

SHINING ARMOR GAZETTE

Caring for our families, serving our communities, and serving our faith community

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ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL 12554
COLUMBIA, SC

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June

- 7 Business Meeting
- 21 Social Meeting

July

- 13 Installation & Recognition Dinner
- 29 Charity Breakfast

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GRAND KNIGHT'S BRIEF



Well, we've wrapped up yet another fraternal year. I want to take a moment to reflect back over the past year. There is no doubt that our programs which centered on food and the kitchen were a resounding success, both in the charity we were able to do through the funds raised, and the fraternity that resulted. Yet, the many other activities and programs we sponsored were also successful, often in ways we may never know. Whether or not our pro-life billboard made a difference, persons with intellectual disabilities helped, children at our soccer shoot-out inspired, or so on and on. But when done with a charitable heart, it makes no difference whether or not we know, because God knows. So, keep doing good works, what is right and just, and take comfort in that we receive our reward not in this life, but in Heaven. Thank you to the outgoing Officers for your service and sacrifice this past year, to our chairmen who bore the brunt of the work in running our activities, and to all of you Brother Knights for your participation and your prayers.

As some of you may already know, Dave Fiorini, a member of this Council, has been elected as the Grand Knight of the state's newest Council, St. Rafka Council at St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church in Greer. If you know Dave, please congratulate him and wish him and the St. Rafka Council best of luck.

Lastly, let encourage you all to attend our Installation and Recognition Dinner at St. Joseph in the gym on July 13th at 7PM. Fred Parsons and Bill Jones are putting together a great evening of food and fun. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to break bread together with our families, install our new officers, and to recognize those of you who have given so much to this Council, our Community, and our Church in the name of Charity. We will have some great door prizes, raffles, and food. Those that attended last year can attest that a great time was had by all. I hope that you will make a point to attend.

Our Knight of the Month for May is John Long. Congratulations John!

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Save The Dates

Thursday, June 21st — Monthly Social Meeting: To be held at 7:00PM in the Parish House, the meeting will focus on roles of elected officers and appointed directors. Pizza will be on the menu.

Thursday, July 5th — Monthly Business Meeting: Will be held at 7:00PM in the Parish House, followed by refreshments. The primary agenda item will be the adoption of the budget, which was presented in June.

Friday, July 13th — Installation of Officers and Recognition Dinner: This year's Installation and Recognition Dinner will be held at St. Joseph in the Hall/Gym and begin at 7:00PM. The dinner will be prepared by our very own Bill Jones and Fred Parsons, and festivities will include door prizes, raffles, and a silent auction. Last year's event was a huge success, and we're looking forward to an even better time this year!

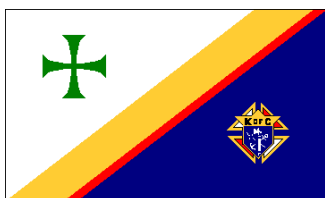
Sunday, July 29th — Charity Breakfast: The breakfast will benefit Pro-Life activities of the Council. We will serve as usual from 9AM-2PM, and work in three 2-hour shifts 8AM-10AM/10AM-12PM/12PM-2PM.

Sunday, September 30th — Blood Drive and Charity Breakfast: Blood donors mark your calendars! The American Red Cross will be coming to St. Joseph. We will hold a charity breakfast in conjunction.

Ladies Auxiliary

Our Ladies continue to seek out interested women, but they do not need to be associated with a Knight or be Catholic. The Ladies business meeting is held on the second Friday of each month at 5:30 PM in the St. Francis de Sales House, and includes a guest speaker. There are light refreshments between the speaker and the start of the business meeting.

Do you know of a lady in our Parish who would like to work with the Knights of Columbus in a more formal manner in contributing to her Church and community? If so, please contact Carrie Penny by email at carrie_penny@hotmail.com or by phone at (803)477-2242.



Membership

New members are the lifeblood of a healthy Council. It can not be stressed enough how important it is to seek out qualified Catholic Gentlemen for inclusion in our Order. Over time, members move away, become infirm, or die. If we are to continue to do good works, and to support and defend the Church, then we must refresh our ranks. New members bring new ideas and energy into a Council. The demands of membership are low, but the benefits are great. If you don't know if someone is a Knight or not, *just ask him*. If he's not a member, ask why not. If he is a member, ask him to get involved! Sometimes he's just waiting on you to ask.

Once you've identified a prospect for membership, be sure to collect his contact information and then pass it on to our new Membership Director Troy Penny. Troy can be contacted by phone at (803) 920-4146 or by email at troypenny@hotmail.com.

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2012-2013

GRAND KNIGHT	SWINTON W. HUDSON, III	803-622-7932
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WARDEN.....	DONALD J. MAHONEY	803-776-6933
INSIDE GUARD	MICHAEL E. WILBUR	803-708-5777
OUTSIDE GUARD	DAMIAN P. MASSE	803-776-2715
ONE YEAR TRUSTEE.....	JAMES J. CORBETT	803-787-1075
TWO YEAR TRUSTEE.....	JOHN R. LONG	803-695-3286
THREE YEAR TRUSTEE	RAMON E. FRETT	803-237-1278

At the June Business Meeting held on June 7th, the Council elected the above slate of officers for the 2012-2013 fraternal year. No name was submitted by the Nominating Committee for the position of Deputy Grand Knight, and therefore nominations were taken from the floor. Jack Davis was nominated for the position of DGK and he graciously accepted. No other nominations were made, and Brother Davis was duly elected as DGK. We are all very excited to have Jack back with us in better health, and ready to again take on a leadership role in the Council. All other positions were also unopposed.

Deacon Charles P. Poole, Jr., PhD has been reappointed by the Grand Knight to serve another 1-year term as Lecturer. FS Lester Johnson will continue in his Supreme-appointed position for at least another 2 years.

Congratulations to all officers on your election, and thank you for your willingness to server your Council, Community, and Church. The formal Installation of Officers will take place on July 13th at 7:00PM in the St. Joseph Hall/Gym and immediately followed by dinner, which is free to all officers.

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Also, our Knights Family of the Month is that of Dan Rogers. Congratulations to Dan and Debbie and their whole family.

Vivat Jesus!

Brother to Brother

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

Brother Paul Ardoin (738-2858) is experiencing heart trouble and general health issues.

Brother Don Barbare, for the repose of his soul.

Brother Jack Davis (708-6167) continues to recover from knee replacement surgery, and is yet limited in his mobility.

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

Brother Gerard Gener (447-3687) continues to experience significant health issues and needs your prayers and support.

Brother Jordan McCollough (843-669-3502) remains in a nursing home in Florence, SC.

Brother Jamie Miller (647-0607) has experienced a significant health issue and needs your prayers.

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

Brother Frank Toth (776-9262) is recuperating from a kidney transplant. Also remember his son-in-law who was the donor.

Brother Don Wagner has been diagnosed with cancer, please keep him in your prayers.

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 JCorresq@aol.com.

Knight of the Month

July — Joshua Riggins

August — David Fiorini

September — Rick Coker

October — Fred Parsons

November — Brian Binette

December — Lester Johnson

January — John Staab

February — Brian Binette

March — Sam Kopack, PGK

April — Dcn. Charlie Poole

May — John Long



**SAINT JOSEPH COUNCIL 12554
PROPOSED BUDGET 2012-2013**

	Budgeted 2011-2012	Actual 2011- 2012	Budgeted 2012-2013	Actual 2012- 2013
INCOME				
Annual Dues/Initiations	\$3,585.00	\$3,380.84	\$3,421.00	\$0.00
Carry Over of 2011-2012 Unspent Funds			\$475.61	
Convention Seed Money Reimbursement w/Interest	\$220.00	\$0.00		
Council Golf Shirts	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	
Council Suppers	\$850.00	\$618.00	\$504.00	
Installation of Officers & Recognition Dinner	\$800.00	\$826.00	\$650.00	
KCIC Auto Magnets	\$200.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	
Operation Hope Drive	\$5,300.00	\$4,719.72	\$5,000.00	\$3,503.90
Other Fund Raisers & Miscellaneous Income	\$503.90	\$113.00	\$304.15	
RSVP Rebate	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Charity Breakfast - Seminarian	\$400.00	\$487.43	\$400.00	
Charity Breakfast - Pro-Life	\$500.00	\$335.00	\$500.00	
Charity Breakfast			\$500.00	
Charity Breakfast - St. Joseph School	\$500.00	\$530.00	\$500.00	
Charity Breakfast - St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00	\$395.00	\$500.00	
Pins, State Council	\$35.00	\$39.00	\$40.00	
State Council Charity Drive	\$500.00	\$507.00	\$500.00	
Transfer from Savings	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	
USC Football Game Concession Fundraiser	\$3,200.00	\$2,660.17	\$3,200.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$17,533.90	\$15,056.16	\$16,694.76	\$3,503.90
LIABILITIES				
Culture of Life Fund Assessment @ 2.00/member	\$190.00	\$189.00	\$190.00	
State Per Capita Liability Insurance @ \$2.85	\$270.75	\$343.00	\$343.00	
State Per Capita Tax @ 5.50/member	\$522.50	\$539.00	\$522.50	
Supreme Catholic Advertising @ .50/member twice a year	\$95.00	\$93.50	\$95.00	
Supreme Per Capita Tax @ 1.75/member twice a year	\$332.50	\$270.08	\$332.50	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,410.75	\$1,434.58	\$1,483.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES				
Church Activities				
All Souls Day Mass and Reception	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Annuity Gift to Fr. David Nerbun	\$300.00	\$300.00		
Catholic Information Booth at State Fair	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
KCIC Billboard	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Lenten Soup Supper	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Mass Cards, Deceased or Sick Fund	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$100.00	
Seminarian Fund (Will Frei)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
St. Joseph's Church Capital Fund	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	
St. Joseph's Church Old Rectory Renovations			\$475.61	
Total Church Activities	\$2,950.00	\$2,630.00	\$2,525.61	\$0.00
Community Activities				
Blood Drive	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Midlands Holy Family Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00		
Operation Hope	\$5,070.00	\$4,490.97	\$4,770.00	
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$500.00	
State Charity Drive	\$500.00	\$507.00	\$500.00	
Supplies for Operation Hope	\$230.00	\$228.75	\$230.00	\$207.00
Total Community Activities	\$6,435.00	\$5,726.72	\$6,000.00	\$207.00
Council Activities				
Council Golf Shirts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Council Suppers	\$750.00	\$684.91	\$504.00	
Installation of Officers & Recognition Dinner	\$700.00	\$715.09	\$500.00	

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	Budgeted 2011-2012	Actual 2011- 2012	Budgeted 2012-2013	Actual 2012- 2013
Knights of the Month	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$36.00	
Parking USC Games (fundraiser support)	\$330.00	\$225.00	\$330.00	
Plaques/Engraving/Frames/Certificates	\$250.00	\$247.90	\$250.00	
Total Council Activities	\$2,180.00	\$1,872.90	\$1,620.00	\$0.00
Family Activities				
Family Card and Board Game Night	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
St. Joseph School	\$500.00	\$530.00	\$500.00	
Social Meetings (paper products, drinks)	\$60.00		\$100.00	
Total Family Activities	\$600.00	\$530.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Pro-Life Activities				
Birtheright Baby Bottle Campaign	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$100.00	
March for Life Bus to Washington, DC			\$400.00	
Family Life (The Life Fund)			\$300.00	
Pro-Life Billboard	\$230.15	\$230.15	\$230.15	
Total Pro-Life Activities	\$330.15	\$335.15	\$1,030.15	\$0.00
Youth Activities				
Altar Servers Recognition	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	
Free Throw Contest	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Soccer Shoot Out	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	
Total Youth Activities	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$480.00	\$0.00
Membership and Retention Activities				
Incentives and Membership Drives	\$125.00		\$125.00	
1st Degree Receptions	\$200.00	\$166.71	\$200.00	
2nd Degree, host (9/12)	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
3rd Degree (\$7x8)	\$56.00	\$42.00	\$56.00	
Total Membership and Retention Activities	\$431.00	\$208.71	\$431.00	\$0.00
Operating				
Financial Secretary Stipend	\$265.00	\$232.79	\$265.00	
FS/Treasurer Bonding	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	
Miscellaneous Charities	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	
Name Badges	\$100.00	\$46.20	\$80.00	
New Council Support	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	
Pins	\$35.00	\$32.00	\$35.00	
Postage	\$250.00	\$227.94	\$250.00	
Printing/Copies/Faxes	\$100.00	\$36.25	\$100.00	
Sam's Club Membership	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	
State Convention (2 Delegates, 2 Alternates)	\$540.00	\$380.00	\$590.00	
State Convention Ad and Seed Money	\$227.00	\$279.99	\$50.00	
Supplies (to be broken out)	\$500.00	\$377.32	\$500.00	
Transfer to Savings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Operating	\$2,672.00	\$1,842.49	\$2,525.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,123.15	\$13,145.97	\$15,211.76	\$207.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EXPENSES	\$17,533.90	\$14,580.55	\$16,694.76	\$207.00
INCOME LESS LIABILITIES AND EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$475.61	\$0.00	\$3,296.90