

SHINING ARMOR GAZETTE

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September

- 16 Family Picnic
- 22 Concession Stand
- 30 Charity Breakfast

October

- 4 Business Meeting
- 6 Concession Stand
- 14 Membership Blitz

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GRAND KNIGHT'S BRIEF



A warm welcome to transfer members Fr. Matthew Gray, Randy Owens, Steve Yackley, and Tristan Amer. We are very excited to have each of you as a member of our Council.

I also wish to recognize Fr. Gray as our new Council Chaplain! He attended his first meeting as Chaplain this month, and we are looking forward to having him with us as often as his schedule will permit.

I have appointed DGK Jack Davis as Program Director, and he has taken on this role immediately. As a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant, he knows how to lead and get things done. If you are a director for one of our program areas, or an activity chairman, Jack will be making contact with you very soon.

Please pray for the Holy Father, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, as he is on his Apostolic Journey to Lebanon, now through September 16th.

In addition to the Holy Rosary, I also encourage you to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet once a day. This beautiful devotion draws us back to the great Sacrament of Mercy, the Holy Eucha-

rist, where the living Lord, who suffered and died on the Cross and whose Heart was pierced with a lance, pours forth His mercy on all mankind, and grants pardon to all who draw near and honor Him.

Brothers, I am very excited to be able to tell you that the long-awaited work on the old Rectory (brick house) has begun. Demolition work began last week, and construction should start shortly. Once completed, this building will provide the Church with sorely needed meeting space for small groups, and a permanent home for our Council. We anticipate holding our November business meeting there, if everything stays on schedule! That said, to make this a reality, your help will be needed in October to complete the painting of the walls and trim. The paint will be provided by the Church, and we will supply the manpower and skill to get the job done. So, keep an eye out for the call!

In closing, let me thank all who have thus far contributed time and energy to our programs and activities. Our works of Charity can only be a success with you! May God bless you.

Save The Dates *Program Director Jack Davis, DGK*

September 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, and 30th — Voter Registration Drive: In coordination with St. Joseph's Church, our Council will be conducting a voter registration drive after all Masses on the above dates. At least one Knight must be available who can assist eligible voters with completing an application to vote after each Mass. If you'd like to help, contact GK Skip Hudson or Sam Kopack, PGK.

September 8th, 15th, 22nd, October 6th, 27th, November 10th, and 17th — Concession Stand Fund-raiser: To raise the necessary funds to operate our Council and perform much of the Charitable work that we do, we need your help! Please consider working one or more of these games, and contact either Rick Coker at (803)466-5020 or Sam Kopack, PGK at (803)783-4056 for more information.

Sunday, September 16th — Family Picnic: Join Knights and their families for an afternoon of fraternity and recreation from 1PM to 4PM at Heathwood Park. Invite other families from our Parish to come! See the flyer in the back of this newsletter.

Sunday, September 30th — Blood Drive and Charity Breakfast: The American Red Cross will be coming to St. Joseph. The breakfast will benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donors will get a FREE breakfast! We will serve as usual from 9AM-2PM, and work in three 2-hour shifts 8AM-10AM/10AM-12PM/12PM-2PM. To sign up to donate blood, contact Rob Wiggs, 477-2127. To work the breakfast, contact Fred Parsons, 467-4755.

Thursday, October 4th — Monthly Business Meeting: There are always important issues to discuss, so be an active part of the discussion and attend one of our month business meetings. Our published start time is 7PM, unless we have a meal beforehand.

Saturday & Sunday, October 13th & 14th — Operation HOPE Campaign:

Sunday, October 14th — Membership Blitz: We will conduct our semi-annual membership blitz after all Masses in conjunction with the monthly Community Sunday. We will have a table with information available for prospective Knights, but mostly we need YOU to attend and broach the topic with our fellow parishioners. *Wear your name badge!*

Thursday, November 1st — Monthly Business Meeting: We are anticipating holding our first meeting in the *new* Old Rectory! Plan to attend.

Saturday, November 3rd — Altar Server Appreciation: *Tentative date and activity. TBA*

Sunday, November 25th — Charity Breakfast: Join us in raising money to support our Diocesan Seminarians! We will serve as usual from 9AM-2PM, and work in three 2-hour shifts 8AM-10AM/10AM-12PM/12PM-2PM. To work the breakfast, contact Rob Wiggs, 477-2127 or Fred Parsons, 467-4755.

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Membership *Membership Director Troy Penny*

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 Membership Director Troy Penny. Troy can be contacted by phone at (803)920-4146 or by email at troyspenny@hotmail.com.



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 Jack Davis (708-6167) continues to suffer from chronic, debilitating pain.

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 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.

Brother Fred Parsons (467-4755) is experiencing a heart condition. Please pray for healing.

Brother Mark Shaffer and his wife Michael are on a 1-year mission trip to Tanzania. Pray for them.

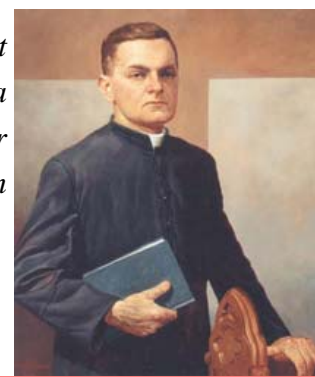
Brother Frank Toth (776-9262) is recuperating from a kidney transplant. Also remember his son-in-law who was the donor.

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 JCorresq@aol.com.



Knight of the Month

June — Don Mahoney

July — Bill Jones

August — Jim Albert

Family of the Month

June — Tom Militello

July — Jim Albert

August — Tawfig Hodaly

Youth of the Month

September — *Coming in October!*



Family Picnic

BRING FAMILY
AND
FRIENDS



RECREATION
FOR
ALL AGES

Date Sunday September 16th 2012

Time 1 pm to 4pm – dinner starts approx. 1:45
Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm

Location Heathwood Park, 800 Abelia Rd, Columbia, SC
29205 -- only a few blocks from St. Joseph

Sponsors KofC Council 12554 Family Life Committee

Join Us!

This will be a covered dish dinner so please bring an item to share according to the following recommended list: **A-H** Bring a side dish (salad, veggies, beans); **I-R** Bring a main dish (meat, casserole); and **S-Z** Bring a dessert. The Council will provide beverages and paper products

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Come Rain or Shine, we have the building and access to the bathrooms. There's lots of play equipment for the kids, plus tennis courts and basketball courts.

