



# SHINING ARMOR GAZETTE

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### September

**15 Family Card  
& Board  
Game Night**

**27 Guadalupe  
Icon Program**

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S BRIEF



We welcomed two new members into our Council and the Order on the 18th of August, Dan Rogers and Tom Militello. I know that both of these Catholic Gentlemen will quickly prove to be valuable members! If you have not yet had the opportunity to congratulate and welcome these two men into our fold, please do so soon.

Brothers, we are quickly moving into our fraternal year. Pay keen attention to the needs of our service program committees to see where your help is needed, and where you can best fit in. We as Knights must set a shining example for our fellow Catholics and Christians at large by living our faith, and putting that faith into action.

I would be remiss if I didn't give this reminder. As I've often said, many hands make light work. While our families come first, we must not shirk our responsibilities as Knights. Please do not leave your Brother Knights carrying your water. It is not fair to them, or to their families. Seek out ways to be involved, and heed the call when it comes as often as you can.

Attached to the end of this month's newsletter will be our programs calendar. Please take a few minutes to look it over to see what upcoming activities with which you may be able to help.

Do note that due to a scheduling conflict, we've had to move our first pancake breakfast to October 2nd. More details will be forthcoming.

Congratulations to our Knight of the Month, David Fiorini. Since transferring to our Council earlier this Spring, Dave has become an invaluable member of our Council. He is a 3rd Degree Knight and our current Community Director.

I'd also like to recognize and congratulate our August Family of the Month. The honor goes to the family of Brother Knight Brian Binette. Brian and Peggy are active members of the Parish, and their boys are Altar Servers. Congrats Binette Family!

Fraternally,

*Swinton W. Hudson, III*

## News Flash

The St Joseph Emergency Shelter will be activated if our Parish Partner, St Francis by the Sea in Hilton Head, will need refuge because of a mandatory evacuation. The shelter facilities consist of St Joseph gym, school cafeteria and a couple classrooms in the education building for administration and medical care.

The shelter will be in operation 24 hours a day until the emergency is over. KofC St Joseph Council will be responsible for security during the operational period. The Grand Knight will appoint a Security Chief and three Watch Leaders who will be responsible for managing and leading each of the three 8-hour watch shifts. If you would be interested in one of these 4 positions, should the need arise, please contact the Grand Knight. Persons filling these four roles should be of good health, and are preferred to have some military or law enforcement experience, but not required. Each shift requires approximately 8 security personnel.

In addition to security, the shelter needs Doctors, Nurses, Mental Health professionals, Food Service specialists, Translators, and general staff. Contact Sr. Guy if you are able and willing to fill one of these roles.

Sister Julienne Guy is the Director of Disaster Response. Shelter Managers are Sister Julienne Guy 540-1801, Mr. Ron Evans 787-5129, and Mr. Sam Kopack 783-4056.

## Ladies Auxiliary



Our Ladies continue to pursue the formation of a Columbiettes Auxiliary. They are looking for practicing Catholic women in good standing, 18 years and older. Interested women do not need to be associated with a Knight.

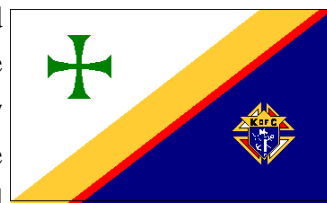
This month the Columbiettes will have a guest speaker from Birthright to speak about volunteer opportunities before the start of the business meeting. All members of the parish are invited to this talk on Friday September 9 at 5:30 PM in the St. Francis de Sales House.

There will be light refreshments between the speaker and the start of the business meeting. If you have any questions please contact Carrie A. Penny at 477-2242 or at [carrie\\_penny@hotmail.com](mailto:carrie_penny@hotmail.com)

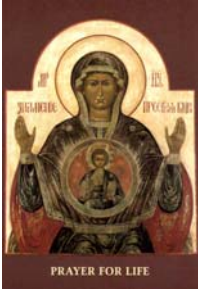
## Ceremonials

Our next scheduled **First Degree** will be on Sunday, October 23rd, 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!

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](mailto:swhudson3@yahoo.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. The Knights will lead the October Rosary.

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

The Diocese of Charleston Family Life Office will be having their annual pro-life training workshop on **September 17, 2011** at the St. John Neumann School auditorium in Columbia.

The event will start with the Bishop celebrating Mass in the gym at 9 AM. This will be followed by pro-life training talks from 10 AM to 4 PM with a break for lunch. Anyone interested in learning more about current pro-life topics and issues is encouraged to attend. Jim St. Claire, the Knight's State Pro-Life Coordinator, and many Council Pro-Life Coordinators are planning to be there. If you are interested in attending, please register in advance by contacting the Family Life Office directly (803.547.5063 or famlifecor@earthlink.net). A \$5 donation is suggested for those attending.

This fall, from **September 28 - November 6**, our community will join the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history -- the 40 Days for Life campaign.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life effort that consists of: 40 days of prayer and fasting, 40 days of peaceful vigil, 40 days of community outreach.

We are praying that, with God's help, this groundbreaking effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in Columbia, SC -- and throughout America. Take a stand for life!

While all aspects of 40 Days for Life are crucial in our effort to end abortion, the most visible component is the peaceful prayer vigil outside the local abortion (or Planned Parenthood) facility. You can help make a life-saving impact by joining our local vigil at: Planned Parenthood, 2712 Middleburg Dr, Columbia, SC.

Sign up to participate in our local 40 Days for Life vigil by going to <http://vigilcalendar.com/columbia/>. Although the vigil is officially taking place from 7 AM to 7 PM during the entire 40 days, we encourage people to sign up for vigil slots on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, as these are the days abortions are typically performed at this facility. Please consider signing up for the same one hour time slot each week.

After you sign up for a time slot and your registration has been confirmed by the vigil coordinator, you will receive a confirming e-mail with additional vigil information and instructions. To obtain this information before registering, please e-mail [40days@stgiannaguild.org](mailto:40days@stgiannaguild.org).

Contact our Council's Pro-Life Coordinator Brother John Staab (803-381-3310) for more information on how you can get involved in Pro-Life activities.

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

### St. John Chrysostom—September 13th



Life: c. 350-407

Archbishop of Constantinople

Nickname: Chrysostomos, “Golden Tongue”.

Titles: Father of the Church (451), and Doctor of the Church (1568)

John was born to aristocracy in the year 350 AD after the Edict of Milan had brought persecution of the Church to an end in the year 313. His father died when he was very young and his mother Anthusa brought him up well educated. He was well grounded in oratory, law, and Church doctrine, and he had an especially profound knowledge of the scriptures. He was baptized at 18, and five years later became a hermit near Antioch. The austerities seriously damaged his health, so he left the hermitage, and studied for the priesthood, being ordained in 386. The bishop appointed him an assistant and assigned him to special care for the poor of the city. He became one of the greatest preachers of the early Church, and a hundred years or more after his death he was given the title “golden tongue,” chrysostomos in Greek. In a series of sermons he refuted the Arian-type heretical claims that Jesus was not really divine.

The doctrine of the Trinity had been proclaimed at the earlier Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in 325,

and it was clarified during John’s lifetime at the Council of Constantinople I (381).

In 398 he was consecrated archbishop of Constantinople, and he began a reform program to eliminate waste and corruption, and strict disciplinary measures were directed at the clergy.

He received much cooperation from deaconesses of the city. He openly criticized the clothes and make-up worn by women, and the activities of the ruling court. The Synod of the Oak was convened and accused John of treason for calling Empress Eudoxia a “Jezebel,” so he went into exile. Soon thereafter there was an earthquake in the city and the terrified Eudoxia called him back. He continued to speak out against her and the Court, so he was exiled again, and he died in exile. Seven years later Pope Innocent I rehabilitated him, and in 451 the Council of Chalcedon recognized him as a Father of the Church.

He wrote commentaries of the Gospels of Matthew and John, as well as on the Epistles of Paul. He emphasized the literal interpretation of scripture, and its application to contemporary problems. In his writings he urged prayer in union with others, and discussed the support that Christians can expect from the Church during their journey of faith. A large number of his writings survive, including many homilies and a number of letters. His writings show that he was more of a pastor than a moralist or a theologian.

He is one of the four Greek or Eastern Doctors of the Church, the others being St. Athanasius, St. Basil, and St’ Gregory Nazianzen There are four Western Doctors: Ambrose, Augustine, Pope Gregory the Great and Jerome.

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

## Making a Tough Decision

*The economics of putting family first can be scary*  
by William Gonzalez

It was time to make another dreaded phone call telling my wife that problems had come up and I wouldn't be coming home the next day as scheduled. I was thousands of miles away, yet I could hear the disappointment in her voice as she tried to be understanding. She was used to this happening, but it didn't make it any easier for me.

For four years I felt the strain that my frequent and sometimes unpredictable absences would render upon my family. I decided something had to change. I chose to take a position that meant a significant reduction in pay but would require far less travel and allow much more control over my schedule. Doing what was right for my family — and what I believe was God's will — brought serenity and relief.

My father-in-law served as an admirable role model in this regard. A busy doctor with his own practice for years, he made the sacrifice of taking a much less desirable position as a prison physician. In doing so, he was able to work a more regular schedule and be present to his eight children. Naturally, the work environment presented its share of sufferings, but he was home every day when his kids were coming in the door from school. Steve Woods, in his book, *Christian Fatherhood*, remarked, "For our children, love is a four letter word spelled 'T-I-M-E.'" This resonated deeply with my wife, who still talks about her father's heroism with heartfelt gratitude.

While changing jobs is not a necessity or even an

option for most, all of us should take time to evaluate the importance we place on our work and family. As we consider the task of "balancing work and family," the word "balance" seems to infer a kind of equality. However, as husbands and fathers, our wives and children need to be a higher priority. No matter how much you pour into your job, in the final analysis, the day will come when you are no longer fulfilling that position; someone else will fill your shoes, perhaps even doing it better. On the other hand, no one can step into your role as father. Pope John Paul II observed that "the place and task of the father in and for the family is of unique and irreplaceable importance" (*Familiaris Consortio*, 25).

At the same time, work and family should not be looked upon as opposing forces. Both duties are part of our vocation as fathers and a means of our sanctification. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work" (2427).

In the daily struggle to do well in our careers and attend to the needs of our families, we can follow some helpful tips:

1. Put God first. He will give you the grace to properly order your life. Research daily Mass times in your area and attend when you can. If you have a long commute, try using that time to pray or listen to spiritual books on CD or tape. Cultivate a devotion to St. Joseph, who is both the patron of workers and

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## 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. He's back home now!

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

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

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 JCoresq@aol.com.*

## September Birthdays

- 2nd Mathew Fecteau
- 4th Byron Weston
- 10th Austin Hughes
- 11th Laddie Gatling
- 15th Tom Glynn
- 16th Kemp Peel
- 22nd Michael Faucett
- 24th Brian Casey
- 24th Robert Degenhart
- 28th Byron Williams
- 29th Dan Cabanayan
- 30th David Campbell



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

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our exemplar of fatherhood. Finally, as the spiritual head of your family, learn to lead your family in prayer at home.

2. Be organized and use time efficiently at work. When at work, work! Stay focused on your task and don't waste time with other distractions. Avoid the "water cooler syndrome," where more time than water gets swallowed up. This will aid in your ability to accomplish your duty and leave work on time.

3. Live within your means. I have been asked by my co-workers, "How can you afford to not work all the pay periods available to you?" The answer is simple: We are content to live with less. This removes the inevitability of working overtime to pay for items that aren't necessities.

Meeting the needs of both work and family is a continual challenge, but with God's grace and a willingness to follow his will, it doesn't have to be a tightrope act.

**William Gonzalez lives with his wife and their six children in Enfield, Conn. He is a pilot with the Air Force Reserves at Westover Air Reserve Base and is a member of the K ofC's Father John B. O'Connell Council 14600 in Enfield.**

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon at St. Joseph



A traveling icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, will be at St. Joseph from September 26th through October 2nd. It will be on display in the Blessed Mother's Chapel. A short program will be conducted immediately following 5:30PM Mass on Tuesday, September 27th. All Knights are encouraged to attend with your families. If you'd like to assist with putting the program together, please contact Church Director Dan Wagner (803-553-2700 or [dan@stjosephcolumbia.org](mailto:dan@stjosephcolumbia.org)).

Mary to Juan Diego: *"My dearest son, I am the eternal Virgin Mary, Mother of the true God, Author of Life, Creator of all and Lord of the Heavens and of the Earth...and it is my desire that a church be built here in this place for me, where, as your most merciful Mother and that of all your people, I may show my loving clemency and the compassion that I bear to the Indians, and to those who love and seek me..."*

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.

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Knights of Columbus

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**Business Meetings:**

September 1, October 6, November 3

**Social Meetings:**

September 15, November 17

**Knight's Nights (Fifth Thursdays):**

September 29

**Monthly Rosary at Shrine of the Unborn:**

September 4, October 2, November 6

**Football Concession**

Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Nov. 26

***Program Events & Parish Activities***

September 5 Labor Day - Church Closed

September 10/11 Tenth Anniversary of 9/11 - Remembrance in Homily and Intercessions

*September 11 K of C World Day of Prayer for Peace*

***September 15 Family Card & Board Game Night - Classroom B***

***Sep 26 - Oct 2 Our Lady of Guadeloupe Icon at St. Joseph***

***September 27 Our Lady of Guadeloupe event following 5:30 PM Mass***

***October 2 Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Seminarians***

***October 8/9 Membership Blitz***

October 10 Columbus Day

*October 12-23 SC State Fair - Catholic Information Booth*

***October 23 First Degree and Reception (Sunday)***

***October 24-28 Red Ribbon Week and Substance Abuse Poster Contest***

***November TBA Council Soccer Shootout***

***November (mid) Keep Christ in Christmas / Food for Families Campaigns***

November 1 All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation

***November 2 All Souls Day Mass & Reception***

November 11 Veterans Day

***November 17 Pot Luck Dinner***

November 20 Feast of Christ the King

November 24 Thanksgiving Day

***November 27 Pancake Breakfast to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society***

First Sunday of Advent



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**USC FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND  
OUR MAIN FUNDRAISER**

Football season is once again upon us, and we will be working a concession stand (28B) at Williams-Brice Stadium during all home games as our primary fundraising source for the year. There are seven games throughout the fall: 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 11/12, 11/19, and 11/26. If you are interested in participating on one or more of these dates, please contact Rick Coker ([RickCoker@sc.rr.com](mailto:RickCoker@sc.rr.com) or 466-5020) or Chris Slota (261-2046). There need to be trained personnel working at each stand, and we need a full compliment of 7 personnel for each game. You may bring your spouse and/or older children (Rick can let you know the age limit if there is one), plus friends or neighbors along to help out.

The Council will greatly appreciate any time you may be able to give to this worthwhile program as it is our primary funding source for the Council. I thank you in advance.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ICON  
*September 26 - October 2***

The Supreme and South Carolina State Council sponsored Marion Hour of Prayer Program this year features the ICON of "Our Lady of Guadalupe." The ICON along with a prayer service and prayer cards will begin making its journey through the state this year. The ICON will visit each council for one week within which a Church, Council, or Social visitation should be conducted before passing to the next council in line.

**SAVE -A- DATE  
SC STATE FAIR DATES: OCTOBER 12-23**

The Catholic Booth at the SC State Fair will be October 12 to 23. Volunteers, supporters, and those interested in this work of evangelization and ecumenism are encouraged to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering or supporting the Catholic Christian Booth please call Sharon Crocker 356-3042, or email: [scrocker4@windstream.net](mailto:scrocker4@windstream.net).

**NOTES:**

Senior Ministry Event on September 16 - CANCELLED

Pancake Breakfast RESCHEDULED to October 2 (originally September 25)

Altar Server Appreciation Night on September TBA - DELAYED (Spring 2012)