



“The Compass”

Social Distancing, Edition #3

Will it ever end?

Knights of Columbus
Monsignor George Lewis Smith
Council No. 3684
Assembly No. 1074

**“A Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service
Organization”**

September- October, 2020

**Meetings: Council No. 3684, 7:30PM, 2nd & 4th
Wednesdays; Assembly No. 1074, 7:30PM, 3rd
Wednesday**

**Bingo every Monday, 7:00PM, Columbus Club
Hall, 1003 Spaulding Dr., Aiken, South Carolina
29803**

***All events/meetings have been
suspended until further notice.***

Current Council #3684 Officers

Grand Knight	Richard Hesson
Deputy GK:	Craig Burgess
Chancellor:	Stephen Baris
Warden:	Frank Novotny
Recorder:	Mark D. Kranjc
Treasurer:	Charles R. Goergen
Advocate:	John Kvartek

Inside Guard:	Andy Colquitt
Outside Guard:	Mike Pawley
Financial Secretary:	Jim Loftis
1 st year Trustee:	Kevin O'Donnell
2 nd year Trustee:	Thomas N Baker
3 rd year Trustee:	David Didimamoff
Lecturer:	Max Gorenssek
District Deputy:	Ed Wilcox

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,
Hope everyone is doing well as summer draws to a close and preparations begin for Hallowe'en (in 61 days), Thanksgiving (in 87 days) and Christmas (in 116 days)! It feels like yesterday when we brought in the new year and joked about "I'm Barbara Walters and this is 2020". So much has happened and so much more will happen & rest assured, the Knights of Columbus will be there during the peaks and valleys.

Last year we restarted the Knight of the Month program with the thought that we would celebrate a Knight of the Year at our Installation of Officers. I don't want to overlook these great folks who helped make 2019/20 a great year so we're going to continue the tradition and have annual recognition next year for two members.

Current members recognized for their contribution are:

July - John Kvartek
August - Mark Szymanski
September - Stephen Baris
October - Dennis Fraser
November - Craig Burgess
December - Dick Schreck
January - Mike Pawley
February - Randall Brown
March - Andy Colquitt

These gentlemen were nominated based on their great deeds for Council, Church and Community. If you would like to nominate someone, please reach out to me. We will start this fraternal year with two nominations for July and August. Voting will be completed in the Spring of 2021.

Please take care and
Vivat Jesus

GK Richard Hesson

**2020-2021 Officers of
K of C Assembly #1074**

Faithful Navigator	Dan Mefford
Faithful Captain	Joe Deskovitch
Faithful Pilot	Jim Dalsanto
Faithful Purser	Bill Collins
Faithful Comptroller	Max Gorenssek
Faithful Scribe	Mark Kranjc
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Richard Hesson
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Bernie Girouard
Faithful Admiral	Ed Cordes
Faithful Trustee 3yr	Charles Goergen
Faithful Trustee 2yr	Randall Brown
Faithful Trustee 1yr	Wayman
Johnson	
Faithful Friar	Rev. Gregory Wilson

Faithful Navigators Log

Brother Knights and Sir Knights,

The principle of the 4th Degree is Patriotism and there are few things more patriotic as exercising your right to vote. As the Tuesday, November 3rd general election draws near we are all faced with the task of examining our consciences in preparation of casting our votes. Many of

us will vote early. In 2016 nearly 1/3 of all votes cast did not come at a polling booth. In fact it is projected that 8 million votes will be cast this election before the first Presidential Debate on September 29. So while November 3rd is over 60 days away early voting means that many Knights are deciding now on their candidate. Some people think that Catholics shouldn't pay attention to politics but as Pope Francis says, "We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."

The Church will not endorse a candidate nor will you hear the leadership of the Knights of Columbus recommending you vote for a particular individual. Instead the Church offers tools and advice on how to form your voting conscience through studying Scripture and the teachings of the Church, examination of the facts, and prayerful reflection. The Catholic bishops of the United States are offering once again to the Catholic faithful "*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*" – the teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics.

To access this document go to www.faithfulcitizenship.org and this will bring up a section of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) web site. On this page you will see a link to the

"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" official paper. It is divided into three main parts and this document is detailed and thorough – it is over 50 pages. If you don't have the time to review this publication there is a brief two page summary insert that is attached to this newsletter.

I'm asking that all Knights review the main document or the summary and provide this information to your families and friends as well. See you at the polls!!

May God bless our great Country.

Please see the attached PDF file on Catholic Voting.

Please Note: Information for the November-December 2020 issue of The Compass will be due to me by Friday October 23rd please.

Please send any pictures/news items to my email address, rvisotski@gmail.com. Please do not text or use my old, no longer used, @kofc.org address. If able, please include pictures as separate jpegs and not embedded in a Word doc.

Columbus Club

Submitted by Mark Szymanski



Columbus Club (CC)
News (Sept/20)
Membership

*Still a Repeat...Remember to get your Columbus Club Membership Card for 2020.....It's only a \$1.00 and makes us compliant with the State in the Bar area. Plus you must sign-in when entering the Bar area. Tips are always welcomed. Thanks for your cooperation and Tips !!

Fish Fry's

* Still a Repeat after 7-months..... It was with heavy fish guts that some China Virus snuck into the USA, making people sick across the USA and we had to cancel the last two Fish Fry's. The CC Club (CC) will **Make the Fish Fry's Great Again**, hopefully later this year. Please note that anyone who had bought tickets can **get their money back** or use the \$10.00 Donation Tickets on upcoming events when dates are set for future BBQ or future Fish Fry's or Oktoberfest. So don't worry, the CC Club (CC) will somehow make you Happy!!

Pig Roast/BBQ

* Due to Brother Knights practicing their Social Distancing, the BBQ gods, under (CC) Craig Burgess **Made the BBQ Great Again** on July 18th !! In view of the Great Home Cooking and success, including limiting seating in the (CC) bar area and drive thru pick up service available, the Columbus Club is holding another **BBQ on Saturday Sept. 5th, '20**. A e-mail flyer has been sent out to all Knights with all the details. Look in the Church Bulletin. Tickets are also available. Burgess, Fraser, Scherick and the Church office. Please RSVP and then, If all else fails, start sniffing and follow the Smell of the Butts Cooking to

find the (CC). Please work with us in these trying times. Call a-head or a-butt..

Oktoberfest

* *New*..... Start singing Beer-Fest Songs. The 2020 Oktoberfest has been set for Oct 17,'20. Hopefully by then the Virus will be gone and Beer will take all your troubles away for a Nite/ "O" what a nite it will be!! The (CC) will **Make the Oktoberfest Great Again.**

Rummage Sales

* Still a *Repeat*.....The rummage sale pick ups etc again are on hold due to the Virus ..**But Remember did I say Repeat**" the (CC) will **Make the Rummage Sales Great Again.** It takes many volunteers to obtain, pick-up, store, organize the sales. So study up on Volunteering and be ready for the Return to Reality. There is also the rumor that the Great One, Marion, is retiring as Rummage Sale Organizer/pricier etc....so if you think you got what it takes contact the (CC) President/Fraser. PS: Those that help, get insight to what's there and special basement pricing. Please help and read this again in case you missed anything. Please oh Please don't give us throw away junk or please donate for us to haul your junk away.

Bingo

* Still a *Repeat*.....Bingo was doing well, but due to the Virus it has been shut down. Bingo is a main source of revenue for (CC) operations. It is important that, hopefully in the near future, the **Bingo Games Resume.**

Super Knight/Jim Loftis, Bingo Manager, **"Will Make Bingo Great Again"**. Sir Knight Loftis has had several Bingo Captain Mtg.s for expressed concerns and some communication with the S.C. State Bingo Commission. (CC) will resume Bingo when released in the future following formal guidelines. Please use Positive Bingo Thinking and *Bingo* **!! Bingo will be a (CC) Winner Again !!**

Rentals

* New- the (CC) has been able to Book/Rent out a couple of private events....Praise the Lord for a little light shining on some coin.

Work Activities

** Note Limited Volunteers used best Social Distancing Possible to accomplish some work as follows:

* Sad but Brother Knight Tom Demass passed after the work detail at his plantation, but Brother Knight Krvartec continues to mow each Fri and will call for help as needed.

* Brother Knights Fraser and JJ have been working on the sprinkler system making the grass green. This is nice but we still need green money to grow.

* Replacing the entry carpet or applying a coating system is still and will remain on the "Wish List" along with new flooring in the Kitchen area. (Donor/Sponsor)

* Mulch day at the St Mary's School was a success with 40 cu yds being placed around the recently completed brick pillars/fencing and bushes etc. Javier

Negrete and company placed all the new sod....Take a look and see...it's nice. Brother Knights Driscoll and tractor, Jorge, Scott Williams/family, Jim Pate and Loftis worked hard and were feed by Joan Labone. Thanks to others that thought about helping bout were busy. Others Bldg update were supported by Brothers Knights.

*Brother Knights Driscoll, Alejo,Tillman are working the Youth Group Bldg with D&R of some walls, fencing etc and installing some items, doors, flooring etc with other volunteers. Joan Labone with her kids have to date done a great job on fixing up their bldg using "limited" funds.Call Joan if you have an inquiring mind or funding in-mind, or if you want a tour at the corner of Richmond and Fairfield, It's where the Kids go.

* Misc work at the CC Club/Church/School is slow and limited not only due to the Virus but **funding** is also factor. Volunteers/Donations always welcome. Contact: Mark Szymanski 803-645-1405 to get on the call list. You must show up to get/and stay on the list

Rumors

* A far Left turn rumor is, the Knights may remove the name of Christopher Columbus from it's place of honor. Another Left turn rumor is that the term "Under God" was added to the Pledge of a Allegiance in 1955 or so, by the Knight's, may also have to go. If this is gettg hard to swallow, go to the next line and think about rectifying the Flat Beer Syndrome.

* The Keg/Draft Beer in the bar is starting to go flat. A few Brother Knights are doing their best not to let it go to waste. Cheers! Repeat Cheers! Repeat Cheers!

* Please note that the (CC) Hall is being used for Meetings by St Vincent and others while the dioceses has shut down the use of Church bldgs for meetings, until directed otherwise. People working with People. Amazing concept.

* Author unknown..... "But"...Butt... No one has brought a U-Haul to their Funeral, yet.....So you can't take your Money with you.... Think Willingly about Donations to the (CC) Knights of Columbus and associated Support Facilities, now and in the future.

* "Thank God"-----Church Masses have resumed and Brother Knights are assisting in Ushering. Pray for each and everyone! Sun 8:30am Mass avg about 140 fully masked people.God knows the people behind the masks.

* Repeat- If you find that you are OCD in the cleaning department. The CC could be your place to expend energy on a weekly or monthly basis. Sole-lo or group therapy available.

* Repeat Due to the Virus, (CC) Sanitizing/bleach and Work Days at the Columbus Club will be established in near future prior to reopening and anyone wishing to head up a special operation like: Pressure Washing, Painting, Fertilizing, Tree trimming, Filling in Road Holes, Burning etc etc please speak up and the more we can get done.

* Demolition of the Yellow Bldg next to Mother Theresa Hall, has been released by the City. Bradley Plumbing and volunteers will tear the bldg down in the near future, under the direction of Gary Stanley and Pat Wray. Then, turn it into what you ask ?---Proposed Green Area, Meditation Park, Stations of the Cross walkway, Columbarium, Parking, and or Transient hang out area. Imagine all the other possibilities.

* Repeat last time--People still getting lost on St Mary's Campus. If someone has the skill / ability to make a map/hand-out (8-1\2 x11) of St. Mary's Campus with all the bldgs and streets noted, it would greatly be a benefit to all old and new Parishioners. Just a thought for some Knight to ponder. (Maybe talk to Pat Wray in Church Office or maybe not and this item will grow older and be lost with time)

*** St. Vincent Food Pantry has remained open during the Virus Pandemic and has been accepting Golden Harvest Food Deliveries. Volunteers have been picking up Grocery Store Donations and Passing Out Food to the needy. Work force Volunteers have been reduced but work remains constant. Think Volunteer**

* PS sometimes we use full names and sometimes we use partial names. Read on !!

*** It's amazing what can be accomplished, when people come and work together and you don't always know their names!!!! Cheer's**

AMEN Say it again Amen!!! Cheer's

Pancake Breakfast

Brother Knights, due to the COVID-19, our Pancake Breakfast slated for Sunday, September 13, 2020 has been cancelled. At this time, both Ray and I have not decided on a different date. Thanks,
Stephen Baris

Lady's Corner

Carol advised she had nothing to report at this time.

Free Throw Tournament

At this time, formal plans for the annual Free Throw Tournament are on hold because of the virus. Randall Brown is looking at some possible options and updates will be provided as they become available.

Blood Drive



The next blood drive will be on Saturday October 17th and then Tuesday, October 20th – Saturday October 24th at Hitchcock Plaza, 353 Fabian Dr. Call 803-643-7996 to make an appointment and tell them you are donating for St. Mary's. You can fill out your health questionnaire the day of the drive at www.shepardblood.org/quickPass

Saving Lives takes all types

Please chose to donate!
Thank You.
Vince

Veterans Outreach

We are sad to hear that one of our volunteers, SK Bill Cobbs, passed away on July 23, 2020. SK Cobbs was a recipient of the God and Country Award, supported the Project Hope activity to raise funds for the Aiken Special Olympics, supported the St Gerard Thrift Store, supported Our Lady of the Valley Community Outreach mission, a very active volunteer at the VA Medical Center, member of the St Gerard choir, an army veteran, retiree of the Savannah River Site, father, grandfather, husband and just an all-around good guy. He will be missed.. Bill continues to support the VA outreach as long as his health allow him even when in a wheel chair. Bill Cobbs is front row center of this picture.



Congratulation to the following VA Volunteers receiving VA Volunteer Service Awards:

John Casciotta 100 hours

Jan Barlow 300 hours

Richard Schreck 1,069 hours and 14 years

Wayman Johnson 1750 hours

Congratulation to VA Volunteer Dennis Simonson for being selected for the God and Country award for 2020.

Wayman Johnson, FDD, PFN,PGK

From The Commander of The Guard

Thanks to the following Sir Knights for serving at SK Bill Cobbs funeral. Jackie and all the family members appreciated our attendance.

J.J. Engel

Max Gorenek (Choir)

Jim Loftis

Dan Mefford

Dick Schrec

Thank you,

Jim Loftis, COG

Field Agent Report

As always, I stand ready to help. If you or anyone you know are in need of assistance of any kind during these trying

times, please feel free to contact me at 864.494.7891.

I have been scheduling Skype appointments with all of my members for annual reviews and anything you need, please email me at Daniel.gomes@kofc.org and I will send you brief instructions to meet via Skype For Business.

Fraternally,

Daniel Gomes

Report from the District Deputy

None

In Memoriam

When one our members (current or past) die, I think it would be nice for someone who knew them well to share a few brief thoughts with us. (Trying something new.)

SK Daniel Robert “Bob” McCaughin died on August 15, 2020. He lived in Aiken for many years. He was active in St Mary Help of Christians Parish, and in K of C Council 3684 and Fourth Degree Assembly 1074. His wife Marie died in 2006. He moved to Little River, in the Myrtle Beach area.

Carol Ann Lloyd, mother of Angie O’Donnell and mother in law of PGK, Kevin O’Donnell.

Thomas DeMasi
Ronald Jakubec
Robert Wells, Jr.
Bill Cobbs

Velma Johnson, Daughter of Wayman Johnson, FDD, PFN,PGK and her mother, Rosa Johnson

Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

I regret that the November-December issue of The Compass will be my last. I am working and living in Charleston County and within a few months, Alicia will join me full-time. My schedule between long hours and travel have made it difficult for me give this newsletter the attention it deserves. Who is willing to take it over?

RJV