



“The Compass”

Social Distancing Edition

**Knights of Columbus
Monsignor George Lewis Smith
Council No. 3684
Monsignor George Lewis Smith**

Assembly No. 1074

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

May - June 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**

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 Goresek
District Deputy:	Ed Wilcox

Grand Knight’s Message

Brothers,
Hope everyone is well and practicing 'social distancing'. Every year, Webster's Dictionary adds new terms to their dictionaries and I am sure the phrase 'Social Distancing' will make it into the 2021 edition. It will be in good company along with other words added over the years which are in use more today than when they were entered. Words such as 'unplug', 'instagram', 'bingeable' or 'hangry'.

First order of business is the advancement of Rev. Mr. William “Will” Frei from his 2nd Degree to his 3rd Degree. Brother Will has been a long-time member of the council and will be ordained later this year. We wish him the best and look forward to both his ordination & next visit to Aiken. Please reach out to him to congratulate him and keep him in your thoughts & prayers. His email is wfrei@charlestandiocese.org

I would also like to take this time to introduce our newest member **John Segar** who attended the online exemplification on April 16th and by doing so, attained the Third Degree. Many of you know John and have seen him around Bingo, playing and up until the last game played, was volunteering. He is also an active member of St Mary's Parish. Please extend your congratulations and well wishes to John either by sending him a quick email at FFbadge1544@gmail.com or next time in person.

Even while we are separated, there are other degrees planned to allow interested members to join our council. I

have some further review and understanding to do but I think this is a dynamic situation for two reasons. First, while we were looking at transitioning from a First Degree Team to an Exemplification Team, this came at the early stages of a global pandemic so we had to move rapidly to an online web-based exemplification. This is less personal but does allow for the continuation and growth of the Knights of Columbus. Second, today's generation want instant satisfaction with little effort and that drives direction of all business. As a marketing professional in a very old legacy business (we sell the same product which was invented during World War II), this challenge is real as the new generation becomes the face of companies. It's not a bad thing since we were all once the face of a new generation and you can imagine what the previous generation thought!

Finally, I would like to nominate the following officers who have agreed to stay on for the next fraternal year. We have great momentum and would like to keep this going in to 2020/21. If there are other nominations, please let me know by sending a written notice to hesson.richard@gmail.com. I've spoke to everyone either at last meeting or on the phone to confirm holding positions, but if I erred and you would like to step down, please reach out to me. I thank everyone for the success of this past year and look forward to next year. **This will be the first reading of nominations:**

**K of C Council #3684
Proposed 2020-2021 Officers**

Chaplain	Fr. Gregory Wilson
Grand Knight:	Richard Hesson
Dep. GK:	Craig Burgess
Chancellor:	Stephen Baris
Warden:	Frank Novotny
Recorder:	Mark D. Kranjc

Treasurer:	Charles R. Goergen
Advocate:	John Kvartek
Inside Guard:	Andy Colquit
Outside Guard:	Mike Pawley
Financial Sec.:	James G. Loftis
1 st year Trustee:	Kevin P. O'Donnell
2 nd year Trustee:	J.J. Engel
3 rd year Trustee:	David Didimamoff
Lecturer:	Max B. Gorenssek
District Deputy	Sherril (Ed) Wilcox

Vivat Jesus,
Richard Hesson



**Current 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

Sir Knights,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy.

We have a slate of officers that have volunteered to serve in the 2020-2021 year. The list is below and all current officers have offered to stay in position with one exception. SK Dick Schreck is stepping down as Faithful Pilot and SK Jim DalSanto has volunteered to take that position. SK Dick actually asked to step down last year but stayed on another year as we couldn't find a replacement. Thank you Dick.

We are at the point in the process where we need to hear if there are nominations for any officer position "from the floor". If you are interested or know someone that is interested please email your information to SK Mark Kranjc (Faithful Scribe) at mkranjc@bellsouth.net by Sunday, May 10th. On Monday, May 11th all Sir Knights will receive the ballot through email and you can vote either of two ways. You may vote via email to SK Mark Kranjc by 5 PM on Tuesday, May 19. Alternatively you may vote through the Zoom video conferencing application at 7:30 PM on May 20th. The conference ID is 725-1067-1124 and the password is 3xfWng. There will be additional information coming concerning the conference call.

Proposed Slate of Assembly Officers

Faithful Navigator	Dan Mefford
Faithful Comptroller	Max Gorenssek
Faithful Friar	Father Wilson
Faithful Captain	Joe Deskevich
Faithful Admiral	Ed Cordes
Faithful Purser	Bill Collins
Faithful Pilot	Jim DalSanto
Faithful Scribe	Mark Kranjc
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Richard Hesson

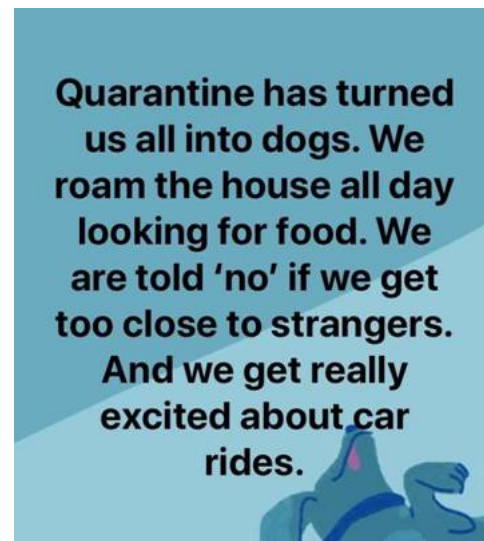
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Bernie Girouard
Faithful Trustee 1 Yr.	Wayman Johnson
Faithful Trustee 2 Yr	Randall Brown
Faithful Trustee 3 Yr	Chuck Goergen
Color Corps Cmdr.	Jim Loftis

Thank you to those who are serving this year and those who have volunteered for next year.

Let all of us continue to pray for the caregivers, policy makers and all those affected by the virus.

Virus Updates (R. Visotski)

Most of you have probably heard that the Bishop has given permission and guidelines for the Diocese to start opening up for Masses and other activities as of Monday, May 11th. I'm sure we will be hearing more on this in the near future, but remember, it's probably going to take some time for things to smooth out, so in addition to your envelopes, please bring your patience and sense of humor to church.



Also, it appears that First Holy Communion at St. Mary Help of Christians Church is tentatively re-scheduled for Sunday, June 14th.

Columbus Club

Submitted by Mark Szymanski



Membership

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

* The Fisherman were able to supply fish for the first Lenten Fish Fry. It was a success with approx. 190 meals. It was with heavy heart 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

* Think Pig Roast in 2020 and it will come true. Again the (CC) had to cancel the BBQ tentatively set for May '20 due to the virus. More to come later as the pigs get bigger and fatter. The (CC) will make the BBQ Great Again. Rumor of a Pig Hollering contest remains for this year. Winner gets Free tickets to 2021 years Pig Roast. Stayed turned for dates TBD.

Oktoberfest

* Start thinking Beer Fest in 2020. By the time the Beer ingredients are grown, the

Beer crafted and aged, the Oktoberfest will be here and the Virus will be gone. Where have you heard that line before? The CC Club will Make the Oktoberfest Great Again. Date TBD.

Rummage Sales

* The rummage sale pick ups etc. again are on hold due to the Virus . . .but remember 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.

Bingo

* 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 a Bingo Captain mtg for expressed concerns and some communication with the S.C. State Bingo Commission. CC will resume Bingo when released in the near future following formal guidelines. Please use Positive Bingo Thinking and Bingo !! Bingo will be a (CC) Winner Again !!

Rentals

* The Virus has shut down Rentals until further notice.

Work Activities

** Note Limited Volunteers used best Social Distancing Possible to accomplish some work at the (CC) as follows:

** Roof replacement was completed on the Silver Bullet Storage Shed in March. Thanks to Jorge Aloe, Jim Driscoll, Don Hodgkins.

** Bradley Plumbing and Heating replaced two heater roof stacks to support new shingling operations.

** Kimbles Plumbing performed a major sanitizing job on the ice maker in April.

**It's "Real News" but some of the "Fake Columns" have been installed in the Main Hall.

** Roof replacement was completed on the (CC) hall roof 5/3/20.

-Best Quote "It's as Hot as Purgatory up Here"



-Roofing Contractor Keith Gaul and some Knight Volunteers spread out and performed roofing work.

Photos submitted by Phyllis Loftis.



The finished product. Thanks, guys.

Knight volunteers, marshaled by the Master of Marshaling, Mark "Ski" Szymanski, included but not limited to Dennis Fraser (grounds cleaning, tree cutter/downer, pressure washer), Jim Loftis (laddervator operator-shingles to the roof and ran the ladder lift to the heavens on occasion, old shingle tosser, grounds keeper, cleaned hall floor), JJ Engel (grounds/roof cleaning, painting, shingle handler, BS specialist), Jorge Alejo (hardest working, no complaining roofer up-n-down, stripper/hauler/tosser, shaker/maker), Jim Driscoll (burn pit tractor man, shingle shuffler, grounds cleaner), Rick Tarleton (shingle stripper/shuffler/tosser, Dick Frushour (shingle stripper, damage repairman, nail extractor), Kevin Stoner (master roofer / does-did it all), Tom Monahan (master roofer / does-did it all), Joe Tillman (grounds man), John Casciotta (attic walkway installer, breaker finder, elect terminator), Don Hodgkins (attic wire eliminator, terminator into box) and Ken Boucher (drive-by, Looks Good Shout-out)

It has been rumored that ADPS received a complaint that there was suspicious activity taking place at the Knights of Columbus Hall and Captain Craig Burgess responded and observed a number of suspicious roofers. The Capt. proceeded to check ID's for outstanding warrants and once everyone came back clear, he gave the roofers a social distancing briefing, along with his Blessing to Return to Work.

* The new counter top for the kitchen is experiencing virus shipping problems the last two weeks. Lowe's is working on the problem.

* Replacing the entry carpet is still and will remain on the "Wish List" along with new flooring in the kitchen area. (Donor/Sponsor)

* Home-Works has put a hold on work till further notice due to virus. Watch for updates in the church bulletin. Sponsors/donations/workers all make it a great success each and every year. Stay **Tuned !!**

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

Rumors

* The Keg/Draft Beer in the bar is starting to go flat.

* Entry into the Knights is now online Degree....Clarity in the process continues and Aiken may have a person to person ceremony some time in the near/far future.

*Church Mass is online. Look at Web page for times etc.



*The Old and New Churches are open daily M-F. Look at Web page for times. Maintenance personnel perform some sanitizing operations each day.

*Perpetual Adoration is currently shut down but you can still reach God by Prayer!

* 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.

* Mulch Day at the St Mary's Campus in March was canceled and is to be rescheduled.

* 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, or burning, please speak up and the more volunteers we get, the more we can get done.

* The City Water Line feeding Mother Theresa Hall is being replaced.

* Repeat-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 benefit all old and new Parishioners. Just a thought for some Knight to ponder. (Maybe talk to Pat Wray in Church Office)

* St. Vincent Food Pantry has remained open during the Virus Pandemic and has been accepting Golden Harvest Food Deliveries, has been picking up Grocery Store Donations and Passing Out Food to

the needed, per Father Wilson's direction. Work force Volunteers have been reduced and guide lines for PPE are being followed.

Lady's Corner

We have not had a meeting for a while. Our next meeting, if all goes well will be in September. That will be our normal Wine and Cheese Party and it will also include the installation of officers.

Carole Casciotta, President,
Marion Engel, Vice President,
Cindy Shea, Secretary, and
Mary Ann Burgess, Treasurer.

John and I will be leaving for Maine in the next couple of weeks, but will be checking our e-mail. If you have any questions e-mail me.

Carole Casciotta, President

Blood Drive

Vince Ingrasciotta



**Shepard Community
Blood Center**

The virus has wreaked havoc on blood donations and as we all know, the need doesn't "take a holiday". Word is that our church will "open" on May 16th, but with social distancing restrictions in place. We are working to determine where we will hold the blood drive scheduled for the weekend of June 6-7. It will be either at the church or the blood center. Stay tuned for details and once a decision is made, we will send out an email blast with the final details. **Please consider donating. . . someone's life depends on it.**

Veterans Outreach

Brother Knights,

I hope this finds you safe and in good health. These are extraordinary, difficult and

challenging times for every South Carolinian and American. The COVID-19 pandemic and the response to it has touched every aspect of our lives. Hopefully, all of us are taking the recommended steps to protect ourselves and our loved ones and help curb the spread.

I believe all our active volunteers received the message from the Volunteer Office at the VAMC on how much they miss us and I quote: " Words can't describe how much you are missed by all. We look forward to when we can all be back together but until then, please stay safe."

In the interest of safety all our scheduled visits are suspended until we receive the "all clear". I will keep you informed.

FYI, the last information I received indicated 15 confirmed cases of this virus at the CNVAMC.

Wayman Johnson

Field Agent Report

Senior Field Agent, Brad Bardon is filling in until a new agent is trained for our area. Brad can be reached at his office, 803-572-0031 and his cell is 803-833-2100

Information for the July-August 2020 issue of The Compass will be due to me by Friday June 26th, please.

Please send any pictures to my email address, rvisotski@gmail.com. Please do not text or use my old, no longer used, @kofc.org address.



In closing, Thank you to everyone who works for our council/assembly and who sent in news. I'd like to shout out Mark "Ski" Szymanski who continues to provide voluminous, up to date information on The Columbus Club and who has stepped up to be involved with our club almost on a daily basis. Take a minute to thank Mark when you see him or drop him a note at MJMjski@aol.com.

I hope yall don't mind the memes. I was trying to bring a little brevity to this very serious situation. . . Vivat Jesus. RJV

Report from the District Deputy

Like Job, who was deprived of all his possessions, we were deprived of the precious blood. When that was not enough of a test, Job was deprived of his health and we are deprived of attending Mass. Job did not renounce God and was rewarded with more than he ever dreamed of. If we do not give up on the Church, we will be rewarded with a stronger faith; and if we do not give up performing acts of mercy we will be rewarded with a stronger sense of community.

The Knights of Columbus can help us give to the community, all we need to do is take the initiative. Don't give up, we will get through this pandemic and starvation of celebrating our faith.

Vivat Jesus,

Ed Wilcox, DD4

