



The Compass

Knights of Columbus
Monsignor George Lewis Smith
Council No. 3684
Monsignor George Lewis Smith
Assembly No. 1074

**A Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service
 Organization**

July- August 2019

**Meetings: Council No. 3684, 7:30PM, 2nd & 4th
 Wednesdays; Assembly No. 1074, 7:30PM, 3rd
 Wednesday**

**Bingo every Monday, 7:00PM, Columbus Club
 Hall, 1003 Spaulding Dr., Aiken, South Carolina
 29803**

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

As we start a new fraternal year, I am looking forward to working with the Knights of Columbus Council 3684 Officers for 2019-2020:

Grand Knight	Richard Hesson
Deputy Grand Knight:	Craig Burgess
Chancellor:	Stephen Baris
Warden:	Frank Novotny
Recorder:	Mark D. Kranjc

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Treasurer:	Charles R. Goergen, PGK, FDN, PSW
Advocate:	John Kvartek
Inside Guard:	Andy Colquitt
Outside Guard:	Mike Pawley
Financial Secretary:	James G. Loftis, PGK, PFN
1 st year Trustee:	Kevin P. O'Donnell, PGK
2 nd year Trustee:	Thomas N Baker, PGK
3 rd year Trustee:	David Didimamoff, PGK
Lecturer:	Max B. Gorenssek, PGK, PFN
District Deputy Field Agent	Ed Wilcox Ray Visotski, PGK

Please extend a warm welcome to the returning officers who are serving another term or those joining the executive team for the first time. Support them as they perform their duties and provide your assistance when asked. A special thanks to Randall Brown for serving as Chancellor and Dennis Fraser as he finishes his three-year term as Trustee.

I am looking forward to all the activities planned and would encourage everyone to join us in these events. These are excellent opportunities to meet your fellow brothers, spend time with family and make special memories. For those who are coordinating and planning these events, thank you in advance. This takes a lot of hard work and dedication and we wouldn't be a successful council without you.

As we had into the summer, let's all enjoy our planned vacations. Personally, Janice and I are taking our daughters Kayla and Alyssa to Cancun in early July. It has been awhile since we had a vacation together so it makes this time even more special. I promise there will be no slide show at a future meeting 😊
 Vivat Jesus, Richard Hesson, GK

Faithful Navigator's Log

The following is a list of the new Assembly Officers of the 4th Degree #1074 Aiken, SC.

Faithful Navigator	Dan Mefford
Faithful Captain	Joe Deskovitch
Faithful Pilot	Dick Schreck
Faithful Purser	Ton Arnedos
Faithful Comptroller	Max Gorenek
Faithful Scribe	Mark Kranjc
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Richard Hesson
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Bernie Girouard
Faithful Admiral	Ed Cordes
Faithful Trustee 3yr	Bill Collins
Faithful Trustee 2yr	Randall Brown
Faithful Trustee 1yr	Wayman Johnson
Faithful Friar	Rev. Gregory Wilson

To all Sir Knights: it has been my privilege to serve you all the past two years as Faithful Navigator.

I wish to thank you for all your help and assistance and for the beautiful plaque given to me at my last meeting.

Fraternally, Edward Cordes , PFN

Columbus Club

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. Plus you must sign-in when entering the Bar area. Thanks for your cooperation.

Fish Fry

We are proposing a Fall Fish Fry this Nov 8th for those Hook'd on fish, "Fall In!!"

Pig Roast/BBQ

The Pig Roast/BBQ held June 1st was a success and all comments were "The Food was Great". So if you missed this one, the next one is tentatively set for Saturday Sept 21st. Rumor is there maybe a Pig

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Holler\Call contest. Craig Burgess heads it up, so you can eat and feel safe to lick your fingers.

Rummage Sale

The May 10th and 11th Rummage Sale was a success again. For those who missed this one or didn't get a chance to help work it, the next Rummage Sale is tentatively set for Nov.15 & 16th. Remember it takes many volunteers to obtain, pick-up, store, organize and put the Sale on !!!!! "Many hands make light work" (Thanks Marion, Fraser and Stoner).

Bingo

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

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 year's 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/music is plentiful.

Work Activities

Roof replacement will be the next big-ticket item, late this year or next year. Replacing the entry carpet is on the "Wish List" (Donor/Sponsor) Upgrades in the Columbus Club continue but are slow. Three new pictures have been placed in the entry way.

On Monday, June 15th the Knights assisted in the demolition of Father Wilson's rectory

bathroom. Father is on vacation for two weeks and wanted a new shower. Please note the CC / K of C Women's Aux donated \$500.00 toward the project for accessories. Father Thanks-you!

The Columbus Club/K of C Knights will cook one night during the week-long Home-Works Projects July 23-30th. Jim Loftis to organize. Kevin and Karen Stoner are the St. Mary Leaders for this week- long event. Please note that approx. 30 Boys from the St Francis (all boys school) in Florida will attend the session again this year. Contact the Stoner's (803-514-0868) if you want to volunteer and work with the Youth and teach them a thing or two, Plus, donations of food and money are always appreciated.

Misc work at the Church/School continues, Volunteers always welcome. Contact: Mark Szymanski 803-645-1405.

Other Columbus Club News

There will be a number of nuns coming to St. Mary's for working with the Hispanic community. They are in need of a vehicle. If you have one to donate or sale, cheap, Contact Pat Wray in the Church office.

The CC Hall will be used for Local/State/Federal Elections around Aug 13th and 27th.

Aiken Elect-Coop is putting up some new electrical light poles in the CC parking-lot.

The CC lawn mower is under repair again and again. Looking into some goats to rent or a small pot of gold, which-ever comes first.

Big Rumor, 99.9% sure that the St. Mary's Campground is GONE! Bishop will no longer sign contract with the Army Corps of

Engineers after 50+ years due to liability concerns, by church lawyers.

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, many ways. Mistakes equals experience. "Charity" is one of many goals for all!

In closing, thank you to the brothers (and their ladies) that help the Columbus Club and K of C for our numerous activities. There is always room for more help. Keep up the good work and remember to pay your dues of all kinds.

Mark Szymanski, 803-645-1405

Lady's Corner

When you read this we will be in Maine. As you know nothing is happening during the summer. We will resume in September with a speaker who was arranged by Paula Rowling



Maryann Burgess and Carol Casciotta present Marion Engle with the "Woman of the Year" award. JJ Engle admiringly looks on.



The Ladies and their knights. From left, Craig Burgess, Maryann Burgess, Treasurer; John

Casciotta, Carol Casciotta, President; Marion Engle, Vice President and JJ Engle.

Lady's Corner Continued

For those of you not at our installation dinner, Marion Engel was selected "Women of the Year". I will have a tea before our September meeting at my home to discuss speakers for the rest of the year.

Hope you all have a healthy and happy summer.

Carole Casciotta, President

Blood Drive

Shepard Community Blood Center will conduct a blood drive at Saint Mary Help of Christians Church on Fairfield Street

Saturday, August 3rd 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Sunday, August 4th 7:45 AM to 1:30 PM

Every two seconds someone in the United States is in need of blood. That's a lot of blood! But only 5% of the eligible U.S. population donates blood in any given year. Healthy donors are the only source. Please consider donating. **THE NEED IS CONSTANT AND THE GRATIFICATION IS INSTANT.**

Each donor will receive a free Lipid Profile After your 3rd donation in a calendar year. Bring a picture ID, Driver's license or donor card! Thank you, Vince Ingrassiotta

Pancake Breakfast

The first pancake breakfast to support the Columbus Hope Foundation was held on Sunday, June 16th. Thank you to all those Knights, their ladies and members of Boy Scout Troop 115. We learned many lessons and were able to net \$540 to be applied to our annual donation to the Columbus Hope Foundation. **The next pancake breakfast will be Sunday, September 15, 2019, 9am – 1pm**



In the kitchen with John Kvartek, Randall Brown, DGK Richard Hesson and event chairman, Steve Baris.



Ray Visotski and Dennis Simonson, taking the money and handing out membership info

Greenjackets Baseball

Several knights and their ladies made the annual pilgrimage to watch the Augusta Greenjackets play on "Thirsty Thursday." A good time was had by all and no one got beamed by a foul ball. *Thanks to Gina Kvartek for the photo.*



Sir Knight of the Year

I was totally caught off guard by the presentation of the Knight of the Year for the Assembly for 2019 at the installation dinner of June 7. I could not have earned it without the support of my better half Phyllis. She is always there to support whatever endeavor involving the Assembly and my part as COG.

Once again I thank the Assembly for giving me this award and my wife for the tireless support. Vivat Jesus!!



SKs Dick Schreck (L) and John Cassciota getting things ready. **Dick was recognized by the Council as “Knight of the Year.” It is a well-deserved honor.**

Veterans Outreach

Several of our members make regular visits to the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center in Augusta, supporting the men and women who defended our freedom. Remaining regular visits are scheduled for July 12th, August 2nd and 23rd, September 6th and 20th, October 4th and 18th, November 1st and 15th, December 6th. Will also support Christmas program for Hospitalized veterans during December and other special events during the year. For more information, contact Dick Schreck or Wayman Johnson.



From left: Sir Knights Jan Barlow, Wayman Johnson and Dennis Simonson making the rounds.

Remember These Two?

Carol and Ed Maino recently celebrated their 80th birthdays with the children and most of their grandchildren on a cruise.



District Deputy's Message

In April we witnessed a heartbreaking loss with the fire at Notre-Dame Cathedral. The Cathedral is an iconic symbol of the Church, but the fire, to some, was also a symbol of the punishment our Church is receiving for recent behavior. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson notes: *Mindful of all the controversies consuming the Church in recent years, the image of this burning cathedral seemed in a way to symbolize the devastation so many Catholics have felt as our Church has been rocked by one crisis after another. Fires have destroyed great cathedrals before, and they have been rebuilt. So let us hope this will be true again. But not only this church. Let us*

resolve to patiently 'rebuild' the Church, not with granite and mortar, but with living stones in the spirit of those earlier builders — with humility, penance and with gratitude for the miracle that God is still performing before our eyes. And let us do so with confidence in Mary, who 'at that moment when everything collapsed' does not hesitate to intervene for us.

Gentlemen, as Knights, we have an opportunity to not only act in the spirit of the first tenet of our order, Charity, but also to act with penance to help “rebuild” one of the buildings most symbolic of our Church. Please join me in donating to Knights of Columbus Charities and direct your gift to the rebuilding of the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. You can do this on-line by going to:

kofc.org/en/news/releases/we-will-rebuild.html

Or, by mail, send a check to:

Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., PO Box 382154, Pittsburgh, PA 15251-8154

and note “Fund to rebuild Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, France” in the memo line.

Remember Charity, give and pray.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Wilcox, DD4

In Memoriam

Ralph Moore
Jack Singer
Linda Schmidt, wife of PGK Jim Schmidt

*Let us pray for their souls and for the
consolation of their families.*

From Years Gone By

Taken at one of the 2009 Fish Fry Dinners. From L. Ray Visotski, Jim Loftis “Mr. Engle” Ed Maino. Thanks to Phyllis Loftis for the photo. We still have the shirts and wear them for special events.



Field Agent Report

The Catholic Difference. What does that mean, “Discover the Catholic Difference?” Is it just a marketing slogan or is there real meaning behind it?

Let’s look at that at several levels. Our Catholicity as an organization forms all that we do. Our Order was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity; as a Catholic business we also have core

values of Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence and Respect. In all our dealings we try to embody those values in the field and at our Supreme Office.

Money from insurance premiums and annuity deposits is managed by our investment department colleagues, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. They manage that money, now amounting to more than \$24 million, using sound investment strategies in full compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ socially responsible investment guidelines. We will not invest in companies that engage in abortions, producing abortifacient drugs, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning or pornography. Our Asset Advisors prove that a business can operate on these principles and still produce a healthy profit. That’s a Catholic Difference!

Our charitable contributions of more than \$185 million last year went to a wide variety of organizations. Many were Catholic, but some were not. We give money to support worthy causes and we do that, not because *they* are Catholic, but because *we* are Catholic. That’s what our faith calls us to do; Sirach 40:17 tells us that acts of kindness and charity last for an eternity. We are supporting victims of genocide in Syria and other places in the Middle East. We have placed more than 1000 ultrasound machines in all 50 states and saved more than 1 million lives. We financially and spiritually support seminarians, disaster victims, Special Olympians and many

others. All this from the profits of our insurance program and investments and the contributions of members. That's a Catholic Difference!

And speaking of the insurance program, let's talk about the "Discover the Catholic Difference" there. Here are a few examples: First, our products are designed with our members' needs in mind. For example, I'm not aware of any other company that offers a Spousal Waiver of Premium benefit...and there is no additional premium for that! Second, we have never raised our Long-Term Care Insurance premiums, something very few, if any, insurance companies can say. Third, we offer Disability Income Insurance to blue collar workers as well as white and grey collar workers. We recognize that it's not just the affluent that need that coverage. Fourth, we still meet with brother knights and their families in their homes if they prefer; it might be more convenient for them. Fifth, young children; we want to make sure a member has the opportunity to protect their insurability with life insurance that has a guaranteed purchase option. Sixth, our fixed-rate annuity has a minimum guarantee for life, meaning a member will always make money on his money. Seventh, our Supreme Office is currently developing new products to meet even more needs of our members...so stay tuned! Now that's the Catholic Difference!

If you'd like to find out about more Catholic differences that could make a difference in your life, let me know. I'll be around after

the meeting and I'd appreciate the chance to meet with you.

Vivat Jesus!

Ray Visotski, PGK
Field Agent
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In Closing:

This is the 2nd issue of The Compass that I am editing and I'm still working on some of the details. It is a work in progress.

Did I miss something? Is there something that should be added?

Please send comments/suggestions and future copy/photos to my personal email address and please do not send to Bill Collins to send to me. My email is rvisotski@gmail.com. It was a little confusing this time around as folks were sending information to my work email, also to Bill Collins and sometimes it was even being texted to me and that just makes it difficult to keep track of everything.

I hope I found everything that was sent to me, that I didn't leave anyone out and that you will find this an enjoyable, reading experience. If I inadvertently miss-spelled a name, please accept my apology and please let me know.

Information for the September- October issue of The Compass will be due to me by Friday, August 30th.

Fraternally, Ray Visotski, PGK