shared the same humility, and they became good friends.

Antony was assigned to a hermitage where he did menial household chores, and devoted the

rest of his time to prayer and solitude. No one knew that he could preach until he attended an ordination involving both Franciscans and Dominicans, and presided over by the bishop. Each order expected the other to provide the main speaker, and each declined. Antony, totally unprepared, was ordered to preach, and he astonished all by giving a really eloquent and inspired sermon. The friars then assigned him to continual preaching engagements to large numbers of people in public squares around Lombardy. Some of the crowds were in the thousands.

Later, Antony became a lector in theology to the friars in Bologna and Padua, and was assigned to preach against the Albigensians. He had the nicknames Hammer of the Heretics because of his preaching against the Albigensians, and Ark of the Testament because of his knowledge of the Bible. He was also instrumental in alleviating the sufferings of the poor.

One day a novice ran away taking a psalter that belonged to Antony, and he prayed for its return. When the thief reached a river to cross he saw an apparition on the opposite bank commanding him to return the psalter, so he brought it back. Apparently this simple incident led to Antony becoming the patron of lost objects.

Operation Hope Campaign

Our Operation Hope charity drive was a huge success! First, we give heartfelt appreciation for all those who thought this charity work worthy and gave of their time; especially family members, students and neighbors. May God Bless each of you!

Despite how hard it was to get volunteers, over the course of the 4-day charity drive, we raised a total of \$4,752.92! It is commendable of the family members, neighbors and students to help make this drive a success. Some worked multiple shifts as shown below. The only costs incurred were 10 cases of tootsie rolls at \$17.25 per case, and coin wrappers. The State Council will keep 15% of the net proceeds for their disbursements to Mentally Challenged Organizations throughout the state. The remainder, approximately \$4,000, will go to Midlands Center for the Mentally Challenged. We invite all to visit the Midlands Center, 8301 Farrow Road, to see how our hard work is put to use.

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to our Operation Hope Chairman, PGK Sam Kopack, for his self-less dedication to this worthy cause. Sam has been our Op Hope Chairman for some years

now, and is retiring from that post at the end of this year. Without his leadership and dedication, we could not have met or exceeded our goals year after year!

In addition to dealing with multiple schedule changes by Wal-Mart, handling all of the money, and begging and pleading for volunteers, Sam also lead an astonishing 8 shifts and stood in the blazing sun for 24 hours over four days! **Thank you, Sam.**

Thanks also to the following people (Knights, family and friends) who graciously helped with this worthy cause:

Damian Masse, 15 Hrs

Legare Kopack, 6 Hrs

Pat Shoup, 6 Hrs

FS Lester Johnson, 6 Hrs

Jim Albert, 6 Hrs

Larry Doolen, 6 Hrs

Gregory Lambert, 6 Hrs

John Long, 6 Hrs

Dick Monckton, 6 Hrs

Andrew Nelson, 6 Hrs

Eddie Roberts, 6 Hrs

Makensie Cleary, Student, 4 Hrs

Elliot Darnall, Student, 4 Hrs

Jack Davis, Co-Chairman, 3 Hrs

Irma Davis, 3 Hrs

Louise Loftis, 3 Hrs

Brandon Kilman, 3 Hrs

Mike Kilman, 3hrs

Barbie Kuefner, 3 Hrs

Dennis Nelson, 3 Hrs

Yab Nelson, 3 Hrs

Jessica Sakara, 3 Hrs

Alyssa Sakara, 3 Hrs

DD Tom Glynn, 3 Hrs

GK Jim Corbett ,3 Hrs

Skip Hudson, 3 Hrs

Rob Wiggs, 3 Hrs

John Staab, 3 Hrs

Tom Kahaly, 3 Hrs

Mickey Mauldin, 3 Hrs

Terry McWaters, 3 Hrs

Fred Parsons, 3 Hrs

James Snow, 3 Hrs

Buddy Weir, 3 Hrs

Bill Cunningham, 2 Hrs

Operation Hope is the annual charity drive of the State Council, which benefits the Columbus HOPE Foundation to help those with intellectual disabilities.

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I am truly grateful to the men who have stepped forward and volunteered to serve as Officers and Directors in our Council. We are, however, still in need of both a Family and Community Director. We also need men to help facilitate the various programs in our activity areas.

These six service activity areas and some of the likely programs within each follow. Your input on and participation in these worthy programs are crucial to their and our Council's success.

Church—Support seminarians and vocations, Keep Christ in Christmas, All Souls Day reception, Lenten Soup Supper,

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Community—Operation Hope, Support St. Vincent de Paul Society, Blood Drive, Veterans Hospital, St. Patrick's Day

Council—Newsletter, Web site, Annual Installation of Officers and Recognition Night, Council meals, Concession stand and other fund raisers

Family—Support St. Joseph School, Family Socials, Family Cookouts, Ladies Night

Youth—Free Throw Contest, Soccer Challenge, Altar Server Appreciation Night, Substance Abuse Poster Contest, Essay Contest, Epiphany program

Pro-Life—Pro-Life March and

Rally, 40 Days for Life, KofC Day of the Unborn Child, Monthly Rosary to End Abortion

In an effort to assist me with administering our Council's affairs, I have developed a Members' Survey that I would ask you to complete and submit back to me. My team of officers and directors will be meeting in the next few weeks and will review your concerns and interests so that we can plan a purposeful yet fun fraternal year. This survey will be distributed to you via email and available on our new website (www.kofc12554.org) in the coming days.

Contact me to get involved, or reach out to any of the Council Officers or Activity Directors.

Insurance

Family Fraternal Benefits



Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity to be part of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world. Being an insured member means you've taken full advantage of the benefits of membership. Avail yourself and your family of our full line of life insurance, retirement

and long-term care products and you'll help chart a course to safe waters in your financial future.

In addition to our strong, secure products, there are Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Many of these benefits are unique to the Knights of Columbus and our members. Some of these benefits include:

- Guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children
- Death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children
- Orphan benefits
- Member/spouse accidental death benefits

Contact Field Agent [Peter Zeeff](#) for more information, 731-5107.

4th Degree

BISHOP ENGLAND ASSEMBLY 1072



The election of Officers was held on May 19th. The Installation planned for June 1st was cancelled, and will be re-scheduled. The list of new officers is as follows:

- Navigator: SK William Baker
- Captain: SK James Sansonetti
- Pilot: SK Joseph Fixl
- Comptroller: SK Francis Dudley
- Scribe: SK Larry Eberlin
- Purser: SK Joseph Albers
- Sentinel: SK John Lopiccolo
- Sentinel: SK George Hallman
- Admiral: SK Thomas Glynn
- 1 year Trustee: SK Lester Johnson
- 2 year Trustee: SK Swinton. W. Hudson, III
- 3 year Trustee: SK Kenneth Headly
- Friar: Rev. Anthony Droze (*appointed*)

Bishop England Assembly 1072 meets 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.

To join the 4th Degree you must be a 3rd Degree Member in good standing, and a member of the Knights of Columbus for one year. 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!

Contact any 4th Degree member for a Form 400.

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 Birthright Baby Bottle campaign is underway until Father’s Day. It’s simple, just take a bottle and fill it up with loose change, cash, or checks then return it on Father’s Day.

The St. Gianna Guild’s next business meeting will be Monday, June 7th at 6:30 PM in the St. Francis de Sale House. They will use this meeting to start forming plans for the Fall 40 Days for Life, and will finalize arrangements for collecting the Birthright bottles at St. Joseph on Father’s Day.

For additional information or to get involved in Pro -Life activities, contact [John Staab](#), 381-3310.

June Birthdays

- 1st Terry McWaters
- 7th Charlie Poole
- 16th John Singer
- 19th Tom Fabish
- 20th Tiernan Cole
- 26th Jim Mancini
- 27th Bernie Corbett

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

