

# The Compass

## Knights of Columbus

Monsignor George Lewis Smith  
Council No. 3684

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Assembly No. 1074

A Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service  
Organization

July- August 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*

### **Council Officers:**

Grand Knight Richard Hesson  
Deputy Grand Knight: Craig Burgess  
Chancellor: Stephen Baris  
Warden: Frank Novotny  
Recorder: Mark D. Kranjc  
Treasurer: Charles R. Goergen,  
Advocate: John Kvartek  
Inside Guard: Andy Colquitt  
Outside Guard: Mike Pawley  
Financial Secretary: James G. Loftis  
1st year Trustee: Kevin P. O'Donnell,  
2nd year Trustee: Thomas N Baker  
3rd year Trustee: David Didimamoff,  
Lecturer: Max B. Gorenssek,  
District Deputy Ed Wilcox  
Field Agent Ray Visotski, PGK

### **Dates to remember:**

- September 15<sup>th</sup> Pancake  
breakfast at St Angela Hall 9am  
-pm
- September 21<sup>st</sup> Bar B Q.
- October 19<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest

- November 15<sup>th</sup> Rummage sale

### **Grand Knight's Message**

Over the last few weeks, I have heard the expression "Everyone is getting burnt out". I couldn't agree more. But I will always say, "If everyone just volunteered or helped in one event or fund-raiser, then we will still reach our goals and have a successful year". As Knights, we have the honor and duty to practice our core values, Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Giving your time to one of our events, will make each one a hit. Some give their time more often and to them, I applaud you & thank you from the bottom of my heart. To those who haven't this year, just pick one calendar activity and join us. Bring your wife, girlfriend, family and friends and make this a bonding & memorable event for the whole family. We have a golf tournament, pancake breakfast, numerous fish fries, yard sale, Special Olympics and Oktoberfest to name a few. There is a calendar of events in this newsletter to provide some ideas and help plan your time. Your assistance before, during or after will be greatly appreciated by the chairman. It is also a great time to meet fellow Knights and their families & form some new friendships or rekindle old ones..

I have also heard prospective members say "I am just too busy". We need new members. With new ideas. With new energy. When talking to them, we are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action. But we are not a secret society. We encourage all new members to include wives and children to join us during the events we have throughout the year. So when asking someone to join, let them know our degrees and

meetings are restricted to members, but we open our arms and hearts to everything else. The ladies are encouraged to join the Columbiettes who meet the same night as we have our first monthly meeting followed by a social hour where we get together and enjoy each other's company. Your sons can become a Knight when they reach the age of 18 and what better way to share your love of Church than sharing special moments with him during their journey to becoming a 3rd degree member.

In closing, you joined the Knights for a reason so let's share it with new members.

Vivat Jesus  
Richard Hesson, Grand Knight

### **Faithful Navigator's Log Assembly Officers**

Faithful Navigator Dan Mefford  
Faithful Captain Joe Deskovitch  
Faithful Pilot Dick Schreck  
Faithful Purser Ton Arnedos  
Faithful Comptroller Max Gorensenk  
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

### **INSERT FN REPORT**

### **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.

### **Pig Roast/BBQ**

\*The Pig Roast/BBQ ... "The Food Reviews are all Great and Plenty in more ways than one". Sooo if you missed the last one, the next one is tentatively set for Sat Sept 21. Craig Burgess heads it up, sooo you can Eat and Feel Safe to lick your fingers!! Order ahead for a Butt of your own. Watch the Church Bulletin

### **Oktoberfest**

\*This years Oktoberfest is 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. Watch the Church Bulletin.

### **Fish Fry's**

\*We are continuing a Fall Fish Fry, set for Nov 8th for those Hook'd on Fish, "Fish on !!" Watch the Church Bulletin for the catch of the day.

### **Rummage Sale**

\* For those who missed the last Rummage Sale, the next one 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, Janiece, Joe and Stoner). PS: Those that help get insight to what's there and special basement pricing.

## **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 Joe Palladino/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. Some known Rental Dates Sept 28, Oct. 5th, Oct 12th, Dec.7th and Dec.14th. (Subject to change)

\*Still need a battery operated Blower, so the front door carpet can easily be blown off by anybody prior to any event big or small. Maybe keep in Bingo room for easy, anybody does it, access.

## **Work Activities**

\*Roof replacement will be the next big ticket item, late this year or next year.

\*Fraser / Robinson procured new Bar stools for patrons seating pleasure. Come sit and relax and discuss what you can do for the Columbus Club. Note: sitting on top of your money maybe uncomfortable. Just some " Bar Tips"

\*Replacing the entry carpet is on the "Wish List" (Donor/Sponsor/Lead)

\*The Brother Knights have been working on remodeling the proposed Nun/St. Christopher Bldg that will support the Hispanic Outreach Center. A

big thanks to Knight Kelly Myer for basically donating flooring material and tools and working, Thanks to Knights Kevin Stoner, Dick Frushour and Jorge Alejo, Joe Tillman for working flooring, trim, painting, inside/outside cleanup etc etc etc.Thanks to Knights Dan Medford, Tom Monahon and Jim Kabel for organizing and completing kitchen/bathroom cabinets and plumbing work. No Leaks, but a couple of drips, initially.

\*The Brother Knights Rick Luck and Karl Odenthal had requested some work in Crossland Park for a elderly parishioner. Thanks goes to Kevin Stoner and Jorge Alejo for doing the window wood work installation to prevent trespassers.

\*K of C Hall upgrades continue but are slow.

\*Misc work at the CC Club/Church/School continues on occasion, Volunteers always welcome. Contact: Mark Szymanski 803-645-1405 to get on the call list.

## **Rumors**

\* The Knights will be having a Pancake feed SAH Sept 15th.

\* The Sir Knights will be having a Tootsie Roll donation drive at the Church Oct.12th/13th. Thanks Vince. PS: Vince continues the Blood drive about every 52 days throughout the year.

\* The Sir Knights are selling Plants/Landscaping stuff.. Great Fund Rasier. Thanks Andy Colquitt & the Nursery Connection.

\* The Sir Knights are building Christmas Manger scenes for sale in near Christmas

future. Thanks Mike Pawley. May set up a sample scene for pre- orders.

\* A Parishioner donated a vehicle to St. Mary's Hispanic outreach center. Still need a refrigerator and other furniture. If you have something to donate, green is a good color, Contact Pat Wray, in the Church office.

\*Demolition of the Yellow Bldg next to Mother Theresa will be happening in near future and possible work for some.

\*St. Vincent Food Pantry is in dire need of a new President, with existing officer term limits ending.

\*New Statue by the Guadalupe Shrine was installed and the Roses are blooming. Look-n see the beauty of the court yard.

\*City work on a new water line to Mother Theresa Bldg to begin in near future and will mess up Union Street parking temp, by Train Depot accordingly.

\*Dead pine tree in parking lot may come down in near future. Free exercise and wood for the taking.

\* Fake News Alert! No goats were needed to keep the K of C grass down. Fraser worked his magic and got a good deal on a New Lawn Mower with discounts/donations/ Gold Donor Mike Pauley. The grass mowing and weed control is ongoing. May call on Father for a Weed control Blessing Stay Tuned. Initial 10 hr oil change complete. Mow on-n-on !!

\*Big Rumor, The St. Mary's Campground is "Back". Not open yet do

to some legal issues but, but Thanks to Knight John and his boss Gina Kvartek, for following/questioning /reasoning/justifying etc. etc, More info in near future.

(John also bush hogged the outlying tree areas around the KC Hall)

In summary, if we missed something "Talk it up". If I got some dates wrong, look at other sources/listing. If we noted something you liked "Talk it up". We can only get better with your help in many many ways. Mistakes means experience. Communication "Unity" is one of many goals for all!

In closing, there are many Knights/Brothers/Parishioners that help the Columbus Club and K of C in many many ways

Thanks

Brother Knight  
Mark Szymanski  
803-645-1405

## Lady's Corner

*No report this month*

## Congratulations to SK, PGK, PFN, PSD, PSM, Tom Monahon

Tom Monahon was recently asked to serve as the Vice Supreme Master for the DeSoto Province (NC,SC, GA, FL and Puerto Rico). This speaks to Tom's commitment to our Order and is a significant responsibility. PSD Michael Allen will become the State Master.

## Blood Drive



**Sheppard Community  
Blood Center**

Due to liability issues we will not have

a Blood Drive at the Chocolate Festival on October 5th.

The next Blood Drive will be November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1st.  
Thank you,  
Vince Ingrasciotta

## 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 September 6th and 20th, October 4th and 18th, November 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## District Deputy Report

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis. The Convention was not all business, but plenty of celebration of faith with Mass every day and celebration of accomplishments of the Order with the greatest praises for a Knight-to-be, Kendrick Castillo (see The July edition of the Columbia magazine). Kendrick, who was waiting for his initiation degree, gave his life protecting his classmates from a senseless shooter, the ultimate act of Charity. What I'll always remember is Mass, celebrated every day during the Convention, with 80 Cardinals and Bishops! Cardinal Lacroix and Archbishops Hebda and

Lori provided wonderful homilies. It is easy to praise the accomplishments of our Order and what we are poised to do. Just 4 weeks later, I was invited to help the Barnwell Council welcome Bishop Guglielmone to celebrate Mass at the small mission in Springfield. The Knights were an honor guard for the Bishop and sat in the first pew. As unforgettable as sitting in a very large audience in front of 80 Cardinals and Bishops is sitting 3 feet from our Bishop and listening to his homily, a message in humility. It's easy to be proud of our Order's accomplishments and capabilities, but we need to behave with humility, especially when proclaiming our accomplishments. Vivat Jesus! Ed Wilcox, DD4

## In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Susan Irene Wisz who died on Friday, August 23, AD 2019. Please also pray for the consolation of her husband, Brother George Wisz.

Judith Hines of Florida who died on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. Please also pray for the consolation of her family. Judith and her husband John Joseph Hines lived in Aiken. John died in 2012, and Judith moved to Florida in 2015 to live with her daughter.

Leonard Visotski, 88, an active Knight for over 50 years and a charter member of Fr. James Russell Council #11409 in Warren, NJ

## Knights Support Homeworks



Photo courtesy of John Houpt, one of our Knights who helped cook for Tuesday night's dinner for Home Works. Kevin and Karen Stoner and others helped with the kids this past week. Our Knights cooked dinner on Tuesday night. The Knights brought the ham, John and Dee Houpt made mac and cheese, green beans w/potatoes, Publix donated the bread, and Marion and J.J. Engel solicited Kroger for all the desserts. It was a big success. Kudos to Kevin, Karen and other Knights from our council for hanging in there the whole week with all meals, bag lunches, snacks, etc. for all the kids

### From Years Gone By



*SK Ray Visotski & SK Ed Maino were on-deck for a rental function back on August 22, 2008.*

### Field Agent Report

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. (Although this report didn't say it, I've got to think these percentages are pretty much the same in Canada.) So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That,

and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify & prioritize your financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation
3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls
4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. Implement – Choose a financial strategy and implement
6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That's where I can help.

Vivat Jesus!

Ray Visotski, PGK

Field Agent  
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### **Formation Degree Scheduled**

Brother Knights,

We plan to conduct First (Initiation) and Second (Formation) Degree Exemplifications in Aiken, in the Columbus Club Hall, 1003 Spaulding Drive, Aiken, SC 29803, on Wednesday, October 30, 2019.

The First Degree Exemplification will begin at 7:30 PM, to be followed immediately by the Second Degree Exemplification.

Candidates from all Councils in District 4 of South Carolina and beyond are welcome to take part and make these degrees.

Candidates for the First Degree must have completed the Membership Form as new members, with appropriate sponsorship by a current member, paid appropriate fees, and have been approved by their Council. These credentials must be attested by their Council Financial Secretary.

Candidates for the Second Degree must be in possession of the current First Degree membership card issued by their Council, to show that they are First Degree members in good standing.

All Knights of Columbus are encouraged to attend, especially the Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries of the Candidates.

Candidates must be on hand no later than 7:15 PM on the evening of the Exemplifications.

Degree Team members are asked to be on hand by 6:30 PM, and no later than 7 PM, to help prepare for the ceremonies.

Bill Collins, PGK, PFN, Captain,  
Second Degree Team, South Carolina  
District 4

### **In Closing:**

This is the 3rd 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](mailto:rvisotski@gmail.com).  
let me know.

Information for the November-December issue of The Compass will be due to me by Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, Ray Visotski, PGK