



SHINING ARMOR GAZETTE

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

October

- 7 Business Meeting
- 9 Football Concessions
- 10 Membership Blitz
- 17 Soccer Challenge
- 21 Social Meeting
- 30 Football Concessions

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GRAND KNIGHT'S BRIEF

October is one of our busiest program months of the year. I trust that every Brother Knight has selected a few programs in which to get involved by now. If not, please refer to our Council Calendar for upcoming activities!

Three new initiatives are underway that you should be aware of, and will hopefully support.

Keep Christ in Christmas magnet fundraiser is a great opportunity



for the Council to raise a few hundred dollars, and to Put Our Catholic Faith In Action. Beginning in late October, KCIC magnets will be available for purchase at \$5 each. They will be available and points of sale will be announced at the November Business Meeting. So plan on attending!

We will begin taking orders in November for our first production run of an embroidered Council golf shirt. They will sell for \$20 and will have the K of C logo over the left breast with our Council name and number. I hope to have a full size sample available at the November meeting. We

have yet to select a shirt color, and that will be discussed at the business meeting. These are a great item to have to wear at all Council activities!

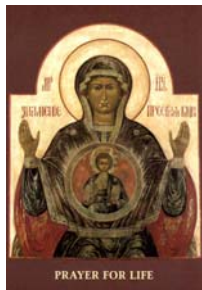


Finally, by unanimous consent of those present at our October Business Meeting, the Council has authorized the formation of a Ladies Auxiliary of Columbiettes. We will begin immediately with informing the ladies of our parish about this exciting opportunity, and I would ask that you share this newsletter with every Catholic lady in your family and circle of friends. This is a tremendous opportunity not only for our Council, but also for the parish of St. Joseph! An informational meeting will be held in conjunction with our October 21st Social Meeting. We will have representatives from the State and Supreme Columbiette Councils on hand to provide more information, and to begin the process of recruiting the necessary 25 charter members. I would greatly appreciate having your support in this.

Vivat Jesus!

S. W. Hudson, III

October is Pro-Life Month



The monthly Rosary at the Shrine of the Unborn is held at 9:30 AM on the 1st Sunday of each month. Thanks to all of the Knights that came out to on October 3rd!

There is a Rosary Vigil every Saturday morning at 10AM outside the Planned Parenthood parking lot (2712 Middleburg Dr).

40 Days for Life (now through Oct. 31): 7 AM to 7 PM, at the entrance to Planned Parenthood's parking lot (2712 Middleburg Dr). People can sign up for Vigil slots anytime by visiting www.40daysforlife.com/columbia and clicking on the "vigil schedule" link.

Rosaries for Life (now through Oct. 31): People can take part in this on their own, any time and place, as part of the prayer and fasting aspect of the 40 Days for Life. Keep track of Rosary totals and put them in the collection basket in the back of church or e-mail the weekly totals to 40Days@stgiannaguild.org.

Pro-Life Booth at the State Fair (Oct. 13 to 24): For more information or to volunteer, e-mail Ila Woodwyk at scllila@yahoo.com or call at 803-920-3303.

Membership

Our semi-annual Membership Blitz will be held on October 10th in conjunction with Community Sunday in the Rowland Education Building lobby. All Knights are asked to turn out to support this important activity! Help is needed after all 3 Sunday Masses. If you have a KofC name badge, please wear it. Remember, this is a "soft sell" recruitment blitz. Come and mingle and work if someone shows interest, use a Prospect Card to take down their information so that we can follow up with them to more fully answer their questions.

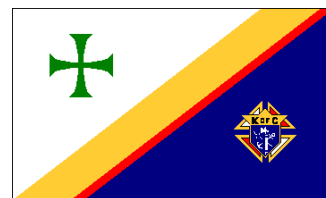
If you have a prospect for membership, forward his information via a prospect card or Form 100 to Membership Director Fred Parsons (467-4755).

We will also be recruiting members for the Ladies Auxiliary, so bring your wives, sisters, mothers and daughters. Information on the Columbiettes will also be available at the membership table.

Ceremonials

First Degrees for 2010-2011 have been scheduled. Seek out qualified prospects to fill these dates:

- November 4th
- February 3rd
- April 7th
- May 5th



Congratulations to Brothers Mark Shaffer and Bill Jones for completing their 2nd Degrees on September 12th, and to Brother Paul Ardoin for completing his 3rd Degree on October 2nd.

A 3rd degree exemplification is scheduled for Sunday, January 16, 2011, at Columbia Council 724 at 12:30PM. If you are a 2nd Degree Knight and wish to attend, contact Lester Johnson (755-2736) or Rob Wiggs (447-2127).

Programming Note

The Council continues to work a concession stand at every USC home football game. Seven volunteers are needed per game! Contact **Rick Coker** (466-5020) to help in this council fundraiser.

The Catholic Booth at the SC State Fair will be October 13 to 24. If you are interested in volunteering or supporting the Catholic Booth please call Sharon Crocker 309-2480, or email her at scrocker4@windstream.net.

Two big Youth Activities take place in October: Soccer Challenge on the 17th, and the Substance Abuse Poster Contest the week of October 25-29. We need everyone's help with the Soccer Challenge. If you can help, contact Branden Conrad at 803-673-0069. We need volunteers to help grade the posters, and to be on hand for the presentation of certificates on 10/29 after 8:15AM Mass.

The program for the Social Meeting on October 21st will entail a Ladies Auxiliary information session. Representatives of the Columbiette State Council will be on hand. Please invite your Catholic female relatives and friends to attend!

The All Souls Day Remembrance Mass and Reception will be on November 2nd. We need help with this parish-wide activity. Contact Dan Wagner to help.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 3 MONTHLY ROSARY AT SHRINE OF THE UNBORN
- 7 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM; DINNER, 6:30 PM
- 9 FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND FUNDRAISER
- 10 COMMUNITY SUNDAY MEMBERSHIP BLITZ
- 11 COLUMBUS DAY
- 13-24 CATHOLIC BOOTH AT SC STATE FAIR
- 17 YOUTH SOCCER SHOOTOUT, 2PM, ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL SOCCER FIELD
- 21 SOCIAL MEETING, 7 PM, PARISH HOUSE, COVERED DISH; EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:30 PM
- 29 SUBSTANCE ABUSE POSTER CONTEST AWARDS, ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, FOLLOWING 8:15AM MASS
- 30 FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER

- 2 ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE MASS AND RECEPTION, 6PM
- 4 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND 1ST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION, 7:30 PM; DINNER, 6:30 PM
- 6 FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND FUNDRAISER

- 7 MONTHLY ROSARY AT SHRINE OF THE UNBORN
- 7 PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT SEMINARIANS
- 11 VETERANS' DAY
- 18 SOCIAL MEETING, 7 PM, PARISH HOUSE, COVERED DISH; EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:30 PM
- 20 FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND FUNDRAISER
- 21 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING
- 25 THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER

- 2 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 PM; DINNER, 6:30 PM
- 5 MONTHLY ROSARY AT SHRINE OF THE UNBORN
- 5 PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, 9AM-12PM
- 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
- 16 SOCIAL MEETING, 7 PM, PARISH HOUSE, COVERED DISH; EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:30 PM
- 25 CHRISTMAS
- 30 "KNIGHTS NIGHT" SOCIAL, *TENTATIVE*

Saint of the Month by Deacon Charles P. Poole, Jr.

St. Teresa of Avila



October 15

Life 1515-1582

Doctor of the Church

Foundress of Discalced Carmelites

Teresa de Ahumada y Cepeda was born in Avila, Spain, in 1515, 27

years after the Muslims were thrown out of Spain, and 30 years after the beginning of the Council of Trent and the death of Martin Luther. She was the third of nine children by the second wife of her father Don Alfonso Sánchez de Cepeda. He was a Jewish convert, hence suspected of not being a genuine Christian. Teresa was very open about her entire life, except for her ancestry.

As a young child she avidly read the Lives of Martyrs, and in an attempt to get to heaven fast at age 7 she and her 11 year old brother Rodrigo ran away from home to be martyred by the Moors in North Africa. After an uncle brought them back they decided to become hermits, as the second best thing after martyrdom. She grew up with a charming personality, and enjoyed dressing up with jewelry and perfume. Her later autobiography was severely critical of these early years of her life. When she was 13 her mother Doña Beatriz died, and her father sent her to a nearby Augustinian Convent to be cared for and educated.

At age 31 she joined the local Carmelite convent with 180 nuns, and lived a comfortable life with her own kitchen, oratory and guest room. The richer nuns had their own servants living with them. She was influenced by a book written by a Franciscan Francisco de Osuna *The Third Spiritual Alphabet* which was influencing a strong contemporary movement in the Church for the reform of convents and monasteries. She had a second conversion to the religious life at age 40, and began emphasizing prayer and meditation. Reading St. Augustine helped her. She began to experience interior visions and voices, and occasionally attained the highest levels of contemplation.

When she proposed to found a convent which would abide by the original strict Carmelite rule, she met with enormous opposition from her fellow nuns, the local bishop, her provincial and the municipal authorities. She and four companions finally founded St. Joseph's in Avila. They lived a life of prayer and penance, and did not wear shoes, so they were called Discalced. The Council of Trent ended in 1563, and four years later the Carmelite Father General allowed Teresa to found 12 new reformed convents for nuns, and 2 reformed houses for friars, The "Calced" tried to prevent the reform, so they kidnapped and imprisoned her ally St. John of the Cross. The discalced survived, and officially became a separate order 9 years after Teresa died.

Teresa wrote several books on spirituality such as *The Way of Perfection*, *The Interior Castle*, and *Thoughts on the Love of God*. She and John of the Cross are recognized as the two outstanding mystics of the Church.

Fathers For Good An initiative for men by the Knights of Columbus

Why Fathers Count

There is a category in social science called 'father absence.' The absence of a father is known to researchers to be a significant factor in the success or failure of children. The fact is, fathers make a huge and irreplaceable difference in the lives of their children in terms of education, income, abuse, mental and physical health, drug use, sexual activity, pregnancy and almost every other social indicator. Here are just a few items from the [National Fatherhood Initiative](#):

Father Factor: Education

Fatherless children are twice as likely to drop out of school.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. National Center for Health Statistics. Survey on Child Health. Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1993.

Father involvement in schools is associated with the higher likelihood of a student getting mostly A's. This was true for fathers in biological parent families, for stepfathers, and for fathers heading single-parent families.

Source: Nord, Christine Winquist, and Jerry West. Fathers' and Mothers' Involvement in Their Children's Schools by Family Type and Resident Status. (NCES 2001-032). Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2001.

Half of all children with highly involved fathers in two-parent families reported getting mostly A's through 12th grade, compared to 35.2 percent of children of nonresident father families.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics. The Condition of Education. NCES 1999022. Washington, DC: U.S. Dept. of Education, 1999: 76.

Father Factor: Poverty

Children in father-absent homes are five times more likely to be poor. In 2002, 7.8 percent of children in married-couple families were living in poverty, compared to 38.4 percent of children in female-householder families.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Children's Living Arrangements and Characteristics: March 2002, P200-547, Table C8. Washington D.C.: GPO, 2003.

A child with a nonresident father is 54 percent more likely to be poorer than his or her father.

Source: Sorenson, Elaine and Chava Zibman. "Getting to Know Poor Fathers Who Do Not Pay Child Support." Social Service Review 75 (September 2001): 420-434.

Father Factor: Infants and Early Childhood

Infant mortality rates are 1.8 times higher for infants of unmarried mothers than for married mothers.

Source: Matthews, T.J., Sally C. Curtin, and Marian F. MacDorman. Infant Mortality Statistics from the 1998 Period Linked

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4th Degree

BISHOP ENGLAND ASSEMBLY 1072



The next Exemplification of the 4th Degree will be held in Columbia at the Radisson Hotel on Bush River Road, February 25th and 26th. Friday night will consist of hospitality rooms hosted by each participating Assembly, and is open to everyone. Saturday will begin with Mass, followed by lunch and a ladies luncheon, the Exemplification, and end with a Black Tie dinner and dancing.

To join the 4th Degree you must be a 3rd Degree Member in good standing, and a member of the Knights of Columbus for at least six months. Contact any 4th Degree member for a Form 4.

Bishop England Assembly 1072 meets at 7:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the old house next to Good Shepherd Church, Calhoun St.

October Birthdays

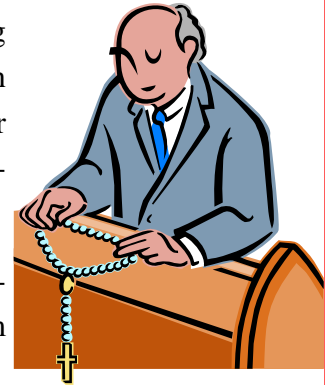
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| 1st | Mark Schimmoeller |
| 3rd | Frank Toth |
| 7th | Damian Masse |
| 13th | Brandon Jarrell |
| 17th | Eddie Roberts |
| 19th | Dr. David Jordan |
| 19th | Dan Cassidy |

We wish all of our Brother Knights a happy and blessed birthday!

Brother to Brother

Please pray for the following Knights who are sick or in distress, and remember their families during these difficult times:

Brother Johnny Nix (783-0419) is recovering from multiple surgeries.



Brother Gerard Gener (447-3687) is recovering after complications from hip surgery.

Brother Laddie Gatling (261-6883) continues his battle with MS.

Brother Byron Weston (256-4983 Room 115) remains in the nursing home.

Brother Andy Nelson will be having surgery.

Brother Greg Couture of Council 11325 in Lexington has stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

Brother Len Turi of Council 14475 in Lake Wylie recently took a fall and is in intensive care.

Brother Roberto Molinary of Council 6847 in East Columbia will be having surgery on 10/13.

Pray for Brother Jim Albert's father-in-law who is with terminal cancer, and for the Albert family as they make an emergency trip to the Philippines.

Remember, Charity begins at home! If you know of a Brother Knight that is sick or in distress, contact PGK Jim Corbett <Jcoresq@aol.com> or PGK Sam Kopack <KSkopack@aol.com>.

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Birth/Infant Death Data Set. National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 48, No. 12. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics, 2000.

A study of 3,400 middle schoolers indicated that not living with both biological parents quadruples the risk of having an affective disorder.

Source: Cuffe, Steven P., Robert E. McKeown, Cheryl L. Addy, and Carol Z. Garrison. "Family Psychosocial Risk Factors in a Longitudinal Epidemiological Study of Adolescents." Journal of American Academic Child Adolescent Psychiatry 44 (February 2005): 121-129.

Father Factor: Incarceration

Even after controlling for income, youths in father-absent households still had significantly higher odds of incarceration than those in mother-father families. Youths who never had a father in the household experienced the highest odds.

Source: Harper, Cynthia C. and Sara S. McLanahan. "Father Absence and Youth Incarceration." Journal of Research on Adolescence 14 (September 2004): 369-397.

Father Factor: Drugs and Delinquency

Adolescents, particularly boys, in single-parent families were at higher risk of status, property and person delinquencies. Moreover, students attending schools with a high proportion of children of single parents are also at risk.

Source: Anderson, Amy L. "Individual and contextual influences on delinquency: the role of the single-parent family." Journal of Criminal Justice 30 (November 2002): 575-587.

Of the 228 students studied, those from single-parent families reported higher rates of drinking and smoking as well as higher scores on delinquency and aggression tests when compared to boys from two-parent households.

Source: Griffin, Kenneth W., Gilbert J. Botvin, Lawrence M. Scheier, Tracy Diaz and Nicole L. Miller. "Parenting Practices as Predictors of Substance Use, Delinquency, and Aggression Among Urban Minority Youth: Moderating Effects of Family Structure and Gender." Psychology of Addictive Behaviors 14 (June 2000): 174-184.

Father Factor: Sexual Activity

Being raised by a single mother raises the risk of teen pregnancy, marrying with less than a high school degree, and forming a marriage where both partners have less than a high school degree.

Source: Teachman, Jay D. "The Childhood Living Arrangements of Children and the Characteristics of Their Marriages." Journal of Family Issues 25 (January 2004): 86-111.

Researchers using a pool from both the U.S. and New Zealand found strong evidence that father absence has an effect on early sexual activity and teenage pregnancy. Teens without fathers were twice as likely to be involved in early sexual activity and seven times more likely to get pregnant as an adolescent

Source: Ellis, Bruce J., John E. Bates, Kenneth A. Dodge, David M. Ferguson, L. John Horwood, Gregory S. Pettit, and Lianne Woodward. "Does Father Absence Place Daughters at Special Risk for Early Sexual Activity and Teenage Pregnancy." Child Development 74 (May/June 2003): 801-821.

Insurance



Do I need life insurance?

Yes, the chances are you do need life insurance, whether it's for paying funeral expenses, replacing income, providing money for your child's education, protecting your home or many other reasons. Unfortunately, too many people don't know the value of a life insurance policy and go without any or adequate coverage. Check out our life insurance calculator to see where you stand.

Is the Knights of Columbus financially strong?

Yes. The Order is one of the strongest organizations from which you can purchase insurance, as assess-

ments by independent evaluators consistently show. Our margin of safety is among the best in the industry. The Knights of Columbus annually receives the highest ratings given by the A.M. Best Company and Standard & Poor's.

What exactly are dividends?

Dividends are the divisible surplus the Order has left over after paying expenses and setting aside the necessary amounts to assure that future benefits are fully funded. Dividends develop from favorable experience, such as people living longer than expected or from interest earnings higher than those guaranteed in their policy. Remember, the pay-

ment of dividends cannot be guaranteed.

If I have questions about my non-Knights insurance policy, or have an interest in learning more about the products the Order offers, whom should I ask? Your professional Knights of Columbus agent can answer any questions you may have. Even if you are not currently a policyholder, a field agent, who is also a brother Knight is available to meet with you at your convenience to discuss the needs of you and your family. Your Field Agent is Peter Zeeff, 731-5107.

Congratulations!

Our Knight of the Month for August was Dan Wagner.

Our Knight of the Month for September is Rob Wiggs.

The Family of the Month for August is that of Brother Bill Cunningham.



The *Shining Armor Gazette* is a monthly publication of the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council 12554. Distribution is via email generally on the Friday immediately following the 1st Thursday of the month.

The Council currently meets in the Parish House at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Columbia on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month, unless otherwise published. Regular Business Meetings, closed but to the membership, are held at 7:30pm on the 1st Thursday, preceded by dinner at 6:30pm. Social Meetings, open to all, are held at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday, and consist of a potluck dinner and program, which is preceded by an Officer/Director Meeting at 6:30pm, if applicable.

We are now on the Web! Check out our Council web site at www.kofc12554.org, and our Facebook page too.

WHAT ARE THE COLUMBIETTES?

The Columbiettes, a united international organization of Catholic women dedicated to our Patronesses, Our Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Theresa the Little Flower and Saint Joan of Arc, are comprised of affiliated Auxiliaries of the Knights of Columbus Councils.

HOW THE COLUMBIETTES WERE FOUNDED?

In 1939, Monsignor J. Francis McIntyre, at that time Chaplain of the New York Chapter Knights of Columbus, conceived the idea of a ladies organization to work with the Knights of Columbus. On March 2, 1939 the first Columbiettes were instituted in New York City. Through the integrity, strength and scope of our Auxiliary activities, the Columbiettes have become a recognized group of women working with the Knights of Columbus, promoting the ideals of Columbianism.

COLUMBIETTES PURPOSE IS TO . . .

- † Promote the spiritual, social and charitable welfare of our members.
- † Instill a steadfast conviction relating to the proper place and function of Catholic women in safeguarding the religious, civil and economic rights of all Catholics.

- † Rely upon the intercession of Mary, our Mother and Model, for guidance in guarding the common good and to work through her on loving and aiding all members of the human family and to give assistance to the Knights of Columbus.



OUR EMBLEM

The **Blue Circle** represents the world.

The **White Cross** represents Christ's love for us, by His Crucifixion He redeemed the world.

The **Rays** represent our zeal to serve God through the mediums of Faith, Hope and Charity that are symbolized by the **Three White Stars**.



OUR AUXILIARIES SPONSOR ALONE OR WITH THEIR KNIGHTS

- Safe Harbor – for abused women and children
- Serenity Place – for addicted women and children
- Birthright Showers
- Ronald McDonald House
- Days of Reflection – retreats
- Operation Hope – for mentally challenged children and adults
- Christmas in the Park – feeds and clothes the needy
- Room at the Inn
- St. Vincent DePaul
- Respect Life



ARE YOU INTERESTED?

A meeting will be held on October 21st

At 7:00PM in the Parish House

Located at St. Joseph Catholic Church behind the Fountain.

Includes a covered dish potluck supper.

Please contact Skip Hudson, Grand Knight of St. Joseph K of C Council for additional information.

Phone number 803-622-7932

JOIN US

The membership of the Columbiettes is open to all Catholic women over the age of seventeen (17).

Contact the South Carolina State Council Columbiette District Deputy for information:

Thursa A. Sotak, Supreme Director
South Carolina District Deputy
803-648-8002

HOW TO ORGANIZE AN AUXILIARY

- ✝ A Knights of Columbus Council meets and votes to have a Columbiette Auxiliary formed under their Council name and number.
- ✝ The Grand Knight sends a letter to the Columbiette State President informing her of the Council's decision.
- ✝ Ladies are invited to an informational meeting where the Columbiettes are explained and their interest in membership is verified.
- ✝ With this core group of women, the proposed Auxiliary begins to form.
- ✝ When 20 or more ladies are signed up, an institution ceremony is arranged after which they are recognized as a new Auxiliary.

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Meets First Thursday

Prince of Peace Foothills Council 9184
Meets Second Thursday

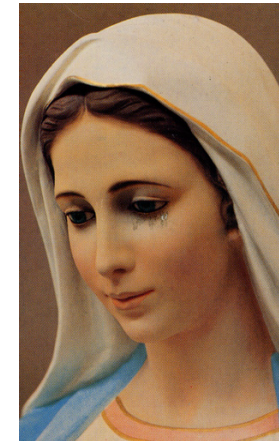
Msgr. Martin C. Murphy Council 6847
Meets Third Thursday

Michael O'Connor Council 5026
Meets Third Thursday

Fr. Bonaventure Brown Council 9672
Meets Second Monday

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE COUNCIL

COLUMBIETTES



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Saint Theresa the Little Flower
and
Saint Joan of Arc**