

SHINING ARMOR GAZETTE

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

June

19 First Degree

30 Knight's Night

July

7 Business Meeting

15 Installation and Recognition Dinner

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GRAND KNIGHT'S BRIEF

This past year has been an amazing experience for me, personally, as Grand Knight. I never envisioned when I joined the Knights on March 6, 2008, that in just 2-1/2 short years I would ascend to this position. I appreciate your confidence in re-electing me as Grand Knight, and will continue to give my all. I am truly thankful for all of the wonderful people with whom God has surrounded me, and I look for your continued support in the year to come.

There is, however, a "favor" I must ask of the Council. As many of you already know, my wife and I are expecting our second child, a boy, around Thanksgiving. With my additional responsibilities at home, it is imperative that more members step in and take on leadership roles as Directors and Chairmen. The Grand Knight cannot and should not be left to plan, coordinate and run individual activities. So I ask for your support.

Program Director Dan Wagner and I will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:30PM in the Parish House to give the membership an opportunity to discuss in detail all aspects of our proposed programs for the year, and to introduce additional ones of your

own. At a minimum, to qualify for Star Council, which is our annual goal, we must complete 4 activities in each of the 6 service program areas of Church, Community, Council, Family, Pro-Life, and Youth. That's 24 activities in a year, or roughly 2 per month. Some of our programs run themselves, or are in conjunction with other groups and require little more than your active participation. Others, however, require a chairman, committeemen, and time spent planning, preparing, and implementing. These include pancake breakfasts, the installation and recognition dinner, altar server appreciation night, Operation HOPE, and so forth.

To make it easier on activity chairmen, our Public Relations Director will handle promotions for you, the Program Director will schedule the event and facilities with your input, and the Grand Knight will rally the membership to assist and participate. So, please give serious consideration to what time you have available throughout the year, your God-given talents and abilities, those charitable things for which you may have a passion, and then volunteer

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to lead or assist with one or more of our service programs.

On another topic, I was both embarrassed and disheartened that only four Knights from this Council took the time to attend the Transitional Diaconate Ordination two weeks ago at our Church. I know that Friday at 6PM isn't the most convenient time. Sure there were lots of other things we all might like to be doing, but when the Vicar for Vocations on behalf of the Bishop asks the Knights of Columbus to come out in support of our seminarians, we *must* show up in number. This isn't a trivial matter isolated to just this Council, but this is our parish and we should have been there in force to represent our Order and to support our ordained brothers in Christ. I truly hope that our lack of physical presence is not a measure of the love and respect we hold in our hearts for our priests and religious. If we can't show up to support our priests, deacons and seminarians, can we be counted on to support each other?

Fraternally,

Swinton W. Hudson, III

Grand Knight

Membership

Congratulations to Steve Cunningham and Roberto Alecia-Cruz on becoming members in the First Degree on May 19th!

We still need to bring in **3** more new members by June 19th to qualify for Star Council! Forward your prospect's contact information to Fred Parsons (803-467-4755) without delay.

Columbiettes



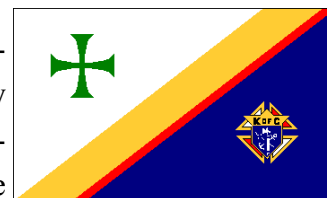
The ladies will now be meeting on the **2nd Friday** of each month in the St. Francis de Sales House at 5:30PM. They still need 5 more members to form the Columbiettes Auxiliary, so let all Catholic ladies know about this fantastic sister organization to the Knights of Columbus. Contact Carrie Penny,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

Ceremonials

Our next **First Degree** will be on Sunday, June 19th, at 3PM 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!

There will be a **2nd Degree** in Florence on June 12th at 1PM. If you would like to go, contact Gene Olona (706-202-7466) to coordinate and carpool.

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

As discussed at our June 2nd Business Meeting, the following are the proposed service programs for our upcoming fraternal year. We will discuss them individually and in greater detail at an open programs committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:30PM in the Parish House. All members are encouraged to attend. This will be your chance to mold what programs we undertake, and to take a leadership role in our Council!

CHURCH (5) — 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 (5) — Director: David Fiorini
Operation Hope* – Sam Kopack
Blood Drive – Bernie Chapman
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

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

JUNE

- 2 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM; LOCATION TBA
- 5 FEAST OF THE ASCENSION
MONTHLY ROSARY AT SHRINE OF THE UNBORN
- 12 PENTECOST SUNDAY
- 14 FLAG DAY
- 19 TRINITY SUNDAY / FATHERS DAY
FIRST DEGREE AND RECEPTION, 3PM
- 22 PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:30PM
- 26 CORPUS CHRISTI
- 30 5TH THURSDAY KNIGHT'S NIGHT

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

SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT—LATE JULY, TBA

ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION NIGHT - SEPTEMBER

5TH THURSDAY KNIGHT'S NIGHT COOKOUT

WHEN: June 30th, 6:30PM—Until

WHERE: Village Pond subdivision Gazebo, located at the intersection of Leesburg Road and Greenlawn Drive.

WHAT: Pot Luck on the Bar-B; bring a meat to cook or prepared sides of your choice to share. Some pork will be available to share. BYOBeer and non-alcoholic beverages.

WHO: Why YOU, of course, and any prospective Knights.

Call Gene Olona for more info or directions (706)202-7466.

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

St. Cyril of Alexandria, June 27



Life 376-444

Titles: Pillar of Faith; Seal of all the Fathers

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Patriarch of Alexandria

Cyril was born in Theodosios, Egypt in 376, and several years later his uncle Theophilus became Patriarch of Alexandria. He was well educated, studying theology and scripture from age 22 to 26. When Theophilus died in 412 Cyril succeeded him as the Patriarch of Alexandria. He had a reputation of being a defender of orthodoxy, and his custom was never to advance a doctrine that he had not learned from one of the Fathers of the Church.

The monk Nestorius became Patriarch of Constantinople in the year 428. He then fell into error by preaching that the union of the human and divine natures in Christ was only a moral one, and not a real one. As a result of this heresy he called Mary Christotokos, the mother of the human side of Jesus, and denied that she could be called Theotokos, the God-Bearer or the Mother of God. Pope Celestine I condemned the teaching of Nestorius, deposed him from being a patriarch, and threatened him with ex-

communication if he did not retract his heretical teaching. Cyril was assigned the task of carrying out the sentence so he sent Nestorius a letter containing twelve anathemas. Both sides appealed to the emperor and they spent some time under arrest. To settle the issue the Second Ecumenical Council met at Ephesus in the year 431 and decreed that the person of Jesus was a real union of two natures, and hence Mary could rightly be called Theotokos, the Mother of God. Thus the proclamation of Mary as the Mother of God was really a decision based on christology rather than on mariology. After the Council there was a schism, and a separate Nestorian Church broke away from Rome. It flourished for several centuries in the East, India and China, until the 14th century when it was decimated by Mongol invasions. The 170,000 remnants of this schism comprise The Assyrian Church of the East, and they are now living in Iran, Iraq and Syria.

Cyril wrote extensively on various subjects such as the theological controversies of the time, and many of his writings have been preserved. He was also involved in some politico-religious disputes during his lifetime. He is especially venerated by the Coptic Orthodox Church, as well as by the Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran churches. His feast day was not added to the Roman Calendar until 1882 when Pope Leo XIII declared him a Doctor of the Church.

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

5 Steps for Keeping Faith with Your Grandchildren

Share the 'Catholic ABCs' in the course of every day By Bill Dodds

“Do you know any songs?” I asked my nearly 3-year-old granddaughter as the two of us walked hand-in-hand to a nearby store.

“Uh huh,” she answered.

So I started “Itsy Bitsy Spider” and she joined in, shouting out the next word whenever I paused.

Hmmm . . . “Father, Son, Holy Spirit,” I said, and she smiled. “Father . . .”

“Son!”

“Holy . . .”

“Spirit!”

“Amen.”

“Amen!”

We shared that prayer a few more times and then I launched into an explanation of the Trinity and the history of the doxology.

Yeah, right!

What we did next was sing a few rounds about a farmer who had a dog named B-I-N-G-O.

There’s something about making the ABCs of the Catholic faith a part of an ordinary walk on an ordinary morning because — despite its being so extraordinary — the practice of the faith belongs in the ordinary. Between the little spider and the farmer’s

dog, there is God. Because there is a God, there are spiders and dogs and granddaughters and grandpas.

Because there is God, there is love.

“Religious education” can sound intimidating and far worse is “catechesis.” Neither term came to mind as I washed some dishes in the sink and my 6-year-old grandson wandered into the kitchen. He’s used to the fact I tend to whistle, hum or sing absentmindedly, unaware I’m making any noise at all.

“I know that song!” he said, interrupting me mid-whistle. “We have it at church.”

Hmmm . . . I wasn’t aware of what I was whistling. Since I presumed his parish Mass didn’t feature anything by Creedence Clearwater Revival or show tunes, then it was . . . Of course. “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”

My grandson was pleased he recognized the melody. I was happy he was going someplace where it was sung — religiously.

That’s part of the ABCs, too. We leave Mass, we’re sent, but we take something with us. And we share it. That Advent song — whistled in a kitchen — led easily to a short conversation about Mass, Advent and . . . naturally . . . Christmas.

But, of course, how a grandparent shares the faith changes as grandkids get older, and their questions get tougher. The simple — preschool — explanation, while always true, just doesn’t satisfy the teen or adult. And it shouldn’t.

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4th Degree



BISHOP ENGLAND ASSEMBLY 1072

Tuesday, June 14th is Flag Day and the Assembly will sponsor a Retirement of Colors ceremony to be held at the K of C Hall on Marion Street. The ceremony will commence at 7PM behind the Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend!

The Assembly 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 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.

June Birthdays

1st Terry McWaters
 2nd Steve Cunningham
 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!

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.

Upcoming Pro-Life Activities



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

There is a Rosary Vigil every Saturday morning at 10AM outside the Planned Parenthood parking lot (2712 Middleburg Dr).

Contact Brother John Staab (381-3310) for more information on how you can get involved.

K of C Insurance



The Knights of Columbus insurance program passed a major milestone at the end of April when total insurance in force exceeded \$80 billion. The amount of life insurance in force has doubled in just over a decade, from \$40 billion in 2000.

The Knights of Columbus has more than \$17 billion in assets and ranks in the Fortune 1000 list of America's largest companies. It is one of only five insurers in North America to receive the highest possible rating for financial stability from both Standard & Poor's (AAA) and A.M. Best (A++).

The organization was established in 1882 as a fraternal benefit society, with one of its primary aims to enable members to protect their families with life insurance. Today, the K of C has more than 1.8 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Central America, the Caribbean, Philippines and Poland.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, who assumed the role of CEO in 2000, cites the record sales growth as resulting from the organization's philosophy of sustainable investment and ethical business practices.

"Despite the difficult economic conditions in the United States, the Knights of Columbus has maintained its strength, and has improved its standing relative to the insurance industry as a whole," Anderson said. "There is no higher rated insurer than the Knights of Columbus, and we have every confidence in our continued success because we have a fundamentally solid business model, which continues to serve us well."

One of the most active charitable groups in the United States, Knights of Columbus members last year set records despite the weak economy by providing nearly 69 million hours of charitable service and more than \$151 million in donations to charitable causes. Cumulative figures show that, during the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.36 billion to charity, and provided nearly 640 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.

Election of Officers

At the monthly business meeting held on June 2nd, 2011, the Council elected the following members as officers for the 2011-2012 fraternal year.

GRAND KNIGHT	SWINTON W. HUDSON, III	803-622-7932*
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	FREDERICK M. PARSONS, III	803-467-4755*
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RECORDER	TROY S. PENNY	803-920-4146
TREASURER	ROBERT W. WIGGS, JR.	803-447-2127*
ADVOCATE	JOHN J. DAVIS	803-708-6167*
WARDEN	JOSEPH W. FIXL	803-253-8894*
INSIDE GUARD	RAMON E. FRETT	803-237-1278*
OUTSIDE GUARD 1	PAUL C. ARDOIN	803-738-2858*
OUTSIDE GUARD 2	DAMIAN P. MASSE	803-776-2715*
THREE YEAR TRUSTEE	JOHN R. LONG	803-695-3286
TWO YEAR TRUSTEE	JAMES J. CORBETT	803-787-1075*
ONE YEAR TRUSTEE	SAMUEL J. KOPACK, JR.	803-783-4056*

**Denotes 4th Degree Sir Knight*

Please give these men your full support throughout the coming Columbian year! The installation of officers will take place at the K of C Hall on Marion Street on Friday, July 15th. Doors will open at 6PM. In addition to the installation ceremony, Knights and friends of the Council will be recognized for their contributions to the Order, our Parish, and Community. Food is being prepared by DGK Fred Parsons, and the Hall's cash bar will be open for your enjoyment. This will be a great time, and all are encouraged to attend.

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.

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A few points to consider:

1. Your little grandchildren are like sponges, ready to soak up Catholicism as a part of everyday life if it's visibly a part of your everyday life.

2. Grade-schoolers have figured out the tooth fairy and trolls don't exist and so, naturally, wonder about God, angels, sacraments, saints and much, much more. Were all these also only tall tales for wee ones?

Talking with them about the faith can help them, for example, separate the Easter bunny from the reality of the Resurrection.

3. Teens and adults, God bless them, have tough questions about the Church. And they should. Many of the hows and whys can be answered. Thank God for the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Catholic Information Service, and other reliable sources!

4. At any age, at every age, your grandkids need to know you're praying for them. And that you deeply appreciate their praying for you!

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COUNCIL (5) — Director: *TBA*

Public Relations Director: Troy Penny

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 (4) — 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 – *TBA*

Support St. Joseph School pancake breakfast – *TBA*

Survivors Assistance – *TBA*

YOUTH (5) — Director: *TBA*

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 (2) — 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*

* *Required program; () Number for Best Council*