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## Celebrating Wars End

The centennial of the end of the First World War will be marked with holy Mass and a ceremony of flags, pipes, poetry and military displays on Sunday, November 11, at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. The event, cosponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, will serve as the premier Catholic commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that brought the Great War to a close at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918.

The event will be televised live on EWTN.

The schedule opens at the Shrine at 10:30 a.m., with the procession of 28 historic American flags, accompanied by the VMI Pipe Band. Highlights also include readings and musical settings of a number of war poems by Joyce Kilmer, a member of the Knights of Columbus, who voluntarily enlisted for the war and fought with the Fighting

69th of New York. He was killed by a sniper's bullet in France a few months before the Armistice.

At 11 a.m., midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy will toll a ship's bell to commemorate the end of the war and honor those who gave their lives in defense of their country.

Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, the Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass to be held in the Shrine's Redemptor Hominis Church. The homilist will be Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

The Knights of Columbus was active at home and overseas during the war, providing chaplains for the troops and setting up recreation centers, or "huts", with the motto "Everybody Welcome. Everything Free." The huts were staffed by K of C secretaries ("Caseys") and provided a place a relaxation, recreation and prayer for soldiers, as well as dispensing items such as coffee, snacks, gum, and candy.



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## SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

### November 2018

- 22 Thanksgiving
- 30 - Dec 2 District Deputy Mid Winter Meeting - Hilton Head, SC

### December 2018

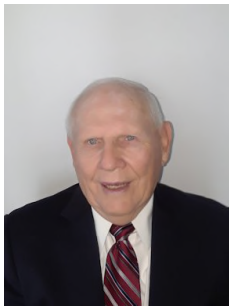
- 25 Nativity of the Lord

### January 2019

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 26 Knighthood Degree, starting time 12:00 PM Bluffton, SC - Council District 1

### February 2019

- 1 - 3 GK's Mid Year Meeting, and Charity Ball Banquet - Columbia - Council 6847
- 9 Formation Degree starting at 10:00AM, and Knighthood degree, starting at 12:30PM - Rock Hill - Council 6756



## From the State Deputy

Edward M. Griffin

Brother Knights,

On Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>, I had the pleasure of representing South Carolina at the State Deputies Mid-Winter Meeting in Houston, Texas. The weekend was very informative with topics ranging from our Safe Environment Program to a new electronic means of establishing a Council's prospect list. At the get together dinner on Friday evening, our Supreme Knight informed us that "This year, our challenge as Catholics will be the greatest we have to endure since 9/11". He was speaking of the recent events of the allegations of cover ups by Cardinals and Bishops in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC in the transferring of Priests accused of sexual misconduct. Our Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, and Chaplains need continuous support from our Councils and members. We need to make them aware that going forward, the Knights of Columbus will always be there for them.

During the weekend, one of the major topics we discussed was the Safe Environment Program that is sponsored by the Supreme Council. I have appointed our State Advocate, Paul Burchell, to insure that we achieve 100% compliance for all members that are required to undergo training and background checks. All Brother Knights serving in key leadership roles must be trained to safeguard children and other vulnerable persons. The basis of the Safe Environment Program is the completion of Forms 185 and 365 by the Grand Knight of each Council. To date, all Councils have completed Form 185, however, 12 Councils have not completed Form 365. I have asked our State Warden, Jeff Crouch, to take on the responsibility of contacting each GK of those Councils and have this form completed and sent to Fraternal Services as soon as possible. Although this will increase the number of members that are required to take the Safe Environment Program course, it will insure that all Councils and the State Council will be fully compliant in this program.

Our Supreme Knight mentioned that the new Online Membership program is the preferred method of joining. Since the online program has started, over 3000 members have joined

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## From the Vocations Director

*James P. Weiskircher, Vocations Director*

Our clergy are under attack. Given the recent revelations of sexual abuse and the cover up in some dioceses, all priests are having to answer questions and defend the Catholic Church. This even trickles down to seminarians as they are being asked "Why do you want to be a priest" We need to give both our love and prayers as they undergo a barrage of questions and attacks.

This is not just an isolated problem for the church in the US, but a global issue. During the month of September, I backpacked the 500 mile el Camino de Santiago across northern Spain with Father Mike Hanifin, the immediate past national chaplain for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. Each night we would try to meet new people from around the world and discuss their pilgrimages. One night, Father Mike introduced himself, and I mentioned that I had a son in the seminary. One gentleman from Australia and one from Ireland lit into Father Mike about the abuse by clergy in their countries. The one from Australia tried to convince me that my son should find another vocation. All we could do, was to let them vent their frustrations. Obviously I will not pass their concerns along to my son, but it points out what kinds of issues that our clergy and future priests are dealing with. Anyone that has ever had a bad experience with the church, is jumping on the band wagon.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, I stepped down as chair of the Diocese of Charleston Catholic Committee on Scouting after 14 years. I will still be involved with the committee but I am presently the national chair-elect of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and will become the national chair in April. I will continue to do all my other roles with the Knights and my parish as needed to pass on my role as diocesan chair.

On Monday, in my new role, I was a host for the Bishops Breakfast at the USCCB Bishops meeting in Baltimore sponsored by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. Security was extremely tight. If you did not have the proper credentials, you were not allowed in. In front of the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, it was a circus. Several unmanned professionally printed posters were leaning up against the wall proclaiming that Catholics were not Christians and did not believe in the Bible. (I wondered if the same nuts we see in Columbia each January on the Right to Life March, had journeyed to Baltimore). Just a few feet down there was a pool of cameras and reporters (approximately 25) talking to 2 or 3 protesters. Obviously the press had an agenda to pursue and were giving this small group a forum to vent.

Please consider sending a letter of support from your council to your priests. They need to know that as Knights that we

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## Patriot's Corner

Tom Monahon, PSD  
Master, South Carolina District  
DeSoto Province



Brother Sir Knights,

79th Exemplification: The 79th Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019, at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Fort Mill, SC. This will be the last Exemplification this fraternal year.

Military Chaplain's Fund: Supreme is requesting additional support of the Military Chaplain's Fund. As noted in my letter to each Faithful Navigator, I urge each Assembly to prayerfully consider donating to this patriotic and Catholic need.

**Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS) Program:** I want to thank **SK Wayman Johnson**, the District VAVS Director, with **SK Leonard M. Williams** and **SK William C. Shoemaker** for serving as VAVS Representatives. They cover the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center (MC) in Augusta, GA, the William Jennings Bryan Dorn VA MC in Columbia, SC, and the Ralph H. Johnson VA MC in Charleston, SC. I am looking for a VAVS Representative to serve the MC in Charlotte, NC and Savannah, GA.

52nd Annual Police and Fire Fighter Award Breakfast: It was an honor to serve in an honor guard at Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Charleston for the Rev. P. N. Lynch Assembly #1071 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Police and Fire Fighter Award Breakfast. It was a further honor to speak to police and fire fighters of the Charleston force along with our Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo, the mayor and the Police and Fire Chiefs.

Armistice Day Mass – On November 11, it was my honor to serve in an Honor Guard for Mass at the St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Charleston on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ending of World War I. I thank the Rev. P. N. Lynch Assembly #1071 for taking the lead and the other Assemblies in the greater Charleston area, especially St. Francis Caracciolo Assembly #3697 in providing the Honor Guard.


78th Exemplification: The 78th Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree was held on Saturday, October 27, 2018, at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Myrtle Beach. Fifty-Five (55) candidates were Exemplified. The honoree was SK Michael J. Mika, FDM.

Let us pray for our country and Church:

*Holy Family pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, pray for us.*

*St. Joseph, patron saint of the Universal Church, pray for us.*



Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

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**Exemplification**  
**March 30, 2019**

**St. Philip Neri**  
**Catholic Church**  
292 Munn Road E., Fort Mill, SC 29715

**Candidate and Banquet**  
**Reservations by 3/16/19**

*"Sir Knight" is more than a title — it's an honor!*



# From the State Ceremonials

## Chairman

Michael A. Allen IPSP

When you were a kid, did you ever have a friend in school you were embarrassed to be with around other people? Sure, you liked him well enough when you were in class or by yourselves. But he didn't act like everyone else and said things that other kids thought was strange. So, because school society was ruled by the small, but vocal, group of "popular kids" who dictated the norm, you didn't hang out with him at lunch or recess. It wasn't right, it wasn't even what you really thought, but you were trying to survive. But things are different now...right? Well...

I think this is how most Catholics feel about their faith.

Sure, they go to church on Sunday and enjoy being Catholic while eating donuts with other Catholics. But outside of that, it's something to hide. The media, society, heck even the government, has turned Catholicism into that socially outcast kid. It's true of Christianity in general, but not to the same degree. Our Catholic belief doesn't fall in line with the so-called norms. Catholicism's not cool. So, for the average Catholic, the faith is embarrassing. Something to keep to ourselves.

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## First Degree Standings Notes

NOTE: Councils Indicated with an \*, Team Has Been Re-certified

\*\* Indicates Team Has Not Been Certified

Goal for FY 18-19

Degrees Per Council

Div I -1-99 - 3 Div II -100-199 - 4

## Admissions Degree Standings

DISTRICT	COUNCIL	CITY	GOAL	ACTUAL	%of GOAL
Edward Kamenski	DD #1		17	2	11.8%
	5026	Beaufort	4	0	0.0%
	7289	Hilton Head	3	0	0.0%
	10668	Hilton Head	5	1	20.0%
	12263	Bluffton	5	1	0.0%
Larry E. Huff	DD # 2		16	3	18.8%
	2207	Sumter	4	0	0.0%
	6847	N. E. Columbia	5	2	40.0%
	9672	Camden	3	0	0.0%
	13713	Blythewood	4	1	25.0%
V. Patrick Eagan	DD # 3		16	0	0.0%
	5086	Myrtle Beach	4	0	0.0%
	7122	N. Myrtle Beach	5	0	0.0%
	7531	Conway	4	0	0.0%
	14892	Loris	3	0	0.0%
Sherrill Wilcox (Ed)	DD # 4		12	3	25.0%
	3684	Aiken	5	1	20.0%
	7062	N. Augusta	4	2	50.0%
	9161	Barnwell	3	0	0.0%
Joe Friend	DD # 5		16	4	25.0%
	6629	Summerville	5	2	20.0%
	8502	Walterboro	3	0	0.0%
	8900	N. Charleston	4	0	0.0%
	11910	Summerville	4	2	50.0%

DISTRICT	COUNCIL	CITY	GOAL	ACTUAL	%of GOAL
Donald Thurlow, Jr.	DD # 6		13	0	15.4%
	6884	Seneca	5	1	20.0%
	8295	Anderson	4	1	25.0%
	9576	Pickens	4	0	0.0%
Jerald J. Whitman	DD # 7		14	0	0.0%
	6891	Orangeburg	3	0	0.0%
	11325	Lexington	4	0	0.0%
	12554	Columbia	4	0	0.0%
	15223	Manning/Santee	3	0	0.0%
Charles A. Bathon	DD # 8		21	1	4.8%
	1668	Greenville	5	1	20.0%
	8182	Mauldin	4	0	0.0%
	10819	Simpsonville	5	0	0.0%
**	13112	Greenville	4	0	0.0%
	15960	Newberry (NJL)	3	0	0.0%
	Vacant	DD # 9	21	3	14.3%
704	Charleston	5	0	0.0%	
	6250	James Island	4	1	25.0%
	9475	Mt. Pleasant	5	0	0.0%
	10334	Charleston	3	0	0.0%
	12472	Charleston	4	2	50.0%
	Claire N. Buckley, Jr.	DD # 10		14	1
6756		Rock Hill	5	0	0.0%
10066		Lancaster	3	0	0.0%
**	12268	York	3	1	33.3%
	15611	Rock Hill	3	0	0.0%
Ronald E. Gilbert	DD # 11		13	0	0.0%
	3067	Georgetown	3	0	0.0%
	8980	Garden City	5	0	0.0%
	11028	Pawleys Island	5	0	0.0%
Frank Love	DD # 12		13	0	0.0%
	5194	Florence	4	0	0.0%
	8123	Hartsville	3	0	0.0%
	8790	Marion/Dillon	3	0	0.0%
	10867	Cheraw	3	0	0.0%
Pat Davis	DD # 13		16	4	25.0%
	6726	Hanahan/Goose Creek	4	2	50.0%
	6900	Citadel	4	0	0.0%
	11471	Moncks Corner	3	0	0.0%
	11991	Goose Creek	5	2	40.0%
Richard J. Himlin	DD # 14		23	0	0.0%
	6076	Spartanburg	5	0	0.0%
	9184	Taylors	4	0	0.0%
	9575	Spartanburg	5	0	0.0%
	12274	Greer	3	0	0.0%
	12995	Gaffney	3	0	0.0%
**	15519	Greer	3	0	0.0%
	James D. Walters	DD # 15	14	1	7.1%
12366	Fort Mill	5	1	20.0%	
	14475	Lake Wylie	5	0	0.0%
	14765	Indian Land	4	0	0.0%
	Mike Mancari	DD # 16	12	7	58.3%
724	Columbia	5	3	60.0%	
	6892	Irmo	4	1	25.0%
	7129	Greenwood	4	0	0.0%
	16903	Chapin	3	3	100.0%
Totals			251	31	12.4%



## From the State Protocol Chairman

*Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM*

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CEREMONY FOR THE DISPOSAL OF UNSERVICEABLE FLAGS

(All assemble near flagpole or other suitable location)  
(If music is used), (National Anthem) Honor Guard/Members  
salute/present swords.

**Faithful Commander:** Faithful Navigator, we wish to present a number of unserviceable Flags of our Country for inspection and disposal.

**Faithful Navigator:** Faithful Commander advance with your detail and present the Flags for disposal and inspection.

(Faithful Commander calls his detail to attention. They form at the Post of the Commander then march with two of the Flags which are to be inspected to the Faithful Pilot. The Faithful Commander steps one pace forward and salutes with sword.)

**Faithful Commander:** Faithful Pilot, we present these unserviceable Flags for your inspection.

**Faithful Pilot:** Is the present condition of these Flags the result of their usual service as the Emblem of our Country.

**Faithful Commander:** These Flags have become faded and worn over the graves of our departed comrades and the soldier, sailor and airmen dead of all our nation's wars. (Pilot opens and inspects one or two flags).

**Faithful Pilot:** Present these Flags to the Faithful Admiral for his inspection. (The Faithful Commander salutes with sword, about faces, commands the detail) About Face, (crosses behind the detail and takes his post at its left, commands) Forward March. (The detail marches to within two paces of the Faithful Admiral, halts and proceeds as before.)

**Faithful Commander:** Faithful Admiral, we present these Flags which have been inspected by the Faithful Pilot, for your further inspection. (Admiral opens and inspects one or two flags).

**Faithful Admiral:** Have any of these Flags served any other purpose?

**Faithful Commander:** Some of these Flags have been displayed in various public places.

**Faithful Admiral:** Present them to the Faithful Navigator for final inspection and fitting disposal.

(The Faithful Commander salutes with sword, about faces, commands the detail), About Face, (Crosses behind the detail and takes position on its left commands), Forward March. (The detail marches to center, turns right, halts within two

paces of the Faithful Navigator, Faithful Commander steps one pace forward and salutes with sword.)

**Faithful Commander:** Faithful Navigator, we have the honor to present for final inspection and proper disposal these Flags of our Country.

**Faithful Navigator:** Have these Flags been inspected by the Faithful Pilot and Faithful Admiral?

**Faithful Commander:** They Have.

**Faithful Navigator:** Faithful Pilot, what does your inspection show and what do you recommend?

**Faithful Pilot:** Faithful Navigator, I have inspected these flags and all the flags on the table. Since these Flags have become unserviceable in a worthy cause, I recommend that they be honorably retired from further service.

**Faithful Navigator:** Faithful Admiral, what does your inspection show and what do you recommend?

**Faithful Admiral:** Faithful Navigator, I too have inspected all these flags. Since these Flags have become faded and worn in a tribute of service and love, I also recommend that they be fittingly destroyed.

**Faithful Navigator:** Sir Knights, we have presented here these Flags of our Country which have been inspected and condemned as unserviceable. They have reached their present state in a proper service of tribute, memory and love.

A Flag may be a flimsy bit of printed gauze, or a beautiful banner of finest silk. Its intrinsic value may be trifling or great; but its real value is beyond price, for it is a precious symbol of all that we and our comrades have worked for and lived for, and died for a free Nation of free men, true to the faith of the past, devoted to the ideals and practice of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

Let these faded Flags of our Country be retired and destroyed with respectful and honorable rites and their places be taken by bright new Flags of the same size and kind, and let no grave of our soldier, sailor or airman dead be un-honored or unmarked. Faithful Commander, assembles the Color Guard, escort the detail bearing the Flags and destroy these Flags by burning. The members shall stand at attention.

**Faithful Navigator:** The Commander (or Chaplain) will offer prayer.

Commander (or Chaplain): Almighty God, Captain of all hosts and Commander over all, bless and consecrate this present hour. We thank Thee for our Country and its Flag, and for the liberty for which it stands. To clean and purging flame we commit these Flags, worn-out in worthy service. As they yield their substance to the fire, may Thy Holy Light spread

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the Knights of Columbus. Statistically, over 62% of the on-line members who have indicated that they would like to be associated with a Council joined that Council. The Online Membership program is not a substitute for membership recruitment by the Council. When possible, Church Drives should be conducted as a means of recruitment. Catholic families could experience the benefits of membership in the Knights if a really good Church Drive is conducted.

All Grand Knights have been informed of the new tool that they can use as a means of collecting and developing a prospect list electronically. Instead of using prospect cards, all the Grand Knight or Membership Director needs to do is to collect electronically, the name, phone number, email address and the Council number. A digital prospecting tool will allow the Council to follow up with a prospective member immediately. "Once the prospective member form is submitted electronically, the prospective member will receive an email from a designated member of the Council thanking him for his interest in the Knights of Columbus. They will start receiving hand crafted emails designated to give them more information about the K of C and all of the programs we are involved with." This prospect list allows the membership team to understand the prospective member's interests and making contact with him.

Ultrasound Initiative continues to thrive in South Carolina. Council 6884 has been awarded \$11,000.00 towards the purchase of an ultrasound machine for the Foothills Care Center. Council 5194 has completed and submitted an application for requesting matching funds. The Council has raised over \$15,000.00. The matching funds request has recently been approved by Supreme, and a check will be sent. The ultrasound machine is for A Choice 2 M8K Pregnancy Center in Florence. On Nov. 21, 2018, Council 14475 will have a formal presentation for an ultrasound machine for the Palmetto Women's Center in Tega Cay. We currently have presented approximately 21 ultrasound machines to various pregnancy centers throughout the State.

I would like to congratulate Council 7062, North Augusta and Council 16903, Chapin for achieving 100% of their membership goal. The State Council will be in contact with them to arrange to have the State Officers cook breakfast for the Councils. Also, Council 6726, Hanahan/Goose Creek and Council 10066, Lancaster have achieved 75% of their membership goal. All Councils who achieve 100% of their membership goal by the end of Dec. 31, 2018, the State Council will come to their Council and cook breakfast. All Councils that achieve Star Council by the end of Fraternal Year 2018 - 2019, the State Council will donate \$500.00 to support the Council's RSVP program. Payment will be made at the beginning of the 2019 - 2020 Fraternal Year.

On behalf of myself, my wife, Joyce, and all of the State Officers and their wives/mother, we wish all of you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

May St. Francis continue to watch over each of you, your families, and your Council members. I pray that St. Francis will continue to bring each of you love, happiness and peace during this Thanksgiving holiday.

God Bless,

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Dear Brother Knights,

This month is fine tuning month.

Please look at how your Council is focused. Have you made the transition to reorganize your Council Programs as called for by Supreme? You will find at this link a very clear and helpful organization chart on how to do this. [Faith in Action Programs](#)

We are almost at the half way point for the fraternal year. Of the 32 Programs listed by Supreme, Councils are required to accomplish 16 programs (4 in each category) in order to qualify for the Columbian Award. Also, it is a mandatory requirement to earn the Columbian Award in order to qualify for Star Council. I have provided additional Columbian Award guidance for your reference at the [Faith in Action Programs](#) webpage embedded in Article 5, Nov. 2018. Additionally, to the above link I would also encourage you to refer to the [Faith in Action Handbook](#) for a complete Guide to organize your **Council Program** effort.

**HEADS-UP! A revised *Columbian Award Application*, Form SP-7, has been issued by Supreme. The accomplishment of Faith in Action Programs is a major part of the information required. Supreme requires each Council to submit a preliminary/mock, SP-7 to your District Deputy and a copy to the Program Director of Faith in Action (Due December 31, 2018) [stclair33@bellsouth.net](mailto:stclair33@bellsouth.net). Additionally, as in years past your Council is required to complete the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities* (#1728), by January 31. Please watch for communication regarding a December webinar on completing the new *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities* (#1728).**

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The November Supreme **Chaplain’s Challenge** is posted on the [South Carolina Faith in Action Webpage](#)

If your Council has been affected by the devastation caused by Hurricanes Florence or Michael and has a need for assistance that can be addressed by the State Council or one of our local Councils, we are here for you. Please contact myself or the State Deputy as your first action. We will help coordinate your solution. If you know of a neighboring Council in South Carolina that needs assistance, poll your Council Brothers and see if you can assemble an adequate contingent to take action. If so, then contact me or the State Deputy and we will coordinate your relief effort with the needy Council.

Fraternally,  
 Jim St. Clair  
 Director, Faith in Action Program  
 State Council  
[stclair33@bellsouth.net](mailto:stclair33@bellsouth.net)

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over us and bring to our hearts renewed devotion to God and Country. Amen.

**Faithful Navigator:** Hand salute / Present Swords.

(Color Guards present arms. All officers and members except those on the flag detail salute. Members of the Flag detail dips two or three of the condemned Flags in kerosene and place them of the rack over the fire).

**(Music: To the Colors)**

**Faithful Navigator:** (at conclusion of “To the Colors”) Two / Return Swords.

All remaining Flags are brought forward and added to the fire. Then when all are burned or are burning lowly:  
 Followed by: Music (God Bless America).

**Faithful Navigator:** Will the Commander please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands One Nation, Under God, with liberty and justice for all.

**Faithful Navigator:** I thank all for attending this Flag Disposal Ceremony. Dismissed.

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support them. Also, please remember to send Christmas cards to your seminarians. Since they are in formation so far from home, it’s nice to know that you are keeping them in your prayers.

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Catholics get bullied. The cool kids pick on the Church in the public forum. To be traditionally minded and espouse what the Church teaches regarding homosexuality, sex, marriage, and human life is to be labeled a bigot, intolerant, and outdated. But here’s the thing. The Catholic Faith is changing lives every day. Most Catholics don’t have conversations with people who are discovering the richness of Catholicism for the first time. To people who have been damaged by societal “values” like promiscuity, abortion, and consumerism, Catholic teaching brings clarity, wholeness, integrity, and humanity to life. It brings meaning and purpose to their existence.

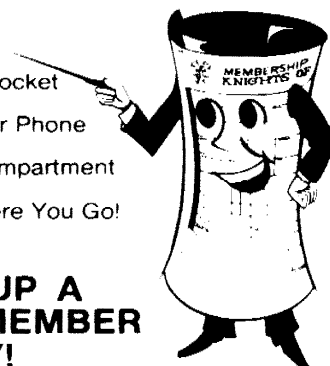
The Catholic Church has so much to offer people. But how will they know if we’re all too embarrassed to talk about it? Don’t worry that you don’t know what to say…… it’s the Truth!

The same is true of the Knights of Columbus, The Knights are changing lives every day, there’s no reason not to share the message with every Catholic man you know.

From the look of the number of degrees being held, it appears that we are embarrassed to talk about our faith or to invite other men to experience the fraternity that you belong to. Let’s go out and change some lives……

**Form #100  
 Belongs in  
 All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A  
 NEW MEMBER  
 TODAY!**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



DENNIS J. STODDARD  
Supreme Master

## Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree

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### MEMORANDUM

To: State Deputies  
Vice Supreme Masters  
Faithful Navigators

From: Dennis J. Stoddard  
Supreme Master

Re: Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund

Date: October 24, 2018

I believe this to be the most important charitable program the Fourth Degree has ever led for our Order and once again I am asking for your support of this program, the Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund. Over the past six years we have raised over 1.6 million dollars in support of the tuition assistance program to recruit and ordain Catholic priests to serve our military men and woman worldwide.

As you know, there is a great shortage of Catholic Chaplains serving our military members and their families. There are 210 active Catholic Chaplains but the military needs another 800. The need is great yet the Military Archdiocese does not have the funds to recruit and educate the many seminarian candidates willing to serve as chaplains. We need to raise an additional \$400,000 by June 30, 2020.

Allow me to quote His Excellency Archbishop Timothy Brogilo of the Military Archdiocese when he said,

*"What a great job the Knights are doing. Thank you so very much for this support for our co-sponsored men! Thank you, too, for all the ways you and your fellow Knights serve the needs of the AMS. Your generosity is a tremendous blessing to us and those who serve. We are very grateful."*

In the past I have asked state councils, local councils and assemblies, ladies auxiliaries and individuals for their support. Again I ask for a minimum \$25.00 donation from all. I ask those state councils that have charitable funds available to be generous and donate what they can. Pass the "Helmet" at your next meeting or event and you will be surprised at the generosity of our members for this noble and urgent cause

Checks need to be made payable to:  
**Knights of Columbus Charities inc.**  
On memo line write "Military Chaplains fund"

Mall check to:  
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New Haven, Ct. 06510

Cc: District Masters



## Knights of Columbus Lead the VAVS Program in the Country

The US Veterans Administration (VA) has established a volunteer board at each VA Hospital/Medical Center (VAMC.) The VA's program is called the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS) Program and its board members are called VAVS Representatives. The VA Representatives also report to their respective organizations and coordinate their organizations support of the VAMC.

The Knights of Columbus has become the country's leader in this program. They have established Colonel Charles H. Gallina, USMC/Ret – Assistant for Military and Veterans Affairs to head the Knights of Columbus VAVS Program. Knights who wish to be a VAVS Representative must take some on-line training and be approved by Supreme. These representatives, as stated above, report back to local Assemblies and councils to recruit support, organize programs and events, and coordinate activities of multiple assemblies. The Knights of Columbus by far have the greatest number of VAVS Representatives than any other organization in the country.

South Carolina has two VAMC; one in Columbia and one in Charleston. In addition, there are VAMCs in Augusta, GA, Charlotte, NC. And Savannah, GA. SK Wayman J. Johnson (Aiken #1074) is the South Carolina District Director. We have three VAVS Representatives and are organized as follows:

SK Wayman J. Johnson – South Carolina District VAVS Director

SK Leonard M. (Mike) Williams – Assembly #2902  
(843) 884-1378 (H)  
William Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center  
Columbia, SC

SK William C. Shoemaker – Assembly #3243  
(803) 438-5180 (H)  
Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center  
Charleston, SC

SK Wayman J. Johnson – Assembly #1074  
(803) 648-4378 (H)  
Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center  
Augusta, GA

over \$2250 to support the VAVS Program. To date, we have purchased items for the veterans at both the Dorn VAMC and the Norwood VAMC.

Assemblies and Councils of the District who are looking to serve the VAMC in their area are encouraged to contact their local VAVS Representative. The South Carolina District is looking for VAVS Representatives to serve the VAMC in Charlotte, NC and Savannah, GA. Anyone interested should contact SK Wayman Johnson, (803) 648-4378.



During the past two years, by “passing the hat” at exemplifications, the South Carolina Fourth Degree District has collected

## KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE SCHEDULE FOR 2018 – 2019

July 7, 2018	Council 11991, ICC Goose Creek
August 18, 2018	Council 11028, Pawleys Island
September 15, 2018	Council 5194, Florence
September 22, 2018	Council 1668, Greenville
November 3, 2018	Council 6892, Irmo
January 26, 2019	Council 12263, Bluffton



All Knighthood Degrees will start at 12:30. 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 Knighthood Degree, email me and I will send you a copy.

## Formation Degree Status 2018-2019

As of 9/10/2018

DIST	DISTRICT DEPUTY	TEAM Captain	Team Name (Dist Served)	GOAL	ACTUAL	% GOAL
1	Edward Kamenski	Edward Kamenski	Low Country (1)	4	1	25.0%
2	Larry E. Huff	Ralph Rossoni	Capital City (2, 7 & 12)	5	0	0.0%
3	V. Patrick Eagan	Charles Van Demark	Grand Strand Team (3 & 11)	5	0	0.0%
3	V. Patrick Eagan	Don Ulman	San Juan Diego	2	0	0.0%
4	Sherrill (Ed) Wilcox	Bill Collins, PGK	Aiken Team (4)	4	3	750%
5	Roy Massey,	Roy Massey	Flowertown (5)	4	1	25.0%
7	Jerald J. Whitman	Peter LaPierre	Corpus Christi (6 & 7 )	5	1	20.0%
8	Charles A. Bathon	Ron Stanley	Greater Greenville ( 8 & 14)	5	0	0.0%
9	Vacant	Daniel Barton	Greater Charleston (9)	4	0	0.0%
10	Claire N. Buckley, Jr.	Geary Bradley	Up State ((10 & 15)	5	0	0.0%
13	Pat Davis	Pat Davis	Creekside (13)	4	1	25.0%
16	Mike Mancari	Mike Mancari	Fr. Frederick H. Suggs (6 & 16)	5	3	60.0%
Totals				52	10	20.0%

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