



# The Compass



## Knights of Columbus

**Monsignor George Lewis Smith Council No. 3684**  
**Monsignor George Lewis Smith Assembly No. 1074**  
**May – June, 2019**

**Meetings: Council No. 3684, 7:30PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays; Assembly No. 1074, 7:30PM, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**  
**Bingo every Monday, 7:00PM, Columbus Club Hall, 1003 Spaulding Dr., Aiken, South Carolina 29803**

### Grand Knight's Report

Kevin P. O'Donnell, Grand Knight, [kod327@msn.com](mailto:kod327@msn.com)

*The GK gets a pass this issue as I'm told his daughter is getting married as I put this together and I don't want to delay getting the issue out.*

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Council 3684 will hold election of officers for the Fraternal Year 2019 - 2020 at the meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

Council 3684, Assembly 1074 and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold installation of officers on Friday, June 7, 2019, with appropriate ceremony, dinner and awards

Please RSVP to DGK Richard Hesson or FC, SK Daniel Mefford of your intention to attend.

**Please notify them no later than June 5.**

Rich. Hesson, [hesson.richard@gmail.com](mailto:hesson.richard@gmail.com) (803-338-3044)  
Dan Mefford [dn.mffrd@gmail.com](mailto:dn.mffrd@gmail.com), (803-634-8153)

If you telephone and don't get an answer, please leave a message.

### **Pancake Breakfast** **Save The Date**

The K of C Council #3684 is sponsoring a parish pancake breakfast at St. Angela Hall on Father's Day, June 16, 2019. Profits from this inaugural event will help fund our ongoing support of Special Olympics. We are still in need of a few more volunteers to assist with making this event a success. If you are able to help, even if just for an hour or two, please contact Stephen Baris at 501-349-5705 or Ray Visotski at 803-507-5187.

**Cost and ticket information will be announced soon!**

### Navigator's Log

Edward H. Cordes, Faithful Navigator, [ehc58@comcast.net](mailto:ehc58@comcast.net)

The wife of North Augusta Council #7062 Grand Knight, Donald Baker, Jr, Rony Baker, passed away Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for her soul and for the consolation of her family.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting for April was held in North Augusta on April 15<sup>th</sup> and Worthy District Master, Tom Monahan was in attendance.

After the meeting, those assembled enjoyed pizza, beer, soft drinks and good fellowship.

The next Assembly meeting will be held back in Aiken on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at The Columbus Club..

It is time for the election of new officers please attend the next two meetings.

The Assembly will hold installation of officers, followed by dinner on Friday, June 7, 2019, in conjunction with Council #3684 at The Columbus Club, Aiken.

Please inform Deputy Grand Knight Richard Hesson or Faithful Captain Sir Knight Daniel Mefford of your intention to attend. **Please notify them no later than June 5th.** (See contact info under GK report.)

PFN PGK Edward Cordes

***Welcome to the next generation of "The Compass".***

***I decided that it was more important to get this issue out than it was to fuss over formatting and making it look pretty. First and foremost, the function of The Compass is to inform our members and their families as to our activities and announcements.***

***There are bound to be a few items missing or maybe even incorrect. Please be patient and forgiving, at least for the first issue or two. As time goes on, I will work to make it more enjoyable to read and I would be happy to hear your suggestions at [rvisotski@gmail.com](mailto:rvisotski@gmail.com). Since we do not have to print this any longer, we have more flexibility in layout, size of fonts and quantity of information.***

***Lastly, thank you to Pat Welsh for taking the time to get The Compass out for ten years!***

**Monsignor George Lewis Smith Council 3684**

**Monsignor George Lewis Smith Assembly 1074**

**Rest in Peace:**

SK, Leonard Saunders  
Rony Baker, wife of Don Baker  
Jack Singer

**Welcome**

Welcome to our new brothers in the First Degree:  
Ron Shepherd  
John Rainchuso  
Joseph O'Donnell

Lawrence Marasciulo, Transfer from Goose Creek, SC

**Commander of the Guard**

SK Jim Loftis, Commander of the Guard

We were sad to hear that SK Leonard Saunders passed away on March 28, 2019. Thanks to the following SKs for serving at the visitation service for Leonard Saunders at Jackson-Brooks Funeral Home: Tom Baker & Jim Loftis.

Also thanks to the following SKs for serving at the funeral service at St. Gerard's: Tom Baker, Wayman Johnson, Jim Loftis & Dennis Simonson.

The following Sir Knights participated in Holy Thursday Mass on April 18, 2019. Father Wilson appreciated our service: Max Goresek, Choir, J. J. Engel, Tom Henry, Jim Loftis, Tom Monahan, Dick Schreck & Dennis Simonson

Also, a big gracias to the Hispanic Knights for carrying the canopy. Jose Lopez, Jose Neira, Juan Cortes Morales & Caputo Carlo.

Thanks to the following Sir Knights for serving at Confirmation on April 29, 2019. The Bishop and Father Wilson appreciated our service: Thomas Baker, J.J. Engel, Chuck Goergen, Jim Loftis, Dan Mefford, Dale Mulder, Kevin O'Donnell & Dennis Simonson.

The following Sir Knights served at First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4, 2019: Dennis Simonson, Tom Henry, Jim Loftis, Kevin O'Donnell & Dick Schreck

**Veterans Outreach**

Wayman Johnson, (803) 648-4378, Cell: 803.507.0349, [waymanrosa@atlanticbb.net](mailto:waymanrosa@atlanticbb.net)

## **Columbus Club**

Brother Knight, Mark Szymanski, 803-645-1405

### **Knights of Columbus Council #3684 Academic Scholarships**

Treasurer: Charles R. Goergen, PGK, PFN, FDD, PSW

### **Ladies Corner**

President: Carole Casciotta

### **Blood Drive**

Vince Ingrasciotta

## **Monthly Recitation of The Holy Rosary**

When we began our journey to Knighthood, we promised to carry a Holy Rosary with us at all times and pray it often, but do we? Please join with us prior to the council meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday to pray the Holy Rosary together. We start promptly at 7:05 PM.

### **Knights of Columbus Insurance**

Ray Visotski, PGK, FA, 803-507-5187, Ray.Visotski@kofc.org

## **Columbus Club News**

Remember to get your Columbus Club Membership Card for 2019.....It's only a \$1.00 and makes us compliant with the State in the Bar area and not Moonshiners. Thanks for your cooperation.

### **Fish Fry's**

Thanks to all the Brothers who came, ate and supported the Fish Fry's along with Parishioners and others. The three Fry's averaged about 181 tickets sold. This is twice what we used to do a couple years ago. Thank you very much! There were some Elvis sightings. Due to requests, we even had one night of limited Crab Baked Stuffed Fish and added grilled cheese sandwiches by request. We will continue to troll for idea's that are easy and will make the Lenten Fish Fry's a continued success. ***Fish On!***

We are proposing a Fall Fish Fry this Nov 15th for those Hook'd on Fish. Fall In!!

PS: A special thanks to all the volunteers who caught, cooked, served, took tickets, served beverages and cleaned-up in support of the Fish Fry's. Please note that Dick Schreck is a true salesman that can sell anything (Fish oil).

### **Pig Roast/BBQ**

\*Pig Roast/BBQ's are being discussed and proposed for Saturdays June 1st and Sept 21 respectively. Last year's was a finger lick-n success. Craig Burgess to head up, so you can Eat and Feel Safe.

### **Rummage Sale**

**Coming Soon May 10th and 11th to the Columbus Club** near you !!!! It t takes many volunteers to obtain, pick -up, store, organize and put the Sale on !!!!! "Many hands make light work" (Thanks Marion, Fraser and Stoner). If this comes out after the Sale, Thanks to all those who helped or thought about it.

### **Bingo**

Bingo is doing well but can always use more volunteer help. Contact Jim Loftis if you feel the calling.

## **Boy Scouts Derby**

Please note the Boy Scouts Soap Box Derby was held at the Columbus club. It was a success for the Boy Scouts and they donated monies from the concessions to the K of C. Way to go Boy Scouts of American!

## **Rentals**

Rentals continue and are a source of vital income for the Columbus Club. Rentals also require work by members to be present and monitor the events and bar tend as needed. Please contact Dennis Fraser, to get on the call list. Please check your calendars to see if you can periodically, maybe once a year, help work events.

## **Oktoberfest**

This years Oktoberfest is tentatively set for Sat. Oct 19th. Please put it on your calendar, so you can practice having a good time! Rumor is the Beer flows in many flavors and the food is plentiful.

## **Work Activities**

The recent Mulch Day at the Church and School was a success. Father was happy for the clean Easter "Look" on the St. Mary's Church and School Campus. Thanks to Brother Knight John Houpt and wife for feeding the 20 plus volunteers, including the Boy Scouts.

The New HVAC installations in the Columbus Club are complete by Bradley Plumbing. Tim Redd is a Parishioner and supports St. Mary's in many ways. If you need HVAC work call Bradley Plumbing.

Roof replacement will be the next big-ticket item.

The Columbus Club opened the facility to support Home-Works Projects by the kids. Kevin and Karen Stoner are the leaders and it was a success. In return, the Columbus Club got yard clean up and a new ramp to the Silver Bullet. Note: it pays to be nice to Working Kids...

Upgrades in the Columbus Club continue but are slow.

We will be cooking to support the Parish Picnic as in past years.

In summary, if we missed something "Talk it up". If we noted something you liked "Talk it up". We can only get better with your help in many ways. "Charity" is one of many goals for all! \*Misc work at the Church/School continues.

In closing, there are many brothers and their ladies who assist the Columbus Club and K of C with our numerous activities and events, but more help is always appreciated. Find something that interests you and jump in and help.

Please keep up the good fight and remember to **pay your dues of all kinds.**

## **A Well-Deserved Recognition!**

# **National organization names VA Augusta Volunteer best in US for 2018**

AUGUSTA, Ga. (March 20, 2019) – The Knights of Columbus have named a volunteer from Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center as their 2018 VA Voluntary Services Male Volunteer of the Year. *(continued)*

(SK) Wayman Johnson, a retired Army lieutenant colonel and Vietnam Veteran, has been a volunteer at the medical center for more than 14 years. He learned of the honor Feb. 25 via letter sent by the KoC's home office in Connecticut.

“It is not about me but what we are able to do for the Veterans. When in Vietnam I can remember what a big thrill it was when the Red Cross came with donuts and coffee. Then, sitting in the waiting area in the VA medical center, a Korean War Veteran came by with a hospitality cart, and I appreciated it very much,” Johnson said. “I said to myself, ‘We, the Knights, can do that.’ So, it started and to see the smiles ... see how much a little kindness is appreciated by our Veterans. The Knights of Aiken Assembly funds us which allows us to do what we do! So, it is a team; not just me.”

Johnson started as a VA volunteer in 2005, when he organized a small group of KoC members to visit the hospital. Since then, the team makes bi-weekly visits, including 25 visits and 1,800 volunteer hours in 2018. The KoC estimates through Johnson’s leadership, KoC has donated more than \$24,000 to VA Augusta and Ward 2B.

In addition to volunteering for Veterans, Johnson serves on the medical center’s VA Voluntary Service Executive Committee meeting quarterly with hospital leaders and providing input on a wide range of issues on behalf of area Veterans.

Extending his reaching into two states, Johnson serves as the South Carolina 4th Degree District VAVS director. He communicates with fellow KoC representatives at the Columbia (S.C.) VA Health Care System and the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston, S.C., where he has raised more than \$2,200 for those medical centers.



“In all he does, [Wayman] serves his fellow Veterans at all times with respect, dignity and compassion connecting personally with the Veterans at all levels,” said Charles H. Gallina, advisor for military and Veterans affairs for the KoC. “He is richly deserving of the ... award.”

Robert Frasier, chief of voluntary service at VA Augusta, echoed Gallina’s remarks.

“Wayman is more than worthy of the honor bestowed upon him by the Knights of Columbus. Without fantastic folks like Wayman, we couldn’t do what we’re able to do for our Veterans. His personal efforts alongside those of the KoC are a testament to all of our volunteer contributions,” Frasier said.

# BINGO! 2019 BINGO!

Columbus Club Hall, 1003 Spaulding Drive, Aiken, South Carolina

**Every Monday, 7:00 PM**

Ask friends and family to join us for BINGO, Columbus Club Hall, **SOFT** chairs!

## Council 3684 Officers

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Grand Knight:	Kevin P. O'Donnell
Deputy Grand Knight:	Richard J. Hesson
Chancellor:	Randall T. Brown, PFN
Warden:	Frank Novotny
Recorder:	Mark D. Kranjc
Treasurer:	Charles R. Goergen, PGK, PFN, FDD, PSW
Advocate:	Craig S. Burgess
Inside Guard:	Michael G. Serrato
Outside Guard:	Michael D. Pawley
Financial Secretary:	James G. Loftis, PGK, PFN
Trustee 3 yrs:	Thomas N. Baker, PGK
Trustee 2 yrs:	David Didimamoff, PGK
Trustee 1 yr:	Dennis A. Fracer, PFN, PGK

## Meetings each month:

Columbus Club 7:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
Council Meetings: 7:30 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
Assembly Meeting: 7:30 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

## Meetings/Events, May & June 2019

- May 01: Columbus Club 7:30 PM
- May 08: Council 3684 Meeting 7:30 PM
- May 15: Assembly 1074 Meeting 7:30 PM
- May 22: Council 3684 Meeting 7:30 PM
- June 05: Columbus Club 7:30 PM
- June 07: Installation of Officers/Dinner  
June 12: Council 3684 Meeting 7:30 PM
- June 19: Assembly 1074 Meeting 7:30 PM
- June 26: Council 3684 Meeting 7:30 PM

## BINGO Schedule

Bingo every Monday, 7:00 PM, Columbus Club Hall, 1003 Spaulding Dr., Aiken, South Carolina 29803. All are welcome. Please come and enjoy.

## Knights of Columbus life insurance

SK Ray Visotski is the Knights of Columbus Field Agent for several Councils, including #3684. Contact information is: Ray Visotski, PGK, 803-507-5187, [ray.visotski@kofc.org](mailto:ray.visotski@kofc.org)

## Compass Online

St Mary Help of Christians Parish web site  
<http://www.stmarys-aiken.org>

## South Carolina Knights of Columbus Calendar of events:

<http://southcarolinaknights.org/>

## Assembly 1074 Officers

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Faithful Navigator:	Edward H. Cordes
Faithful Captain:	Daniel E. Mefford
Faithful Pilot:	Joseph Deskevich, Jr.
Faithful Purser:	Thomas A. Arnedos
Faithful Comptroller:	Maximillian B. Gorenssek
Faithful Scribe:	Mark D. Kranjc
Faithful Inner Sentinel:	Richard J. Hesson
Faithful Outer Sentinel:	Alejandro J. Leguizamon
Faithful Trustee 3 Year:	Randall T. Brown
Faithful Trustee 2 Year:	Wayman J. Johnson
Faithful Trustee 1 Year:	William G. Collins, Jr.

## Ladies' Auxiliary Officers

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

President	Carole Casciotta
Vice President	Marion Engel
Secretary/ Treasurer	Mary Ann Burgess

## Compass Editor

The next issue of *The Compass* will be for July & August 2019. Please e-mail information to: [rvisotski@gmail.com](mailto:rvisotski@gmail.com) by Friday, June 28, 2019.