



# SHINING ARMOR GAZETTE

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### May

- 6 Business Meeting
- 7-8 Operation Hope
- 20 Family Night Social
- 31 Memorial Day

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

Service is something we do as Knights. Our Council Awards received at the State Convention, April 24-25, recognize our service to God and His community. One way we serve is to lead our fellow Knights.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of Officers at our May meeting. Directors and Program Chairmen will be announced by the Grand Knight-elect, who will be elected along with all Officers at our June meeting.

With almost 100 members in our Council, one would think we would have competition and tough choices, but we actually will have some slots to fill on the ambitious listing of positions to lead the Council as set forth by the Supreme Headquarters. Anyone can be nominated from the floor in June, but more importantly

you can help lead and organize fellow Knights. Other Knights will lead and organize us in many activities from prayers and condolences to our largest fundraisers to all the fun stuff in between. Ask yourself what you want the Knights to do and see who is leading and organizing in that area and let them know. That may be your niche the next fraternal year.

Include your family in these plans. Make the Knights part of your life, and enrich others by leading and organizing in some seemingly small way, whether its as the Pro-life or Family Director or even Deputy Grand Knight. Maybe that is the exact progression you will take over the next few years! Think about serving God by serving other Knights and those we

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## May Birthdays

|    |                     |    |              |
|----|---------------------|----|--------------|
| 1  | Donald Barbare      | 20 | John Proctor |
| 1  | David Pfrommer, Jr. | 25 | John Tucker  |
| 7  | Don Wagner          | 31 | Dan Wagner   |
| 10 | Chris Wagner        |    |              |
| 14 | Branden Conrad      |    |              |
| 15 | Rob Wiggs, Jr.      |    |              |

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

# Knights of Columbus Prayer for Unity and Healing

Heavenly Father,

The Cross and Resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, renews our hope that light will triumph over darkness, goodness over evil, life over death. In His love, may Your Son bring consolation and strength to those who suffer.

We pray in a special way for those, who, as young people, were abused by members of the clergy, family members, teachers, and others. Impart Your healing and peace to those who continue to suffer as the result of broken trust. Grant to us all the grace to reach out to those who have been harmed in a spirit of love and compassion.

Bless us, as with the help of Your grace, we recommit ourselves to growth in virtue and holiness. In Your goodness, Lord, strengthen Your whole Church, both shepherds and flock, so that, living the truth in charity, we may hasten toward that day when Your Son's prayer will be fulfilled, 'that they may all be one.'

Grant this through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

## Membership

Our combined efforts at spreading the word about the Order are paying off! We now have nine prospects in the pipeline to become members of the Knights of Columbus, with two of those joining our ranks on May 6th. Coming to the end of our eleventh year in September, we are just five members short of reaching the Grand Knight's goal of 100 members. We can do this!

But, let us not be hasty in our recruiting. Seek out duly qualified candidates; practical Catholic gentlemen who are devout to our faith and our Church. These men must be cultivated, not rushed through the membership process. They must fully understand what we as Knights stand for, and what is expected of them as Brother Knights. Never pressure or hound someone into joining, "just ask him."

Let us also welcome transfer member Gene Olona!

## Ceremonials

Congratulations to our newest members, Dr. Mark Shaffer, Paul Ardoin, and Bill Jones! Please give them a warm and hearty Knights' welcome.

2nd Degrees have been scheduled around the State. If you are a 1st Degree Member in good standing, you are eligible to take your 2nd Degree. Contact Lester Johnson, Skip Hudson, or Jim Corbett to make arrangements to take this Degree on Unity.

After several cancellations due to a shortage of candidates, Brother Knight Fred Parsons was able to take his 3rd Degree on April 17th at James Island, SC! Be sure to congratulate him on becoming a full Knight of Columbus. Fred is now anticipating his 4th Degree! Way to go, Fred.

There is a 3rd Degree planned for May 16th in Greenville for those seeking full knighthood!

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come in contact with. Contact me, or fellow nominating committee members Sam Kopack or Greg Lamberty. You may also contact Skip Hudson who will be nominated for Grand Knight. Now is the time for new leaders to step forward. Let us see how we should follow your lead as you help us organize.

Welcome to our newest members, Mark, Bill, Paul and Gene. Mark, Bill and Paul just com-

pleted their First Degrees! Gene comes to us as a transfer from Athens, GA, where he served as Deputy Grand Knight.

Let us praise God for the quick recovery of Mike Sakara who suffered from a brain hemorrhage last Thursday, and pray for the continued recovery of Gary Geneer and Frank Toth. Please keep Byron Weston, at the Manor Home on Forest Drive, and Laddie Gatling, at his home, in your prayers and try to call or visit them. Please also remem-

ber Mary Fitzsimmons and give her a call to remind her of our friendship. She will forever remain a member of our Knights family.

*Jim Corbett*  
Grand Knight



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### MAY

- 6 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 1ST DEGREE, NOMINATION OF OFFICERS, 7:30 PM; DINNER, 6:30 PM
- 7-8 OPERATION HOPE, WALMART GARNERS FERRY ROAD, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 9AM-6PM
- 9 MOTHER'S DAY, PROCESSION AFTER 12:15 MASS
- 13 THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION
- 20 FAMILY NIGHT, 6:30PM, PARISH HOUSE, BLESSED MOTHER MARY THEME/ROSARY, COVERED DISH
- 31 MEMORIAL DAY

### JUNE

- 3 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, 7:30 PM; DINNER, 6:30 PM
- 5 NEW OFFICERS & DIRECTORS MEETING, 2PM, LOCATION TBA, TRAINING AND INITIAL BUDGET/PLANNING SESSION
- 14 FLAG DAY
- 17 PLANNING SESSION, 6:00 PM; NEW DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN, ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

- 17 FAMILY NIGHT, 6:30PM, PARISH HOUSE, COVERED DISH

- 20 FATHER'S DAY

### JULY

- 1 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND 1ST DEGREE, 7:30 PM; DINNER, 6:30 PM
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 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

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

### St. Catherine of Siena



March 25, 1347 —  
April 29, 1380

Canonized by Pope  
Pius II in 1461; Doc-  
tor of the Church  
1970

Patron of Italy with  
St. Francis Assisi

She was the youngest of 25 children, her twin sister having died shortly after birth. She inherited piety and caring for others from her father, a wool dryer, and her drive and determination from her mother, the daughter of a poet. She had a vision at age six of Our Lord in papal clothes in a local Dominican church. She dedicated herself to God, took a vow of virginity at age seven, and lead a life of penance.

When pressured to marry she cut off her hair to look less attractive. She continually fasted, living on very little food. She joined the Dominican Third Order at age sixteen, and wore a Dominican habit living at home in solitude.

At age 21 she became active, took up preaching, and faced much opposition. Yet civil and church authorities failed to silence her. Hundreds of people came to see and hear her. So many were converted that her confessor, Blessed Raymund, had trouble handling all the confessions. Three priests accompanied her to hear confessions on her preaching missions.

Catherine said: Two results follow when we try to return God's love, 1) We live according to God's truth, and 2) We are led by His love. She wished to reform clerical life. She was upset at Christians fighting Christians, and told them to go on crusades. She attacked bishops for ordaining little boys instead of men. She thought herself divinely inspired. She told the pope: 1) Correct the evils of the Church, 2) Come back from Avignon to Rome, and 3) Organize a crusade. On many occasions she tried to heal divisions in the Church.

When an anti-pope was elected, Catherine blamed herself for not fasting enough. Frequent Communion seemed to satisfy her desire for food. She was determined to play a man's role in a male/sacerdotal society, and met much opposition. However, she was always supported by her confessor, Raymund. He later became master general of the Dominicans.

She wrote her Dialogues for her associates, her spiritual family. During her writing she would break into prayer and ecstasies, which her secretaries recorded. She started her book by asking God many questions, which He answered in detail. Her theology was complicated.

Her burial place became a pilgrimage site. Her body was enshrined below the high altar of a church, and partially dismembered for relics.

## 4th Degree

### BISHOP ENGLAND ASSEMBLY 1072



Election of Officers will be held on May 19th at 7:30pm. The list of nominees are as follows:

Navigator: SK William Baker  
 Captain: SK James Sansonetti  
 Pilot: SK Robert Wiggs, Jr. or 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  
 Trustees: 1 year: SK Lester Johnson  
               2 year: SK S. W. Hudson, III  
               3 year: SK Kenneth Headly  
 Friar: Rev. Anthony Droze

The Bishop England Assembly meets promptly 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. Contact any 4th Degree member for a Form 400.

## Pro-Life



The Birthright Baby Bottle campaign will be taking place from Mother's Day to Father's Day. It's simple, just take a bottle on Mother's Day and fill it up with loose change, cash, or checks then return it on Father's Day.

The Midlands Citizens for Life will meet on Monday, May 17th, at 6 PM at First Baptist Church.

The monthly Rosary at the Shrine of the Unborn will be held at 9:30 AM on the 1st Sunday of each month. It was decided at the April Business Meeting that the Knights will lead the October 3rd Rosary, and one other. The Men's Prayer Group will be leading the Rosary on June 6th.

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.

## St. Joseph Council Selected "Best Council"

For the second year in a row, Council 12554 has been recognized as the "Best Council" in South Carolina for Division II. This is a tremendous honor and a testament to all of your hard work and dedication!

In addition to "Best Council", Council 12554 was awarded the Distinguished Council award, which was the qualifying award for "Best Council".

Council 12554 was also recog-

nized with the Youth Activity Award for the Altar Server Appreciation Night (Rob Wiggs), and the Pro-Life Award for support and participation in 40 Days for Life (John Staab). Congratulations to Rob, John, and to all!



# Officers Nominated for Upcoming Election

Election of Officers for the 2010-2011 Fraternal Year will be held at the Regular Business Meeting on June 3rd. The Nominating Committee has nominated the following persons for the listed positions. Additional nominations will be entertained on the floor on the day of election. If you would like to run for one of these positions, contact Jim Corbett, Sam Kopack, or Greg Lamberty. Members nominated for Officer positions must be a 3rd Degree Member in good standing.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight*

Directors and Committee Chairmen are appointed by the Grand Knight-elect. If you would be interested in supporting the work of your Council as a Director or Committee Chairman for one of the service activities or programs listed in the following article, then let the Grand Knight nominee or a member of the Nominating Committee know by June 3rd. 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 chairmanships or 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 *DGK S. W. Hudson, III*

Our fraternal year is quickly coming to a close, and it isn't too soon to start thinking about our service programs for the coming year which begins July 1st. Following are our six service activity areas and some of the likely programs within each. 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, Family Night Socials, Annual Installation of Officers and Recognition Night, Correspondence, Concession stand fund raiser

**Family**—Support St. Joseph School, Family cookout, Ladies Night, Survivors services

**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

## Operation Hope

St. Joseph Council will again be collecting donations at the Garners Ferry Wal-Mart from 9am—6pm on *May 7 and 8*. The first weekend of collection raised over \$2400! This is almost 50% of our assigned goal. If you can help with a three hour shift on

one or both of these dates, or if you'd like to make a financial contribution to this worthy cause, please contact Sam Kopack, 783-4056, or Jack Davis, 708-6167.

Remember, CHARITY is the basic principal of our Order!

Just 3 hours of your time is all we need to fulfill our goal.

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

## Insurance



The beauty of our **annuity** products lies squarely in their simplicity and security.

Simple from the standpoint that they're fixed in nature. They provide long-term accumulation of wealth, specifically designed for retirement needs. There are no

hidden management fees or annual charges. (Surrender charges may apply).

Secure because they are backed by the Knights of Columbus, an organization that earns the highest ratings from independent rating services while maintaining high ethical standards.

Whether you're looking to start a retirement savings program or moving substantial, more volatile funds into 'safer waters', the Knights of Columbus offers programs that can help you achieve your goals.

Contact Field Agent Peter Zeeff for more information, 731-5107.

**CURRENT OFFICERS OF ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL 12554**

|                     |                             |           |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| CHAPLAIN            | VERY REV. RICHARD D. HARRIS | 540-1910* |
| GRAND KNIGHT        | JAMES J. CORBETT            | 787-1075* |
| DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT | SWINTON W. HUDSON, III      | 622-7932* |
| CHANCELLOR          | JAMES M. ALBERT             | 776-8489  |
| FINANCIAL SECREARY  | LESTER W. JOHNSON           | 755-2736* |
| RECORDER            | MICHAEL A. SAKARA           | 783-8936  |
| TREASURER           | JOHN J. DAVIS               | 708-6167  |
| ADVOCATE            | DANIEL R. SETTANA           | 256-4645  |
| WARDEN              | ROBERT W. WIGGS, JR.        | 776-8212* |
| INSIDE GUARD        | ANDREW J. NELSON            | 787-3917* |
| OUTSIDE GUARD       | DAMIAN P. MASSE             | 776-2715* |
| THREE YEAR TRUSTEE  | SAMUEL J. KOPACK, JR.       | 783-4056* |
| TWO YEAR TRUSTEE    | GREG L. LAMBERTY            | 955-9775* |
| ONE YEAR TRUSTEE    | JOSEPH W. FIXL              | 253-8894* |
| LECTURER            | LTC NICOLAS A. GENTILE      | 781-7997  |

**CURRENT DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN OF ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL 12554**

|                                 |                        |           |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| PROGRAM DIRECTOR                | SAMUEL J. KOPACK, JR.  | 783-4056* |
| CHURCH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR      | DANIEL F. WAGNER       | 788- 7492 |
| COUNCIL ACTIVITES DIRECTOR      | GREG L. LAMBERTY       | 955-9775* |
| COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR   | JOSEPH W. FIXL         | 253-8894* |
| FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR      | JAMES M. ALBERT        | 776-7932  |
| YOUTH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR       | ROBERT W. WIGGS        | 776-8212* |
| MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR             | SWINTON W. HUDSON, III | 622-7932* |
| RETENTION CHAIRMAN              | NEIL J. MAHONEY        | 806-8246* |
| INTER-COUNCIL CHAIRMAN          | SAMUEL J. KOPACK, JR.  | 783-4056* |
| FIRST DEGREE TEAM CAPTAIN       | SWINTON W. HUDSON, III | 622-7932* |
| ROUND TABLE, ST THOMAS MORE     | CHRIS J. SLOTA         | 261-2046  |
| ROUND TABLE, ST MICHAEL         | ANDREW J. NELSON       | 787-3917* |
| VA HOSPITAL ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN | LESTER W. JOHNSON      | 755-2736* |
| OPERATION HOPE CHAIRMAN         | JOHN J. DAVIS          | 708-6167  |
| SICK AND BREAVEMENT CHAIRMAN    | JAMES G. KINARD        | 647-9886  |
| VOCATIONS CHAIRMAN              | DANIEL J. CASSIDY      | 546-4995  |
| PROFLIFE CHAIRMAN               | JOHN P. STAAB          | 736-4131  |
| HEALTH SERVICES CHAIRMAN        | BERNARD R. CHAPMAN     | 865-1651  |
| PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN       | <i>Vacant</i>          |           |

\* Represents 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight