



The Compass



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. George Lewis Smith Council No. 3684

Msgr. George Lewis Smith Assembly No. 1074

A Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization

Aiken, South Carolina

January—February 2007

Grand Knight's Report

Navigator's Log

To all our Knights and their families:

We are now half way through our fraternal year, and so far I think we have experienced a large measure of success. I say that in light of the many charities we have supported, thanks to the generosity of our membership.

We recently held our annual Christmas Party, which proved to be a huge success. Many of our members enjoy a catered meal, and a great gift exchange, thanks to Annmarie, and Max Gorenssek, and everybody's favorite Marion and JJ Engel.

As usual, there were many people who participated behind the scenes, far too many to mention, but as usual John Wernke, and his wife Nancy, together with Vince Ingrasciotta, and of course our Event Manager Ernst Cvikl, and his wife Rita, were the folks who were there to insure a successful event. Thanks to our members, we were able to raise more than \$1300 for our Sisters of Charity, who provide much needed food for our less fortunate families in the valley area.

I'd like to remind you that many of our Sons, Daughters, and those of our neighbors, and friends are heavily involved in protecting our freedom, in many countries across this globe. Please join me in asking that:

**Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and
their families for the selfless acts they perform
for us in our time of need.**

In closing I would like to say please don't forget our troops, with letters, and whatever else you can send and of course our friends who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Please be careful if you are traveling this year. Take your time, and enjoy the Holidays.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year,
Lou Wickas, Grand Knight, and my wife Pat. whose support is fantastic



Sir Knights,

Merry Christmas and may God's graces be with you in the New Year. During all the distractions of the secular Christmas celebrations remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

The Knights of Columbus float in the Aiken Christmas parade featured the Nativity scene and won second place in the religious category. The parade theme was a "Palmetto Christmas". We were able to keep Christ in Christmas as well as comply with the theme by garnishing the float with branches cut from a palmetto tree. Thanks to Sir knights Tom Henry, Jimmy Johnson and Ernst Cvikl for preparing the float which was a joint entry of Assembly 1074 and Council 3684.

We continue to live out our patriotism by providing 15 hours of volunteer services to the local VA hospital during November supporting the Knights "Serving Those Who Served" program. Our next visit will be in January. Thanks to Sir Knights Jerry Guerin and Daniel Lehman for their help. It was a heart warming experience. The Ward Supervisor for the treatment of soldiers wounded in Iraq made a point to shake our hands and thanks us for our services to the veterans.

We provided Honor Guards for Bishop Baker as scheduled for the Bishop's visit to Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in North Augusta; at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in McCormick as the Bishop dedicated a new parish life center; in Edgefield for 150th year of the founding of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception's special Mass celebrated by Bishop Baker; and; in Barnwell for St Andrew's 175th anniversary celebration with Bishop Baker in attendance. Thanks for the wonderful hospitality all the parishes and Sir Knights provided us. In response to a letter written to the Bishop concerning the Honor Guards, he wrote in part: **"It is always a blessing having you and your fellow Knights of Columbus faithfully devote time and energy to assist my ministry at functions large and small. My prayers of thanksgiving for the wonderful service you provide the Church in South Carolina are by your side. May the unending peace of Christ guide and protect you always.."**

An Honor Guard was provided at St Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church in support of the Memorial Mass for our 125 deceased Knights of the Assembly and Council 3684. Thanks to Sir Knight Raymond Visotski (*continued and on Page 4*)



Council and Assembly News

Council Officers

Grand Knight	Louis J. Wickas
Deputy Grand Knight	Ernst T. Cvikl, PFN
Chancellor	Michael J. Schrenker
Warden	Alfred M. Rose
Recorder	Harold A. Bertrand
Treasurer	Charles R. Goergen, PFN, PGK, PSW, FDD
Advocate	Vincent L. Ingrasciotta
Inside Guard	Stanley N. Hay, III
Outside Guard	Joseph A. Ortaldo
Lecturer,	Michael Lehman
Trustee 3 yrs	William G. Collins, Jr., PGK
Trustee 2 yr.	Frank Acosta, PFN
Trustee 1 yr	Thomas P. Henry, PGK, PFN
Financial Secretary:	James G. Loftis, PGK, PFN
Chaplain	Rev. James L. LeBlanc
Insurance Agent	Steve Czaikowski

Assembly Officers

Faithful Navigator	Wayman J. Johnson
Faithful Captain	Louis J. Wickas, GK
Faithful Pilot	Maximilian B. Gorenssek
Faithful Purser	Jerry J. Guerin
Faithful Comptroller	William G. Collins, Jr., PGK
Faithful Scribe	M. Matthew O'Leary
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Michael J. Schrenker
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Faithful Admiral	Ernst T. Cvikl, PFN
Faithful Trustee 3 yrs.	Frank Acosta PFN
Faithful Trustee 2 yrs.	Charles R. Goergen, PFN, PGK, PSW, FDD
Faithful Trustee 1 yr.	Thomas P. Henry, PGK, PFN
Faithful Friar	Rev. James L. LeBlanc

From The Editor

The next issue of *The Compass* will cover January and February, 2007. It will be published near the end of December 2006. Please have input to me by mid-December. E-mail is preferred, paper mail is acceptable, telephone is unreliable.

Please also send me your e-mail address so we can save postage by sending *The Compass* to you electronically.

Bill Collins

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Upcoming Events

- January 1: New Year's Day, Feast of Mary, Mother of God
- January 1: Per Capita Tax Levy
- January 3: Columbus Club Board meeting
- January 6: Feast of The Epiphany
- January 7: Third Degree, Hilton Head, Council #10668
- January 10: Council meeting
- January 13: Stand Up For Life Rally, Columbia
- January 17: Deadline for payment & reservations for 4th degree exemplification
- January 17: Assembly meeting
- January 21: Third Degree, Simpsonville Council #10819
- January 21: March for Life, Washington, DC
- January 24: Council meeting
- January 31: End of State Charity Drive
- January 31: Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities due
- February 1: District Free Throw
- February 3: Mid-Winter Meeting, State -- Charity Ball
- February 7: Columbus Club Board meeting
- February 10: Third Degree
- February 12: Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14: St Valentine's Day
- February 14: Council meeting
- February 15: Semiannual Audit Report due
- February 16: Presidents Day
- February 17: St. Valentine's Day Party
- February 21: Ash Wednesday
- February 21: Assembly meeting
- February 22: Washington's Birthday
- February 23, 24, 25: 4th Degree Exemplification
- February 28: Council meeting
- March 7: Columbus Club Board meeting
- March 10: Third Degree
- March 14: Council meeting
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day
- March 17: State Free Throw
- March 21: Assembly meeting
- March 23: K of C Day of the Unborn Child
- March 28: Council meeting
- March 29: Founder's Day

Dues for 2007

Dues for the Council and Assembly are due and payable January 1, 2007. Dues notices have been sent out. Please pay promptly.

Council dues are \$44 for the year.

Assembly dues are \$20 for the year. We also ask that Assembly members make a generous donation for the support of the Assembly Seminarian Fund. If you are exempt from paying dues, we still ask that you contribute to the Seminarian Fund. Donation are the only source of funds the Assembly has to support seminarians; please be generous. The Church needs priests and religious. The Seminarian Fund provides practical support to those men and women who answer the call. Pray for vocations, and contribute to the Assembly Seminarian Fund!

Survey of Fraternal Activities

The 2006 Survey of Fraternal Activities is now due. The report form is on the inside back page of *The Compass*. Please complete the report and return it as indicated on the form.

Fourth Degree Exemplification

February 23, 24 and 25

Radisson Hotel and Convention Center
2100 Bush River road, Columbia

Calling all Third degree Knights to apply and take part to become Fourth degree members of our Order!

Candidates must complete the Fourth Degree Membership Document, Form 4, and turn it in to the Faithful Comptroller of our Assembly, SK Bill Collins, along with a check to cover all fees, banquet and luncheon tickets, and dues for a year.

Current 4th Degree Knights who wish to attend the banquet or whose ladies will go to the luncheon must also notify Bill and give him a check for your required amounts.

The fees are as follows:

Candidates, \$70, which includes one banquet ticket, plus dues for the year \$20.

Banquet tickets, \$40 each.

Ladies Luncheon ticket, \$15 each.

So, the total for a candidate whose Lady will also attend the Banquet and the Ladies Luncheon will be \$145.

The total for a current 4th Degree Knight whose lady will also attend the banquet and the luncheon is \$95.

Please make one check payable to K of C Assembly 1074, for your required amount, and get it to Bill no later than the January 17 Assembly meeting. The Assembly will deposit your checks and send one check for all the participants to the Master.

The Assembly will pay the costs of any clergy attending from the Assembly. Clergy still need to notify Bill of their plan to attend no later than the January 15 Assembly meeting.

Contact information for Faithful Comptroller Bill Collins:
Address: 2 Spyglass Dr., Aiken, SC 29803; phone (803) 642-9651; email bbcollins@earthlink.net

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!!

Current Fourth Degree Knights who will not be attending the banquet and whose ladies are not going to the luncheon are welcome to attend the Exemplification at no charge, and are encouraged to attend, in Color Guard regalia if possible, to make an impressive showing.

DRESS:

Men: Black Tuxedo, black bow tie, black shoes and hose, plain collared white tuxedo shirt, and social baldric. Candidates will receive their Social Baldric at the Exemplification. Only current jewel of office may be worn. Members of the Armed Forces may wear their full dress uniform in lieu of tuxedo but no K of C jewels. During the Exemplification. Colored or color-trimmed shirts may be worn at the banquet and dance but not at the Exemplification.

Ladies may wear evening dress or suitable dress for the occasion.

Hotel reservations: Make them early if you plan to stay overnight. The hotels fill up fast! When you call, tell them you are with the K of C Fourth Degree.

Radisson Hotel & Convention Center, 2100 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29210, phone 803-731-0300. Special Rate: \$104.00 single or double.

SLEEP INN also has a special rate \$79.99 for K of C 4th Degree (803) 731-9999.

Best Western also has a special rate of \$84.00. (803) 561-9027 or (803) 561-9367.

St. Valentine's Day Party

February 17, 6 PM

Council 3684 and Assembly 1074

Come and have a good time. More details will be given in the invitation, which will be mailed in January.

Columbus Club Notice

The Columbus Club Board has agreed to do away with the two tier pricing for all drinks and beverages served by the lounge. Effective with publication of this notice in the January/February issue of the Compass, all bar prices will be those posted on the price list above the cash register. These prices are the same as those we normally charge the public. The previous privilege of "Member or Happy Hour" prices is no longer available for any Council meetings, work groups, parties, or functions without prior direct permission from the Columbus Club.

-Bob Hochel, Columbus Club President

Christmas Parade

The Knights of Columbus had a float in the 2006 Aiken Christmas Parade on December 3, 2006. Tom Henry organized our participation, and took the lead in setting up the float, which was a living nativity scene. Other members and families took part. The K of C Float took Second Place trophy.

Ladies' Corner

Dear Ladies, Our December meeting was a big success. Everyone enjoyed the gift exchange and the food and the friendship. Our meeting was very successful. We donated to: St. Vincent De Paul \$600, \$200 to each parish, Daughters of Charity \$300, Helping Hands \$200, Free Clinic of Aiken \$200, Cumbee Center \$200, Aiken Council on Aging \$100 Acts \$200.00 for Heaters, Habitat For the Womans Build: \$200. Be Proud of your organization. That is \$2,000.00 that we made and donated to local charities. Ladies, I am very proud of all of you .

I want to wish Bertha Petrina a Happy Birthday. I want to send Get well Wishes to Shirley Acosta and we need prayers for Stephanie Monahan who is expecting and needs to be off of her feet till D-Day.

We will be decorating for the Feb 17th Valentines Day Dance . The Knights hired a DJ and there will be a dinner so put it on your calendar.

January 10, 2007 will be our Chinese Auction. Start looking for items you want to put in the auction. This is a good fund raiser.

No Bingo on Christmas or New Years. Carol Maino made out the Bingo Cafe list. Thank you Carol for the wonderful and informative talk on Orvieto, Italy. Carol also handed out beautiful pictures of the church.

Have a Happy and a Healthy Holiday and I look forward to seeing you January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, 2007.

God bless you and keep you all well.
Marion Engel, President



Insurance Note

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

I am including a brief description of Whole Life Insurance premium options as this month's insurance note. I hope you find it informative. Please give me a call if you have any questions or concerns about any of the KofC

products, including Life Insurance (Whole Life and Term), Long Term Care, or Annuities. I hope that 2007 is full of many blessings for you and your family.

Whole life insurance calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or to age 100. You may want to consider a permanent life insurance product – one with guaranteed cash values – that offers a limited period of premium payments. The Knights of Columbus offers three permanent life insurance products for which premiums do not have to be paid for all of life.

“Twenty Pay Life” is exactly as the name suggests – a permanent plan with premiums payable for only 20 years. After the premiums are paid for the 20 years, the plan is “paid up” and no more premiums are due. Unlike its term

counterpart, however, the plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

Another such plan is our “Life Paid Up at 65.” You buy this permanent product and you only pay premiums to age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains very much in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance – permanent life insurance – and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

I have detailed information on all of these products. At your convenience, I'll meet with you and your spouse to perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, to help determine which of our many life insurance products is

right for you and your family.

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Honor Guards

Thanks to the following Sir Knights for participation in the Honor Guards listed in the Navigator's Log:

Frank Acosta, Marvin Brown, Randall Brown, Bill Cervenka, Bill Collins, Frank Cuda, Ernst Cvikl, Walter Ferrari, Leon Gauvin, Chuck Goergen, Max Gorenssek, William Gouthro, Jerry Guerin, Alex Harris, Joseph Harris, Tom Henry, James Jay, Wayman Johnson, Angel Lacabe, Jim Loftis, Ed Maino, Bob McCaughin, Tom Monahan, Harold Meyers, Gerald Shanahan, Richard Sullivan, Bill Sulzen, Jim Thomas, Gary Wills, Leon Wizorek

Several participated in more than one event, some traveling considerable distances to take part in events away from their home Councils and parishes. Thanks to all.

Assembly Meeting Attendance

Sir Knights, please make every effort to attend the Assembly meeting on January 17, 2007. We have several applications for membership, and this will be the last meeting to vote on them before the deadline for the Exemplification.

(Navigator's Log, continued) for printing the program. Thanks to all those who participated (Knights, Sir Knights, Ladies Auxiliary, and family members) for making this a worthy memorial for our deceased brothers.

For the Christmas midnight Mass at St. Mary Help of Christians, we provided an honor guard at the request of Fr. LeBlanc, Pastor and Faithful Friar.

Stand Up for life Rally is scheduled for Saturday, January, 13, 2007 in Columbia. Knights from across the State normally attend this rally at the steps of the State Capitol building. Knights in regalia in the past had participated in the march to the Capitol building from USC Campus, about three or four blocks. Bishop Baker is a big supporter and normally attends. Please mark your calendars.

The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be 23, 24, and 25 of February, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel in Columbia. We have several applications so far. Those concerned about the cost may want to consider that this is the last year for the contract with the current Hotel and it is my guess that an increase in expenses will come with the new contract and possibly a different location. It's not too late to get your application in. If you are interested you need to act now.

Fraternally Yours,
Wayman Jerome Johnson, Faithful Navigator

2006 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$130 million to charitable and benevolent causes and over 61.1 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it to your Council Financial Secretary or Assembly Faithful Comptroller. Please separate Council activities from Assembly activities for reporting. Report your activities during calendar year 2006.

Please return the completed report by January 15, 2006. Email submission is preferred, paper is acceptable. Addresses:

Financial Secretary, Council 3684:

Jim Loftis, 19 Whitmarsh Dr, Aiken, SC 29803; jimphilloftis@gforcecable.com

Faithful Comptroller, Assembly 1074:

Bill Collins, 2 Spyglass Dr, Aiken, SC 29803; bbcollins@earthlink.net

Items to report:

1. NUMBER of visits (not hours) during 2006:

Sick: Caring for the sick: _____

Bereaved: Visits of condolence _____

2. Number of times served as a blood donor during 2006 _____

3. Estimated HOURS of volunteer service during 2006:

Church activities -- Service in all church-related activities _____

Community activities -- service in all community-related activities _____

Youth activities -- service in all youth-related activities _____

Habitat for Humanity -- service in all related projects _____

Miscellaneous activities -- service in areas not outlined above _____

4. HOURS of fraternal service during 2006:

Sick/Disabled members and their families -- household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc _____

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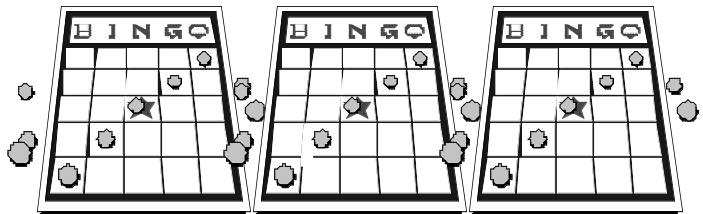
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Council Meetings 7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wednesdays; Assembly Meetings 7:30 PM 3rd Wednesdays

Ask a friend and his family to join us in the K of C

BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

Knights of Columbus
1003 Spaulding Drive
Aiken, South Carolina
Every Monday, 7:00 PM



“The Ladies Cafe”

Serving

Bingo & Cafe Team Dates		
01/01/2007	NO BINGO	
01/08/2007	4 Rose	M. M. Walsh
01/15/2007	1 Broderick	B. Broderick
01/22/2007	2 Hochel	L. Jordan
01/29/2007	3 Loftis	P. Loftis
02/05/2007	4 Rose	M. M. Walsh
02/12/2007	1 Broderick	B. Broderick
02/19/2007	2 Hochel	L. Jordan
02/26/2007	3 Loftis	P. Loftis
03/05/2007	4 Rose	M. M. Walsh
03/12/2007	1 Broderick	B. Broderick