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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NAMED A 2016 WORLD'S MOST ETHICAL COMPANY

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The Knights of Columbus has been recognized as a 2016 World's Most Ethical Company® by the Ethisphere® Institute for the third consecutive year.

The World's Most Ethical Companies designation recognizes companies that align principle with action and work tirelessly to make trust a part of their corporate structure. Such companies help shape future industry standards by introducing tomorrow's best practices today.

The Knights of Columbus is one of only two awardees in the life insurance category, underscoring the Knights' commitment to leading ethical business standards and practices.

This commitment will continue, as we promise to abide by principles in keeping with Catholic values, particularly through ethical selling, ethical business and ethical investing.

Ethical Selling

We professionally train our agents and rigorously hold them to the highest ethical standards. When contracted, each agent must sign a Code of Ethics, which is modeled after the Ten Commandments. When signing the code, agents commit to "present, honestly and accurately, all the facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision."

"Our fraternal ties to our members," the code states, "make it more incumbent on us, in our dealings with them, to assure that their interests are utmost in our minds as we provide solutions to their financial needs."

Ethical Business

The Knights of Columbus is committed to ethical business practices. We firmly believe that these practices have contributed to our business success and helped us to be consistently awarded the highest possible rating for financial strength from ratings agency A.M. Best.

We also make guarantees to our members and their families, so they do not have to wonder about the decision to do business with us.

We guarantee the cash value in our whole life insurance products.

We guarantee the rates on our level term insurance. And we guarantee a minimum interest rate on our retirement annuities.

Ethical Investing

Our investment strategy is both safe and Catholic-based. We will not purchase junk bonds. We will not purchase derivatives. We will not invest in companies that deal in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit healthcare that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

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 Brother Knights,

Our year is flying by at a very rapid pace. It is very inspiring for me to see those Grand Knights reports coming in with your council's accomplishments so far this year.

Every council is doing a great job. Let me thank you for all your hard work. At our upcoming South Carolina State 95th Convention I would like to have the time to tell every one of your accomplishments. I will have only enough time to hit the highlights. It is staggering what a little state like South Carolina can do and all we do for Charity.

Recently, I sent each of our Grand Knights a special request asking you and your councils (every member) to put forth an extra effort to help the state gain enough members to gain the landmark of 10,000 members. We are now only about 150 members away. This will be a record never before met in our State. Not only will it be historical for us, but it will give the state one additional delegate to the Supreme Convention. Currently we have a resolution in for the Convention for this extra delegate to be given to a Grand Knight. What an extreme honor it would be for he and his wife to attend the Supreme Convention to represent our state and your council. I am excited about your response as new members pour in. Thank you for your immediate attention to helping us gain those extra members. There is a planned large reward for the council that brings in that 10,000 member.

We would have been closer by now but the 1000 year flood last October took its toll on membership. Thank goodness our Knights were out helping those flood victims. Knights were providing labor to move furniture, help gut water soaked walls, buying humidifiers, delivering monetary cards for financial support. We cannot thank those knights, Grand Knights and District Deputies enough for all their hard work and aid to the flood victims. We also appreciate all those councils and individuals that made contribution to the State so we could help those in need. Without this we could not have helped as many as the state did.

The flood is another reason I encourage you help us recover and gain membership. You can see from the Star Award



From the Vocations Director

James P. Weiskircher, Vocations Director

Being a mission diocese, we depend heavily on the support of religious orders to help to supply the shortage of priests in the Diocese of Charleston. Roughly one-third of our priests are from religious orders. Order priests perform the same functions as our diocesan priests, but take two additional vows of poverty and humility and an extra two years in the seminary. The Clerics Regular Minor CRM, or Adorno Fathers have 5 parishes in the US, with 4 of them being in the Diocese of Charleston. The order is over 400 years old and came from Italy to help minister to an immigrant Italian church in NJ in the 40's. After Vatican II, they heeded the Pope's call for evangelization and established additional seminaries and communities in Africa, India and the Philippines. Although they only have about 85 priests worldwide, they have over 170 young men in seminaries in Africa, Rome, India, Philippines and the US. They are one of the fastest growing orders worldwide. The US/Philippines delegation has 10 active priests in parishes, and 5 working in the seminaries, supporting 2 retired priests and 35 young men in the seminaries in the US and Philippines. The average age of the priests in the order is 42 years old. The seminarians receive no support from the dioceses that they support but rely on the support of the salaries of the Order and contributions from parishioners and the Knights to meet the needs of the seminarians.

Within the next 2-2.5 years, the Diocese of Charleston will be ordaining one priest, Andrew Fryml from Jesus, Our Risen Savior in Spartanburg. The US/Philippines delegation of the Adorno Fathers will be ordaining 8. Hopefully this will allow the Adorno Fathers to support additional parishes in the diocese. Two of the young men in the seminaries are from our diocese. Raphael is from Immaculate Conception in Goose Creek and my son Ben from Jesus, Our Risen Savior in Spartanburg. Raphael and Ben are both studying in the Philippines. Being in an International Order, it is important in their formation that they understand humility and the joy of the people that they serve in third world countries.

The charism of founder St. Francis Caracciolo and the Adorno Fathers is in Eucharistic Adoration. If you visit St. Peter's in Rome, you will see a statue of St. Francis Caracciolo holding a Monstrance.

Please keep Adorno Father Jonas in your prayers. On Palm Sunday, he was going to an outlying parish in the bush in the Congo to say Mass. His car was riddled with bullets from the DFLR (Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda). Father Jonas was shot 5 times, one in the spine, two in the leg, and two in arm. His driver and a passenger were also hit. He was taken to a hospital in the bush and is in critical

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Patriot's Corner

Michael Mika
Master, South Carolina District
DeSoto Province

We just finished a terrific 4th Degree Exemplification in Columbia, SC. We now have a total of 69 new Sir Knights spread throughout the Assemblies of South Carolina. The total in attendance was 261 Sir Knights including the new Sir Knights and Ladies.

I also want to remind everyone about our remaining commitment to the Chaplains Scholarship Fund. Our goal this year is \$4,000. To date we have collected a total of \$2,400 leaving us a remainder of \$1,600 to collect prior to the end of this fraternal year. If everyone would just pass the hat at your next couple of meetings in both Assemblies and Councils we could not only achieve our goal but in all probably exceed it which would not be bad at all. So let's get busy and close out our year and meet this most worthwhile goal.

I would also like to reinforce the Vision and Goals of the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus.

VISION & GOALS

Standing Firm in Support of the Order

Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. We are always there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement.

Proudly Serving the Country

Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served.

Unwavering Support of the Faith

Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.

Honoring the Legacy of Knighthood

The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.

Vivat Jesus



CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDER



3/29/2016

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council marked the 134th anniversary of the founding of the Order at a Mass on March 29 in St. Mary's Church in New Haven, where the Knights began when Father Michael J. McGivney first gathered a group of men from the parish. Attending the Mass were relatives of Venerable Michael J. McGivney and Knights from Connecticut.

March 29 marks the day when Connecticut approved the charter of the Knights of Columbus in 1882.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P., pastor of St. Mary's Church, served as main celebrant and homilist. In his homily, he said that Father McGivney took a leadership role for the Catholic men of his day, adding "he did so boldly, clearly and emphatically. He saw the untapped potential of the men and provided leadership."

Father Walker said that Father McGivney guided them "to live for the Lord Jesus and the Church, and also led them to be outward looking, encouraging these men to live their lives for others, the most needy."

Two relatives of Father McGivney participated in the Mass. John Walshe, great grandnephew of Father McGivney, read the first reading, while the responsorial psalm was led by Robert Ransom, an employee at the Supreme Council whose wife, Margaret Ransom, is the great grandniece of Father McGivney.

After Mass, Father Walker led supreme officers to the tomb of Father McGivney located in the rear of the church, where they recited the Prayer for Canonization along with the congregation. Father McGivney was declared Venerable in 2008, when the Vatican recognized his heroic virtue. A miracle attributed to his intercession is needed for him to advance to beatification.

From the State Ceremonials/ Protocol Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

Worthy Grand Knights and Members of the State Council:
The State Convention is upon us and State Awards will be given out to those that have worked so hard. You must remember that the Degrees go on to the end of the fraternal year. Some of the teams have been working very hard but some have been very lax in their degree work. There is still time to help the State make its goal by stepping forward and holding a degree every month that remains this year. If you need help your District Deputy and State Officers stand at the ready to help, just ask them.

Anyone submitting a form 450 to Supreme Council you can use the following email address until the form site is fixed.
ceremonials@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 to the State Ceremonial Chairman and for those without a District Deputy can submit the form 450C direct to the Ceremonial Chairman.

Protocol Input

Worthy Grand Knights and Members of the State Council:

Seating at Head Table during functions:

When a head table is used at a function, proper seating arrangements must be observed. The following is the proper seating from the left and right of the podium: (this arrangement is for Council or State Council) (From Podium out) Supreme Knight, State Deputy, Priests, Supreme Officers, Supreme

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First Degree Standings

DISTRICT	COUNCIL	CITY	GOAL	ACTUAL	% of GOAL
Vacant		DD #1	21	3	14.3%
	5026	BEAUFORT	5	0	0.00%
	7289	HILTON HEAD	4	0	0.00%
	10668	HILTON HEAD	6	3	50.00%
	12263	BLUFFTON	6	0	0.00%
Paul Burchell		DD #2	19	9	47.4%
	2207	SUMTER	5	5	100.00%
	6847	N.E. COLUMBIA	6	3	50.0%
	9672	CAMDEN	4	0	0.00%
	15223	MANNING/SANTEE	4	1	25.00%
James Schoen		DD #3	20	15	75.00%
	5086	MYRTLE BEACH	5	2	40.00%
	7122	N. MYRTLE BEACH	6	5	83.3%
	7531	CONWAY	5	8	160.00%
	14892	LORIS	4	0	0.00%
Wayman J. Johnson		DD #4	14	7	50.0%
	3684	AIKEN	6	4	66.67%
	7062	N. AUGUSTA	4	2	75.00%
	9161	BARNWELL	4	0	0.00%

DISTRICT	COUNCIL	CITY	GOAL	ACTUAL	% of GOAL
David Griffard		DD #5	19	9	47.4%
	6629	SUMMERVILLE	6	5	83.3%
	8502	WALTERBORO	4	0	0.00%
	8900	N. CHARLESTON	4	1	25.00%
	11910	SUMMERVILLE	5	3	60.00%
Bob Brohm		DD #6	18	9	50.0%
	6884	SENECA	6	6	100.0%
	8182	MAULDIN	4	1	25.00%
	8295	ANDERSON	4	1	25.00%
	9576	PICKENS	4	1	25.00%
Skip Hudson		DD #7	18	8	44.4%
	724	COLUMBIA	6	1	16.67%
	6891	ORANGEBURG	4	1	25.00%
	12554	COLUMBIA	4	3	75.00%
	13713	BLYTHEWOOD	4	3	75.00%
Bill Larkin		DD #8	20	9	45.00%
	1668	GREENVILLE	5	4	80.00%
	9184	TAYLORS	5	0	0.00%
	10819	SIMPSONVILLE	6	4	66.7%
	13112	GREENVILLE	4	1	25.0%
Edmund McDowell		DD #9	24	14	58.3%
	704	CHARLESTON	6	3	50.0%
	6250	JAMES ISLAND	4	3	75.0%
	9475	MT. PLEASANT	6	3	50.0%
	10334	CHARLESTON	4	1	25.0%
	12472	CHARLESTON	4	4	100.0%
Ray Howard		DD #10	17	10	58.8%
	6756	ROCK HILL	5	6	120.0%
	10066	LANCASTER	4	1	25.0%
	12268	YORK	4	1	25.0%
	* 15611	* ROCK HILL	4	2	50.0%
Gil Cushing		DD #11	15	6	40.0%
	3067	GEORGETOWN	4	1	25.0%
	8980	GARDEN CITY	6	3	50.0%
	11028	PAWLEYS ISL	5	2	40.0%
Vacant		DD #12	17	8	47.1%
	5194	FLORENCE	5	3	60.0%
	8123	HARTSVILLE	4	2	50.0%
	8790	MARION DILLON	4	3	75.0%
	10867	CHERAW	4	0	0.0%
Pat Davis		DD #13	19	17	78.9%
	6726	HANAHAN/GC	4	8	200.0%
	6900	CITADEL	5	1	20.0%
	11471	MONCK'S CORNER	4	1	25.0%
	11991	GOOSE CREEK	6	7	116.7%
Richard C. O'Reilly		DD #14	23	14	60.9%
	6076	SPARTANBURG	5	4	80.0%
	9575	SPARTANBURG	6	6	100.0%
	12274	GREER	4	1	25.0%
	12995	GAFFNEY	4	3	75.00%
	* 15519	* GREER	4	0	0.00
Theron Simpson		DD #15	13	12	92.3%
	12366	FORT MILL	5	6	120.0%
	14475	LAKE WYLIE	4	5	125.0%
	14765	INDIAN LAND	4	1	25.0%
Mike Mancari		DD #16	17	6	35.3%
	6892	IRMO	5	1	20.0%
	7129	GREENWOOD	4	2	50.0%
	11325	LEXINGTON	4	3	75.0%
	* 15960	* NEWBERRY (NJL)	4	0	0.0%
TOTAL			294	156	53.1%

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

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Contenders on the last page that many of you are very close to getting that Star. If you are close please look around and find that extra willing Catholic that wants to help us to take care of the poor and needy. Those of you that have that 100% already, shoot for 200%, if you have that shoot even higher. The State and Supreme are offering many rewards just for doing what Father Michael J. McGivney ask us to do what we do. Bring those members in so we can help bring them closer to our faith and to help those in need.

These points can be used for many beautiful gifts. Just go online to Knights Gear and see what is available for the point given to you for bringing new members.

Keep in mind also that Supreme will give the council \$4.50 for every billable member when you get your Award.

I am really pleased with our small councils that have come alive this year. Most are on their way to getting their Star Award. The smaller councils have greater chance. So go for it, ***BE A STAR. Ask that guy at church you've been thinking about asking. Don't forget those new Catholics that just came out of RCIA. Invite them to your socials so they can see how much fun it is being a knight. Oops don't forget to thank your pastor for praising the knights for all their good works. Your pastor needs a Certificate of Appreciation just for doing what he does on a daily bases. Our pastors are our heroes, we should let them know. Not just once but as many time a year as we can.***

Brother Knights, one last thing. The next time you see one of the Insurance Field Agents, walk over to him and shake his hand and thank him for what he does. Father McGivney wanted every family to have some financial security. That is what he does. We don't appreciate them enough. We should all let them know just how much they are appreciated.

Our State Convention is coming up next week, hope to see you there. Many awards will be given to you and your councils for your hard work. Look forward to seeing you there.

Always remember: ***"You are all winners just by being knights"***

Check your Star Award Contender now!!!!

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condition. The Adorno Fathers and priests in war torn areas do not hesitate to go into dangerous areas to serve the Lord on a daily basis. Christians are being persecuted around the world and need our prayers and support. Please remember all persecuted Christians in your prayers.

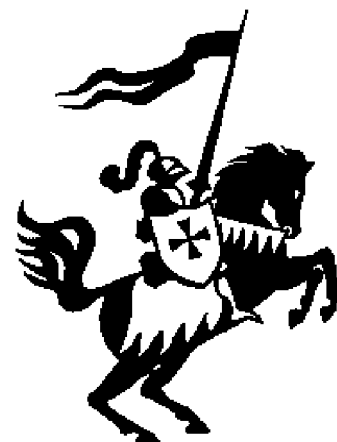
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The World's Most Ethical Company assessment is based on the Ethisphere Institute's Ethics Quotient™ (EQ) framework, developed over years of research and vetted and refined by the expert advice from Ethisphere's World's Most Ethical Company Methodology Advisory Panel. The EQ offers a quantitative way to assess a company's performance in an objective, consistent and standardized way.

"Those that demonstrate leadership in areas like citizenship, integrity and transparency create more value for their investors, communities, customers and employees, thus solidifying a sustainable business advantage," said Ethisphere CEO Timothy Erblich.

We are honored that the Ethisphere Institute has again acknowledged our commitment. It is this commitment that makes doing business with the Knights of Columbus truly different.

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Star Awards Contenders

Council#	Current %	Members Goal	Members Current	Star Last year *
14475	200	10	20	*
12995	150	4	6	*
12366	131	13	17	*
6756	115	13	15	*
9575	106	16	17	
12554	100	6	6	
12268	100	4	4	
11471	100	6	6	
8123	100	4	4	
13713	100	7	7	*
7129	89	9	8	*
11991	88	16	14	*
6250	86	7	6	
10668	76	21	16	
6629	75	16	12	
6076	71	4	10	
11325	71	7	5	*
7531	67	12	9	
7062	67	6	4	
11910	55	11	6	
12274	50	4	2	
6900	50	14	7	
8790	50	4	2	
2207	45	11	6	*
8980	42	24	10	*
724	40	15	6	*
6891	40	5	2	

Current District Standing

District #	Current %	Yearly Goal	Current Members	Star District Last Year*
15	200	19	38	*
14	121	29	35	
10	117	18	21	*
7	92	24	22	*
13	84	31	26	*
16	64	22	17	
5	56	27	15	
1	54	41	22	
12	50	18	9	
2	48	25	12	
4	45	20	9	
11	41	32	12	

I have confidence in you because are the Best, you can still make 100%!
 Vivat Jesus,
 Frank L Davis

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Directors, State Officers, District Master, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, State Directors, General Agents, Grand Knights, Council Officers. A complete list can be found in the Protocol Handbook # 1612.

For speaking programs, guests are introduced from lowest rank up to the main speaker of the occasion. A person of junior rank should never speak after someone with a higher office unless he has been selected specifically as the speaker for the occasion. Persons introduced from the audience should be ranked from the top down as opposed to speakers who appear from the lowest up.

When more than one priest is present and a speaker does not wish to mention each by name he should say: "Reverend Monsignors and Fathers." One should never use "Reverend Clergy" unless clergymen from other faiths are present. At cooperative affairs, officers of other organizations should be seated by Knights of Columbus officers of equal rank and introduced at the same time.



Second Degree Standings - 2015-2016

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

DISTRICT	DISTRICT DEPUTY	TEAM CAPTAIN	TEAM NAME (Dist Served By Team)	GOAL	ACTUAL	% GOAL	PROJ DEGREES
1	Vacant	Richard Bachner, FDD	Low Country Team (1)	4	1	25%	3
2	Paul Burchell	Ralph Rossoni	Capital City Team (2, 7, 12 & 16)	6	2	33%	4
3	James Schoen	C Van Demnark, FDD	Grand Strand Team (3 & 11)	4	2	50%	2
4	Waymon J. Johnson	Bill Collins, PGK	Aiken Team (4)	4	2	50%	2
5	Vacant	David R. Griffard, FDD	Flowertown Team (5)	4	0	0%	4
8	Bill Larkin	Ron Stanley, FDD	Greater Greenville Area Team (6, 8 & 14)	6	2	33%	4
9	Edmund McDowell	Daniel E. Barton, SW	Greater Charleston Area Team (9)	4	0	0%	4
10	Ray Howard	Geary Bradley	Up State Team (10 & 15)	5	4	80%	1
13	Pat Davis	Pat Davis, DD	Creekside Team (13)	4	5	125%	0
16	Mike Mancari	Crosby Livingston, Sr.	Fr. Frederick H. Suggs Team (16)	4	1	25%	3
		TOTAL		45	19	42.2	

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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