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Nominations for State Officers/ Delegates

All Third Degree Knights are eligible to run for a South Carolina K. of C. State office, or be considered as a Delegate to the Supreme Convention in August 2012. I have asked PSD Stephen T. Dunlap to serve as the contact point for all submissions. Please mail your resume, including details of why you are interested to:

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He requires one (1) original and six (6) copies by January 14, 2010.



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October Membership Champion

#6900 The Citadel - Charleston

Justin J. Martinez – GK

Councils achieving Fr. McGivney Quota

#8123 Fr. Louis R. Williamson Council, Hartsville,

Jim Gunter – GK

(Recognition Incentive)

Future Special Incentives:

1. Most new members in November
2. Achieve Fr. McGivney Award by December 31

SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

November 2011

24 Thanksgiving Day

27 First Sunday of Advent

December 2011

1 Start of the Charity Drive

2-4 District Deputies Meeting - Membership
Westin Hotel, Hilton Head

8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

10 Soccer Kick-off Contest, Irmo

25 Christmas

31 New Years Eve

January 2012

1 New Years Day, Feast of Mary, Mother of God

1 Per Capita Tax Levy

6 Feast of the Epiphany

7 Third Degree, Lexington Council 11325

14 Stand up for Life Rally, Columbia

21 Third Degree, Pawley's Island Council 11028

24 March for Life, Washington, D.C.

27-29 Mid Winter Meeting - Charity Ball & Drawing
Irmo Council 6892

31 **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity #1728 Due**
31 **Suspension of Councils for Non Payment of**
Catholic Advertising Fund

Council Free Throw

February 2012

District Free Throw

12 Lincoln's Birthday



The State Officers and your District Deputy are only a phone call away. We stand ready and willing to help you and your Council be successful.

From the Vocations Director

Submitted by James P. Weiskircher, Vocations Director

Will Frei

From the State Deputy – “Putting Our Catholic Faith in Action”

Here we are in the middle of November. Thanksgiving and Christmas are just ahead and bring thoughts of God’s gifts to us and the gift of his Son to us. Our Catholic Heritage compels us to love and serve God, our Church and our family, and support our community. Isn’t this the basic idea of the Knights of Columbus “Surge” program? I saw my first Christmas commercial yesterday. It had nothing to do with thankfulness or God’s gifts. They missed the point, didn’t they? May you and your families enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving, from Kathy and me, as we continue to pray for all our Troops, who are spending another year away from home and continuing to allow us, FREEDOM. Please take this opportunity to put your Catholic Faith in Action.

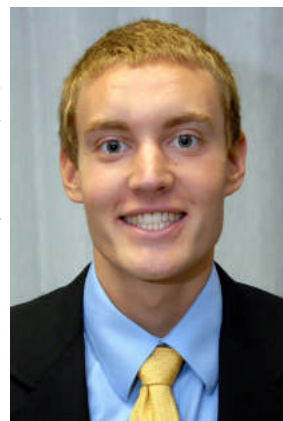
Congratulations to Msgr. Charles D. Wood Council #5194 of Florence on their 50th Anniversary on October 8.

I want to thank all the councils who have or are conducting their fall “Blitz.” October was our best month yet. But I remind you that recruitment is a year round process. October is also a primary month for Operation HOPE. This work pays priceless dividends to many less fortunate citizens. The tickets to our State Charity Ball are now in the hands of the councils. I ask all Knights to make this fund raiser a success as it supports our Bishop, diocese, and your local council Charities.

Vivat Jesus,
Tom Monahan
SC State Deputy

This fall, Will Frei entered his freshman year of college at Holy Trinity Seminary at the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas. He is a cradle Catholic and is the oldest of four children from St. Mary Help of Christians in Aiken.

“I first had a tugging of the heart to the priesthood in 7th grade. The priest, during the petitions, would pray for young men to be generous to God’s call, and that prayer always touched me. At the time, in my heart, it seemed as if the priest was asking me personally to be open to the idea—even though I was just in the 7th grade.”



“There was never one defining moment that helped me decided to study for the priesthood; God was working constantly without me even being aware. The possible call became more obvious after I entered high school. I began to take my faith more seriously and was in search of truth. A very important moment in my discernment process was seeing the bones of St. Peter during a pilgrimage (with the Fr. Kolbe Vocations group of St. Mary HOC School) in the summer after my junior year of high school. Seeing the saint, allowed me to really get to the bottom of what I believed at the time; any doubts or questions I may have had seemed to be less of a burden, and I began to become more open to God’s will in my life.”

Why did you decide to become a diocesan priest and not join a religious order? “While there is no telling where God may send me, I simply feel the strongest attraction to the diocesan priesthood. Growing up, I had always loved the idea of having my own family. As a diocesan priest, one can really get to know the people of his parish at a more personal level. His parishioners would become his family. The priest’s focus would be on these people, being there for them as best he can. That sense of obligation, duty, and love towards a community, is something God has allowed me to be attracted to. God has blessed me with a heart that longs for His people in this community setting.”

Which is your favorite saint and why? “My favorite saint

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is my Confirmation saint, St. Francis of Assisi. When I was younger, I was attracted to him because of his love for animals. I have always had a dog in my home, so I love animals as well. Growing older, I am fond of St. Francis for his simplicity, his total trust in God, and his incredible humility. As holy and virtuous as St. Francis was, he still believed he was never worthy enough to become a priest. His humility is quite inspiring. He also received stigmata, or actual wounds that correspond to the wounds the Christ received during His passion. This was yet another sign of Francis's holiness and piety. While St. Francis was correct, no one is truly worthy enough to become a priest, God has granted men the grace to be shepherds to His people because people need priests to receive the Father. Therefore, God calls men to the priesthood, despite their unworthiness."

Who are your favorite authors? "I can honestly say I don't have a favorite author. I've enjoyed too many books! Also, I don't get a great opportunity to read much other than my curricular reading. But I will say I love spiritual reading, especially biographies on the lives of saints. I have just finished a book which contained some speeches and reflections of Blessed Mother Teresa and I am currently reading about the Cure of Ars. I feel that it is very important to read about the lives of saints. One comes to realize that, like all people, saints are human and struggle much in this life to become the holy men and women we know them to be today. One can learn from their struggles, often times even relating to certain aspect of the saints life. Each one of us is born to become a saint. God challenges us with this task. So by reading about them, we can receive a better idea and understanding of what it may take to reach this complete giving of ourselves to God."

What do you like about Holy Trinity Seminary? "There are a great number of things that I love about HTS. The priest faculty are incredible, each having their own personalities. The community of sixty-five guys has been great. They are some of the most down-to-earth, God-seeking men that I have met. Our chapel is beautiful and is available just down the hall, 24/7. The formation process focuses on 4 pillars (Spiritual, Human, Academic, and Pastoral), all of which cover every area of the human life. The studies on campus are very challenging and consist of a thorough core curriculum. It has also been great living in Texan culture. The people are very friendly, the weather changes often, keeping the week interesting, and the amount of land out here is incredible to see!

Who is your spiritual director and what is his role in your development? "My spiritual director is Fr. Ronald Ramson. He is mainly focused on my spiritual formation, but we also cover all four pillars. Each spiritual meeting has the same seal as Confession does, which guarantees me freedom to say whatever I wish to discuss without worrying about oth-

ers hearing. He guides me in my spiritual journey to further discern my call and deepen my relationship with our Savior. I talk to him about what certain things I am doing daily in order to increase in my spiritual life, upon which he agrees with or he may suggest further approaches (such as certain spiritual reading, meditations, etc.). He never tells me how to pray. This is for me to find out myself. The means to reaching a more intimate relationship with our Lord is different for each person, so Fr. Ramson is helping me to figure out what works best for me."

What does a normal day at the seminary look like? "A normal day at the seminary (during the week) consists of Morning Prayer at 6:30 in the chapel with the community, followed directly by mass. We then eat breakfast together at 7:30. After breakfast, we go about our day with classes on campus. We are free until 5:15 (5:00 on Thursdays for Benediction and Adoration) which we then have Vespers (Evening Prayer) together in the chapel. At 6:00, we all have dinner together and are free for the night after 6:30. During free time, guys will be studying, praying, working out, playing/watching sports, watching movies, or etc. Much of the day is spent praying and studying, so everyone takes some time in the day to wind down and relax."

Save the Date
2nd Annual Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference
Being a True Catholic Man
"Take Courage, I have overcome the world" John 16:33

		
Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR Newark, NJ	Jesse Romero Los Angeles, CA	Bishop Peter Jugis Charlotte, NC

Sa
Matthew's Catholic Church
8015 Ballantyne Commons Pky, Charlotte, NC
For more information go to www.cltcmc.org

Conference Fee - \$40 (\$35 in advance)
Knights of Columbus \$25 (enter KOC in promotion code)
Students \$25, Seniors \$30

From the State Ceremonials Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

Worthy Grand Knights and Members of the State Council: Please take time to check your council's 1st Degree status in the accompanying degree status charts. If you have held a degree and it is not listed please get with your District Deputy and have him submit a Form 450 to correct the number of degrees that your council has held.

Remember because the Holidays are here your recruitment drive must continue on and schedule and hold 1st Degrees for those new members you recruit. Do not make them wait till after the holidays. What a nice Christmas present for a new member than a new membership card, Certificate and a new Rosary to use at the services during the Masses being held at this most Holy time of the year.

The attached charts show the status of each council for First Degrees and the Districts Second Degrees for 2011-2012.



First Degree Standings Notes

Goal for FY 11-12

Degrees Per Council

Div I - 1-150 - 4

Div II - 151-225 - 5

Div III - 226 & Above - 6

* 4 Degrees required for Star Council plus Certified First Degree Team

First Degree Standings

DISTRICT	COUNCIL	CITY	GOAL	ACTUAL	% of GOAL
Roy T. Spurlock, Jr.	DD #1		21	7	33.33%
	5026	BEAUFORT	5	1	20.00%
	7289	HILTON HEAD	4	1	25.00%
	10668	HILTON HEAD	6	2	33.33%
	12263	BLUFFTON	6	3	50.00%
Michael A. Allen	DD #2		21	6	28.57%
	2207	SUMTER	4	1	25.00%
	6847	E. COLUMBIA	5	2	40.00%
	9672	CAMDEN	4	1	25.00%
	13713	BLYTHEWOOD	4	2	50.00%
	*15233	MANNING/SANTEE	4		0.00%
Michael DiMartino	DD #3		22	9	40.91%
	5086	MYRTLE BEACH	5	1	20.00%
	7122	N. MYRTLE BEACH	5	2	40.00%
English Team	7531	CONWAY	4	2	50.00%
Spanish Team	7531	CONWAY	4	2	50.00%
	* 14892	LORIS	4	2	50.00%
Ernst T. Cvikl	DD #4		14	2	14.29%
	3684	AIKEN	6	1	16.67%
	7062	N. AUGUSTA	4	1	25.00%
	9161	BARNWELL	4		0.00%
David R. Griffard	DD #5		23	5	21.74%
	6629	SUMMERVILLE	6	3	50.00%
	6891	ORANGEBURG	4		16.67%
	8502	WALTERBORO	4		0.00%
	8900	N. CHARLESTON	4		25.00%
	11910	SUMMERVILLE	5	1	20.00%
Steve Maxie	DD #6		18	5	27.78%
	6884	SENECA	6	1	16.67%
	7129	GREENWOOD	4		0.00%
	8295	ANDERSON	4	2	50.00%
	9576	PICKENS	4	2	50.00%
Arthur E. White	DD #7		18	5	27.78%
	724	COLUMBIA	5		0.00%
	6892	IRMO	5	1	20.00%
	11325	LEXINGTON	4	2	50.00%
	12554	COLUMBIA	4	2	50.00%
Keith Kingren	DD #8		24	10	41.67%
	1668	GREENVILLE	5		0.00%
	8182	MAULDIN	4		0.00%
	9184	TAYLORS	5		0.00%
	10819	SIMPSONVILLE	6	7	116.67%
	13112	GREENVILLE	4	3	75.00%
Daniel F. Barton	DD #9		24	5	20.83%
	704	CHARLESTON	6	2	33.33%
	6250	JAMES ISLAND	4		0.00%
	9475	MT. PLEASANT	6	2	33.33%
	10334	CHARLESTON	4		0.00%
	12472	CHARLESTON	4	1	25.00%
Edward M. Griffin	DD #10		25	6	24.00%
	6756	ROCK HILL	5	2	40.00%
	10066	LANCASTER	4		0.00%
	12268	YORK	4		0.00%
	12366	FORT MILL	4	1	25.00%
	14475	LAKE WYLIE	4	1	25.00%
	14765	INDIAN LAND	4	2	50.00%
William "Skip" Reilly	DD #11		16	5	31.25%
	3067	GEORGETOWN	4	2	50.00%
	8980	GARDEN CITY	6	1	16.67%
	11028	PAWLEYS ISL	6	2	33.33%
Joseph A. Balotti	DD #12		17	5	29.41%
	5194	FLORENCE	5		0.00%
	8123	HARTSVILLE	4	3	75.00%
	8790	MARION DILLON	4	1	25.00%
	10867	CHERAW	4	1	25.00%
Brandon Chambers	DD #13		18	5	27.78%
	6726	HANAHAN/GC	4	1	25.00%
	6900	CITADEL	5	2	40.00%
	11471	MONCK'S CORNER	4		0.00%
	11991	GOOSE CREEK	5	2	40.00%
William E. Weiss	DD #14		18	4	22.22%
	6076	SPARTANBURG	5	2	40.00%
	9575	SPARTANBURG	5	2	40.00%
	12274	GREER	4		0.00%
	12995	GAFFNEY	4		0.00%
	TOTAL		279	79	28.32%



Patriot's Corner

*Joseph Gubeli, Jr., PSD
District Master*

Why we observe Veterans Day

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed

a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.” Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation’s history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the [first “Veterans Day Proclamation”](#) which stated: “In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans’ organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance.

I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible.”

In 1958, the White House advised VA’s General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee’s chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington’s Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people. Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

All Assemblies should be checking on all 3rd degree members to join the Patriotic 4th Degree.

Vivat Jesus,
Joseph F. Gubeli Jr.
District Master



From the Pro-life Chair Couple

Jim & Bobbie St. Clair

Region 5 Dedicates our 7th Ultrasound Machine

On October 21st another life saving ultrasound machine was dedicated at Piedmont Women's Center, Greer Facility. PSD Ray Hock, Region 5 Coordinator, along with Deacon Gary Walczek invited area Knights to join the Piedmont staff and supporters to a gathering of prayer, thanksgiving, and special blessings upon the newly acquired equipment.



Pictured at left: Fr. Richard Tomlinson assisted by Deacon Gary Walczek, both of Prince of Peace Parish, blesses the new ultrasound machine.



Pictured left to right: Jim St. Clair, Fr. Tomlinson, Gary Bays, Ray Hock, Tom Monahan, Tom O'Donnell, Deacon Walczek

Gear Up for the January Marches to Washington DC!

This project needs your immediate attention! Join Bishop Robert Guglielmone, State Deputy Tom Monahan, and Pro-life Chairman Jim St. Clair on a wonderful trip expressing your firmest support for Life by carrying the State Council banner or the Diocesan banner in the March for Life in Washington. There are busses leaving South Carolina on January 22 from SIX different locations: Rock Hill, Columbia, Greenville, Aiken, Charleston and Myrtle Beach. Departure will be approximately 7 to 8 a.m. on Sunday, stay one night in a hotel, then after the march on Monday, January 23rd, and return to point of origin. The cost is very reasonable; Hotel will be approximately \$115 (Double occupancy), and the bus will be \$90 - \$115, depending upon the number of people who sign up.

It is very important that you sign up as soon as possible... bus and hotel arrangements are completely dependent upon an adequate number of travelers to make this cost effective. We strongly urge you to travel in pairs, so bring your wife or if you prefer to travel with a fellow Knight, find a partner from your Council. Then, please email us or phone with a reservation: stclair33@bellsouth.net or call (803)425-0340.

Daybreak Celebrates SC Knights of Columbus

Six years ago, Daybreak performed 95 ultrasounds per year and now the annual total has soared to 580 ultrasounds and with the help of our two machines donated, they are on track to reach 1000 in just a few more years. With the success rate that we already know the ultrasound images generate, we can expect to save hundreds of babies a year with our USI effort. This dynamic addition to their facilities is precisely what the President of the Daybreak Board of Directors was emphasizing when he called for Jim & Bobbie St. Clair and the rest of the Knights assembled at the banquet to come forward to the stage area to be recognized. A beautiful plaque was presented to the South Carolina Knights of Columbus in appreciation by the Daybreak Crisis Pregnancy Center for our most generous donations. The evening was filled with inspiring remarks by several key personnel from Daybreak about past and future projects that are successfully changing the way that Columbia



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Pictured on the previous page, State Deputy Tom Monahan addresses the crowd of almost 500 supporters of Daybreak. Later, the entire assembly was held spellbound as the abortion survivor, Gienna Jennsen talked about her journey from survival to adjustment to development of an inspiring vocation to talk publicly to every audience possible and tell them of the ills of abortion and the type of personal attitude it takes to succeed spiritually and practically in life.

All Saints Council 14475 of Lake Wylie excels in observing October as Respect Life Month



The Blessed Virgin Mary's garden at All Saints Catholic church in Lake Wylie was the location for members of the Knights of Columbus Council #14475/Respect For Life Ministry and Legion of Mary to pray the rosary in both English and Spanish to ask Our Lord and Our Lady for the conversion of America.

The fifty plus people who were there, prayed and offered music to stop the waves of sacrilege and blasphemy and to end abortion, pornography and same-sex "marriage" and all hatred within our society. Our prayers were offered to implore Our Lord and Our Lady to counter the secular agenda and guide every aspect of our society. October 9th was National Children's Day. In addition to a collection for gently used and new baby items and clothing, they prayed for our children, of all ages, throughout the world.

Congratulations to Council 14475, led by Pro-life Chairman Len Turi, for making October a truly outstanding 31 days promoting Respect for Life at all stages.

40 Days for Life & Rosaries for Life a Huge Success

As of October 30th, 417 babies have been saved whose mothers decided to reject abortion as a result of the Nationally

promoted 40 Days for Life campaign. Council 14475 Pro-life Chairman and South Carolina coordinator for Rosaries for Life, Len Turi reports that many thousands of rosaries have been said but an accurate count is not available by deadline time for this newsletter to go to press. Our goal is 30,000 rosaries and we would like to thank all Knights of Columbus who helped contribute to the Diocese of Charleston project. Once again, we made a difference. Watching Knights put their Catholic faith into action is an exciting experience!!!

A Personal Encounter Story

THE ABORTIONIST'S WIFE

A vigil participant was noticing that nearly all the cars in the abortion center parking lot were parked in the staff area — very few were in the area reserved for those with appointments. And that was good.

The volunteer was soon deep in prayer when the abortionist drove up — with his wife and their teenager. He got out of the car and headed toward the building while the wife and teen drove away.

The abortionist's wife pulled up next to the vigil participant, rolled down her window and asked, "How are you doing?" The surprised volunteer answered, "Good! How about you?" She responded, "I just wanted to tell you that I so appreciate what you do and how you are always so nice and respectful." That simple response turned out to be the opening line in a very lengthy conversation.

The wife expressed her gratitude for the way the 40 Days for Life vigil is conducted. In another city, there is a group outside the abortion center that yells at her husband.

Here, however, he's been told that the vigil participants are praying for him. "He just can't understand how you can be so against what he does and yet so nice to him."

She explained that her husband grew up in a home that had no use for religion — the concept is totally foreign to him. The volunteer promised to pray that he would be able to grasp — and eventually embrace — faith. The teen blurted out, "Please do!"

"I asked the abortionist's wife to pray for me," said the volunteer, "and she said she would."

The wife said, "I'm really impressed that you believe in something so strongly and passionately that you're willing to be here every week for years in every kind of weather."

"There is much to meditate upon from this conversation," said the 40 Days for Life volunteer. "It confirmed the constant presence, the peaceful method, the prayerful attitude. It helped give me a renewed sense of dedication to continually trying to get people to sign up so that we can have a constant presence on the sidewalk. We never know who will see us and when they will see us.

From the desk of the State Historian

Michael W. Telesco, PSD, FM

The 9th Council in South Carolina was:

MONSIGNOR CHARLES DUBOIS WOOD COUNCIL
5194, Florence, SC

Named for the 1st Pastor of St Anthony Church in Florence
Charter date October 8, 1961

Charter Grand Knight John L. Sullivan

50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE ORDER

The council was formed as an outgrowth of Sumter Co 2207, and was chartered on October 8, 1961. Around this time, Florence received a growth spurt due to DuPont and Union Carbide, and paper industries. This brought many Yankees to our area and an influx of Catholics and K of C members. With a need for activities and social functions, the new council was formed. This also helped those who were now away from their families and it gave them new acquaintances to socialize with to relieve homesickness. The Council named Msgr. Wood as the honoree, because he had been the 1st Pastor of St. Anthony Church in Florence and had been the first K of C member in SC. He had set up missions in Georgetown and Florence and traveled throughout a 13 county area on horseback to say Mass in these Missions.

The council purchased land on the WW II Air Base and decided to build a home. Some steel joists were purchased and placed at the site. Money was the problem, so building of the home was delayed.

In the interim, the council met in the Air Force Res. Sta. at the Florence Airport, St Anthony Church-downtown, in a Police Cabin, and finally on Crescent Circle. Social functions, such as the Harvest Ball were held at the Elks and the Florence Country Club. As the Council saved up some money, the urge to build grew. Each member was asked to contribute \$100 and Genevieve Nichols gave \$5000.

She was the widow of George Nichols Sr. who had worked to try to construct the council home. The home was completed in 1971 and dedicated to Nichols.

An auxiliary was formed and functioned shortly but due to the isolated location of the home, they didn't formally exist. The Rev RE Dumouchel the First Chaplain

Council 5194 has hosted the state convention, 1972, 1985, 1990... The council has had a long standing affair with Operation HOPE. At the 2006 received an achievement award for having raised over \$100,000 in the last 7 years.

Council 5194 had 1 State Deputy.

Grand Strand 4th Degree Welcomes WW II Vets Home

On Nov 26th a composite Honor Guard of 40 Sir Knights from five Grand Strand Assemblies (Myrtle Beach, Garden City, North Myrtle Beach, Conway, Pawleys Island) gathered at Myrtle Beach Airport to welcome home the Honor Flight returning 85 World War II vets from their trip earlier that day to view the WW II and other monuments in Washington, DC. Regional Marshal Charles Van Demark commanded



2011 Buddy Walk in Charleston

The Downs Syndrome Association of the Lowcountry (DSAL) is a non-profit organization that fosters the growth and development of people with Down syndrome. DSAL offers programs such as Moms' Night Out and Youth Group, as well as social events, resources and educational opportunities. The Buddy Walk is one of DSAL's annual fund raising projects. Teams are formed in the name of someone suffering the effects of Down syndrome and the team members solicit donations. The walk itself is a festive, one mile stroll around one of Charleston's parks. The 7th Annual Buddy Walk was held on Sunday, October 2. A beautiful fall afternoon brought out a crowd of more than 3000 participants, friends and sponsors. This year's event was held at Etiwan Park on Daniel Island. Regardless of age, there was fun to be had. Face painting, balloon animals, clowns, music, dancing, football and the ever popular Knights of Columbus hot dog eating competition to name a few. Tents lined the perimeter of the park and were adorned with banners of the "Buddy's" name for that tent.

Knights of Columbus Council 6250 is one of the sponsors of the Buddy Walk in Charleston. The Knights provided 2200 hot dogs along with appropriate condiments, snacks and supplies to feed the crowd – all free of charge. Council 6250 contributed significantly to a very worthy cause.

From the desk of the State Historian

Michael W. Telesco, PSD, FM

“A BROTHER KNIGHT DEDICATION.....PGK TONY MUNNA, COUNCIL 5194”

The Volunteer Service Board at Pee Dee Regional Center held a rededication of the Knights of Columbus Pinewood Park on their campus. The park was renamed the Anthony J. Munna Memorial Park to immortalize a man who is considered to be the most valuable volunteer in the Center's history. Mr. Munna began his involvement as a GE employee, developing adaptive switches for disabled persons. He was a charter member of the Volunteer Services Board, incorporated in 1984, and remained an active member until 2004, when he and his wife, Amelia, moved to Supply, North Carolina. Even then, as a board member emeritus, he continued to be consulted and maintained his strong interest in the Center.

For many years, Munna coordinated the Operation Hope Project (known familiarly as the Tootsie Roll Campaign), conducted yearly by the Knights of Columbus. Under his leadership, thousands of dollars were raised to benefit the people living at Pee Dee Center. The funds were used to ensure that a camp program would take place each year, designed to fit the needs of each individual. In addition, the Center was able to apply for, and receive, grants from the South Carolina Knights' Columbia Hope Foundation. These funds provided Pinewood Park and other recreation and leisure areas on campus, as well as wheelchair swings, a swimming pool lift, mobile lifts for transferring nonambulatory persons, and many other items designed to enhance the lives of the people who live at Pee Dee Regional Center.

The Knights of Columbus continue to be Pee Dee Center's biggest supporters. In addition to his affiliation with the Knights, Munna continued his association with the GE Elfuns - a service organization of GE employees. He would coordinate a Christmas party and gifts for the young men who live in one of the campus houses. The GE Elfuns still continue this project.

Due to his love and compassion for the people at the Center, Anthony ("Tony") Munna was able to accomplish great works and inspire others to join him. His hands on approach was evident in all his activities, whether raising funds or public awareness, serving on a board or serving his wife's Christmas cupcakes. Pee Dee Regional Center staff and volunteers agree he is worthy of any honor they can bestow. The dedication, which took place on May 9, was well attended by Knights of Columbus, Pee Dee Center friends, and family. Mrs. Amelia Munna came from Supply, NC with her son, Jerome, and his wife, Shawna. [Munna's

sign company constructed the new park sign]. Anthony and Amelia's son, Ronald, came from Atlanta with his wife, Gina. Anthony Munna's sister, Dorothy Bologna, drove from Virginia to attend. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren were also in attendance.

The Anthony J. Munna Memorial Park is a naturalized space with wheelchair paths and places to sit and enjoy the quiet. It will continue to be enjoyed by the people who live at Pee Dee Regional Center and their guests.

Pee Dee Regional Center is a facility of the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs located at 714 National Cemetery Road.

Soccer Challenge

From the No Rest for the Weary department even though we are still involved with the Essay Contest it's time to be thinking about our Annual K of C Soccer Challenge

I hope, by now, most of you have scheduled local council soccer shootouts and if not time to get up and running - our state finals are less than a month away and all those local winners are invited to participate right here in Columbia. The Finals event is scheduled to take place on December 10th from 10am to 1pm

As in the past the Finals take place at 7 Oaks Recreation Park located at 200 Leisure Lane, Columbia, SC 29210 (Easy directions: Take I-26 in either direction to Piney Grove Road, exit and go towards Irmo - turn left at Leaphart Elementary School - that would be Leisure Lane and the Park is about a half mile down on the left)

The Finals are always well attended by 25-30 boys and girls from around the state - However, with a little extra effort there is no reason that can't be 40-50 participants - Just a little elbow grease can make this event really shine

As an example of due diligence and hard work Council 6892 in Irmo currently stands with a 600% increase over last year for the first round to be held on Saturday, November 12th - so I know it can be done

Our Knights have always been dedicated to reaching out to our youth - I myself go back to the Punt, Pass and Kick contests of so many years ago which were always sponsored by K of C until the NFL took them over

Two things we must always be aware of is our Operation Hope plans and our sponsored youth activities which include Squires, Soccer Shootout, Essay Contest, Poster Challenge and of course our Basketball Free Throw Competition

So, lets get with it everyone - get on board and I hope to see each and every council here in Columbia for the Finals. If you need any help call me (Dante Tomasini) at 803-606-3671

A Historic Initiative

We look with hopeful anticipation to the opening of the Shrine of Blessed John Paul II

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

The Knights of Columbus began a new page in our history Oct. 1 by acquiring the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C., as authorized by a unanimous resolution during the 129th Supreme Convention this past summer.

The official purchaser is the Knights of Columbus Family Life Bureau, the same tax-exempt entity that has for more than two decades successfully administered the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, which is now located in Father McGivney Hall at The Catholic University of America.

Our action comes 33 years to the month after Cardinal Karol Wojtyła became the first non-Italian pope in nearly five centuries. Those of us who witnessed this event understood that a great change had come to the Catholic Church. But we did not realize how dramatically his papacy would change the world. Pope John Paul II inaugurated his ministry as universal pastor of the Church by confidently announcing a new evangelization. In his first homily, he said, “Be not afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ. To his saving power open the boundaries of states, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization, and development. Be not afraid. Christ knows ‘what is in man.’ He alone knows it.”

The Knights of Columbus was one of the first lay organizations to stand squarely with the new pontiff. Then-Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant, who had been serving as the head of the Knights for less than two years, quickly took up the new pope’s Marian theme — “Totus Tuus” — by expanding the Order’s devotion to the rosary and by developing a successful pilgrim icon program dedicated to the Blessed Mother.

The Order later supported a wide variety of papal initiatives, including the restoration of the façade of St. Peter’s Basilica and the renovation of the Vatican’s television broadcast and transmission capabilities. And we were never closer to this great pope than during his seven visits to the United States, and his visits to Mexico, Canada, the Philippines and Cuba. Now with the purchase of the Washington center, we begin one of the great and historic initiatives of the Knights of Columbus. Following the resolution of the Supreme Conven-



tion, we will build a Shrine of Blessed John Paul II that will continue his extraordinary legacy as pope and will be a place where his saintly spirituality can be explored and transmitted to his beloved “John Paul II Generation” and to many generations to come.

Already, we are grateful that Jesuit Father Marko Ivan Rupnik, the artist responsible for creating the beautiful mosaics in the Redemptoris Mater Chapel in the Vatican and the Shrine of St. Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo, has agreed to create the mosaics for our shrine’s chapel.

We are also grateful to Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, archbishop of Kraków, for his recent gift to the shrine of a precious relic of Blessed John Paul’s blood. We look forward to an ongoing relationship with him and with the new John Paul II Center being built in Kraków next to the Shrine of Divine Mercy.

As work continues on the Shrine of Blessed John Paul II, we will remember these words from John Paul II’s Spiritual Testament, published after his death:

“I want to follow Him and I want all that is part of my earthly life to prepare me for this moment. I do not know when [my death] will come but I place this moment, like all other things, in the hands of the Mother of my Master: Totus Tuus. In these same motherly hands I leave everything and everyone with whom my life and my vocation have brought me into contact. In these hands I above all leave the Church....”

“I thank everyone. I ask forgiveness of everyone. I also ask for prayers, so that God’s Mercy may prove greater than my own weakness.”

Because of the Knights of Columbus, the Shrine of Blessed John Paul II will soon be a place where people from around the world will answer this great pope’s request for prayers. Many will come to know, through his example, that God’s mercy is greater than our own weakness.

Vivat Jesus!



Second Degree Standings - 2010-2011

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1	Roy T. Spurlock, Jr.	William Jaillet	Low Country Team (1)	2		0%	2
2	Michael A. Allen (2, 7 & 12)	Larry Huff, FDD	Capital City Team	5	2	40%	3
3	Michael DiMartino	C Van Demnark, FDD	Grand Strand Team (3 & 11)	4	2	50%	2
3	Michael DiMartino	Donald Ullman, FDD	San Juan Diego Team (All Districts)	2		0%	2
4	Ernst T. Cvikl	Bill Collins, PGK	Aiken Team (4)	2	1	50%	1
5	David R. Griffard	David R. Griffard, DD	Flowertown Team (5 & 13)	4	1	25%	3
8	Keith A. Kingren	Jerry Shamroe, PGK	Greater Greenville Area Team (6, 8 & 14)	5	2	40%	3
9	Daniel F. Barton (9)	Jack Urbanic, FDD	Greater Charleston Area Team	2	2	100%	0
10	Edward M. Griffin	Geary Bradley	Up State Team (10)	2	1	50%	1
TOTAL				28	11	39%	



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