A SYMBOL OF SUFFERING, OF UNITY, AND OF HOPE
2/12/2016

A Symbol of Suffering, of Unity, and of Hope
Christians in the Middle East continue to face persecution and extinction simply for their belief in Jesus Christ. Their fate, however, has largely been ignored by the secular media.

We encourage councils to raise awareness of the refugees’ situation through the Solidarity Cross Program. Through this program, councils can use this form to order 5-inch olive wood crosses ($5 each, minimum order of 10), crafted by Christians in the Holy Land. They then sell the crosses in their communities for a suggested donation of $10 each, donating the net proceeds of the sale to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund. To show the importance of this program, the Supreme Council counts the sale of 50 or more crosses as fulfilling two service criteria under the Church Activities section of the Columbian Award.

To participate, please contact the Supply Department at 203-752-4214 or supply@kofc.org. When sending your council’s

SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

| March 2016 |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 12 Third Degree - Fort Mill Council 12366 |
| 19 Third degree - N. Charleston Council 8900 |
| **April 2016** |
| 2 Third Degree - Garden City Council 8980 |
| 9 Fourth Degree Biennial Meeting - Columbia |
| 9 Fourth Degree Exemplification - Columbia |
| 15 Suspension of Councils for Nonpayment of Per Capita Tax |
| 22-24 95th State Convention - Spartanburg Marriott |
| **May 2016** |
| 14 Third degree - N.E. Columbia Council 6847 |
| **June 2016** |
| 4 Third degree - Taylors Council 9184 |
| 18 Third Degree - Pawley’s Island Council 11028 |
From the State Deputy
Frank L. Davis

“HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR US”

Worthy Brothers,

You as Knights really made things happen in February. WOW what a month. Membership was great, just keep remembering to send those form 100s to membershiprecords@kofc.org. You will see from the Star Awards Contenders that many of our councils are now right on top and will make that Star Award, the highest award that Supreme gives to any council. Plus their per capita will be paid. You can do it too!! All you have to do is ask that brother at church or social to become a knight. Ask him to give an hour or two a year to help someone in need. Also please remind the proposer of the points Supreme is offering as well as the incentives the state has set up. 5 new or reinstated members get a 2016 Convention Shirt and a drawing for a free registration to the 2016 State Convention (value $105.00).

On February 20, we had the largest turn out ever for our Basketball State Free Throw Contest under the direction of our new Youth Director Randall Brown of Aiken council 3684. We had over 80 youths to attend and each received a gift and certificate, or trophy for their part in the competition. The event and future events were dedicated to the late PGK and State Youth Director Dante Tomasini of council 6892 Irmo, who passed away last year. Dante’s dream was forever youth to receive something for being in the competition and for their effort to travel there. We also increased the number of trophies we passed out to a total of 36. 12 boys and girls 1st place, 12 boys and girls 2nd place and 12 boys and girls 3rd place winners. The rest received a BASKETBALL FREE THROW PATCH AND CERTIFICATE. Thanks to all the youths and parents that made this event special. Please review the pictures below.

That same evening the state had its Annual Charity Ball. This Charity Ball and future Charity Balls are dedicated to CHARLIE RICHELETTI, PSD who passed away several years ago. His widow Betty was there to receive the honors. Betty also drew the names for this year’s Charity ticket winners. $5000.00 went to the Bluffton area, $3000.00 went to

From the Vocations Director
James P. Weiskircher, Vocations Director

This summer, the Diocese of Charleston will be ordaining one transitional deacon, Andrew Fryml and ordaining no priests. We presently have 9 diocesan seminarians. It takes between seven and nine years to become a priest. This will give the diocese one a year for the foreseeable future. With the aging priest population, we need to ordain 4 seminarians a year to replace dying and retiring priests, without any additional growth. The Diocese of Charleston is one of the few dioceses in the United States that is actually growing in size. There are many factors that have led to this shortage. One is that families have moved into the state later in life and their children, if interested in becoming a priest, stay in their old diocese. Another is that the shortage has become so critical that past bishops have ordained priests in their 60’s, and are only able to serve as priests for a short time, and they are now needing to retire. In other dioceses, they have a large network of Catholic High Schools which provide 50% of the new seminarians. Our five Catholic High Schools have been unable to help us hit the 50% mark. One other area of concern is that for the past several years only 3% of priests ordained have come from a one child family. With households with only one child, some parents are reluctant to promote the priesthood as a viable calling. Some parents would like to have grandchildren and if their son or daughter goes into religious life, they will not have any.

One bright spot for our diocese is that we are getting a larger number than average of seminarians that are converts to the religion. We need to continue to promote vocations at all levels within the Diocese. Both Catholic Scouting and the Knights Squire programs provide us with the opportunity to promote vocations to our youth.

As Knights, we need to take an active part in promoting vocations in our parishes. We have a statewide Bishop John England Vocations Award. We will award one council in each division, a plaque honoring the council that goes above and beyond the call of duty to promote vocations in their parish. This award will be given at the statewide meeting. Applications must be submitted no later than March 30th.

For an application or more information please email me at weiskircher1@charter.net.

State Deputy continued on page 5
Patriot’s Corner
Michael Mika
Master, South Carolina District
DeSoto Province

April 9, 2016 is our next 4th Degree Exemplification. Now is the time for you to get your paperwork completed and to the Assemblies for processing. **DON’T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.** The exemplification will be held at Saint Joseph’s Catholic Church in Columbia, SC. Candidates need to be there for registration no later than 8:00am. Announcement letters have been sent to all Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and District Deputies so there is no excuse for anyone saying I did not get the word.

For all Faithful Navigators the 4th Degree Bi-Annual meeting will take place on Saturday, April 9, 2016 prior to the 4th Degree Exemplification. This is a **mandatory meeting** required to conduct 4th Degree business and requires appointed delegates to vote on issues brought forth.

We Knights, Council and Assembly have only four more months in this Columbian Fraternal Year and the formal closing of the Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund Program.

A total of $1,139,109.01 has been received to date. This leaves a balance of $60,890.99 needed to reach the final goal of $1,200,000.00. I want to thank the Georgia District for their contribution of $5,000.00. This money is not reflected in the totals just given. With this in mind, we only need $1,100.00 from each State jurisdiction to reach the goal. I encourage you to again ask your Councils and Assemblies to give one more small donation. Ask them to «pass the hat» at a business meeting. Keep in mind that every little bit counts and there is no such thing as a donation being too small. Our remaining goal in South Carolina is **$2,204.25.**

You have heard me on several occasions talk about the severe shortage of Catholic Chaplains throughout the military. 800 positions have been allocated for Catholic Chaplains. Since the time of 9/11, the active duty roster has shrunk from more than 400 Priests to the current number of 216. Currently, 25% of the Military is Catholic, but Catholic Priests only account for 8% of the Chaplain Corps. This leaves them stretched over the diversified faith community on a scale of one Priest per 1,300 service members, **NOT** counting their families.

Here’s the progress we have made since starting this co-sponsored Program. We have 28 men currently in the Program from 22 Dioceses and are in 16 seminaries, including the Pontifical North American College in Europe. Three of them were ordained Deacons in 2015 and will be ordained Priests this year. There are 11 men in processing who are expected to start seminary in the fall of this year.

All checks should be made payable to “Knights of Columbus Charities” and on the memo line write “Military Chaplains Fund.” Donations should be sent to Gary L. McLain, 36 Current Ave, Middleburg, FL 32068.

I thank each of you for what you have been doing for this Program but let’s give it another boost for our men and women who are serving us. As always, if there are any questions please contact me at (843) 422-1425 or districtmastersc@yahoo.com. Remember, if you have given you are an integral part of the solution; on the other hand if you have done nothing you are a tremendous part of the problem.

Charity Raffle Winners

$5,000 winner is Ray Masillo Council 12263 Bluffton

$3,000 winner is Hailey Bennett Council 11991 Goose Creek

$2,000 winner is Kay Marsch Council 11471 Monck’s Corner
From the State Ceremonials/Protocol Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

Worthy Grand Knights and Members of the State Council:
This is just a reminder that the Degree awards will be given out at the New Grand Knights workshop. The awards are from July 1st to June 30 of each year. Don’t stop having degrees after the convention as you can still qualify for the award... I’m looking for more members that wish to be on the 3rd Degree teams and perform as Presenter of the Fraternal Charge. If you are interested in this position contact me and I will start the process. We have had some transfers into the state and have been able to add CO’s and PFC to our group, this will help us greatly.

Anyone submitting a form 450 to Supreme Council you can use the following email address until the form site is fixed. ceremonies@kofc.org

The attached reports show the status of each council for 1st Degrees and the District 2nd Degrees for 2015-2016. If you have had a Degree and the status chart does not show it, ask your District Deputy if he has submitted his form 450 prior to the 9th of the month.

Protocol Input

Worthy Grand Knights and Members of the State Council:
Introductions:
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First Degree Standings Notes

Goal for FY 15-16 Degrees Per Council
Div I - 1-150 - 4
Div II - 151-225 - 5
Div III - 226 & Above - 6
the Goose Creek area and the $2000.00 went to the Monks Corner area. There was a large crowd and we appreciate each of those in attendance. We also appreciate the hard work and the excellent food provided by Tony Zamarrelli and his St John Neumann council 6847.

It is time to turn in those names for this year’s awards. March 15 was scheduled but the time has been extended until March 31 to give you more time to prepare and submit your nominees. It is so very important to show those work-A-bees in your councils how much you appreciate them for all they do. It’s also a way to make your councils shine. Please take the time to make this happen or assign someone in your council that will have the pride to make your members stand out.

The Knight of the Year, Golden Knight of the Year, family of the Year, Youth of the Year, Charity, and Catholicity are all up for grabs. The Best Council, ICC and those 6 Service Awards will be given out. Which will you and your council take home? Please fill out those forms online. Be the winners that you are, show them what you have and are doing.

We now have the Southcarolinaknights.org website set up so you can tell us if you plan to come to the South Carolina State 95th Knights of Columbus Convention in Spartanburg April 22/24. Just sign on and follow the directions. This helps us plan ahead for rooms and food and the fun time hospitality room and auction we are planning for you. Come join the fun, it will be bigger and better than ever before.

Following is your councils standing in the STAR AWARD CONTENDERS CONTEST. There is plenty of time for you to make that Star Award.

The $100.00 annuity is now available for new and older members (up to 10 years of service). Call me for details and forms. 843-237-0998
### Star Awards Contenders

As promised here is the current standing on the Star Awards Contenders Program as of February 11, 2015.

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Still plenty of time to make the Star District. you can do it!!

Vivat Jesus,
## Second Degree Standings - 2015-2016

**POC: RONALD G. POVERO, PSD, State Ceremonials Chairman**

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## THIRD DEGREE SCHEDULE FOR 2015 – 2016

- **January 16, 2016**  - Irmo Council 6892
- **January 23, 2016**  - Hilton Head Council 10668
- **February 13, 2016** - Greenville Council 1668
- **March 12, 2016**    - Fort Mill Council 12366
- **March 19, 2016**    - N. Charleston Council 8900
- **April 2, 2016**     - Garden City Council 8980
- **May 14, 2016**      - N.E. Columbia Council 6847
- **June 4, 2016**      - Taylors Council 9184
- **June 18, 2016**     - Pawley’s Island Council 11028

All Third Degrees will start at 10:30 with no lunch served prior to the degree. Watch for dates on projected degrees as they are received by the State council. If you think your Council can hold a Third Degree without conflicting with degrees scheduled in your area, contact the Ceremonial Chairman. If you would like a copy of the requirements to hold a Third Degree, email me and I will send you a copy.

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM  
South Carolina Ceremonial Chairman
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