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Operation HOPE Workshop

The SC State Council, Knights of Columbus and the Columbus Hope Foundation, will conduct an Operation Hope Workshop on July 9, 2011 at Our Lady of the Hills Parish Center (directions attached), and will be hosted by Irmo Council 6892.

Each council is encouraged to send their Operation Hope Chairman, and others, who will assist your Operation Hope Chairman this coming fraternal year. Manuals will be distributed to each council's representative, and will include many new materials that will become the new manual for Operation Hope. The workshop will start at 10AM and conclude no later than 2PM. Dress Code, Casual.

Please note that this is a separate meeting, and it is not to be confused with the Grand Knights Workshop, which will be held in Columbia, SC on July 23, 2011.

The 2010-2011 Operation Hope Drive had gross income of \$333,000 and was accomplished by those that attended last year's workshop.

There will be an Awards Luncheon (no charge) when special awards will be presented to outstanding Operation Hope members.

Regardless of when you conduct your drive, please come

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May's Membership Champion

#1668, Msgr. Andrew K. Gwynn,
Greenville, Richard A Cortese- GK

Achieving Star Award

#1668, Msgr. Andrew K. Gwynn,
Greenville, Richard A Cortese- GK

#8123, Fr. Louis R. Williamson, Hartsville,
Scott A. Chenard - GK

#10819, Rev. Paul D. O'Toole, Simpsonville,
Bruce E Jennings - GK

Achieving Double STAR Award

#6892, Father Frederick H. Suggs, Irmo,
Gerard F. Couture - GK

#8790, Rev. A. A. Plikunas, Marion/Dillon,
Gary E. Marshall - GK

Future Special Incentives:

1. Most new members in June
2. Achieve Fr. McGivney Award
3. Special for 2 in May-June

SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

June 2011

- 19 Father's Day
- 24-26 Installation of State Officers & District
Deputies Meeting Aiken 3684
- 30 **Columbian Award Application #SP-7 DUE**
- 30 **RSVP Application #2863 DUE**
- July 2011**
- 1 **Report of Officers Chosen Form #185 Due**
- 4 Independence Day
- 9 Operation HOPE Work Shop Irmo 6892
- 22-24 Grand Knight's Work Shop Irmo 6892



From the State Deputy – “Putting Our Catholic Faith in Action”

June is here, and this normally signifies a changing of the leadership of the councils. I want to thank the existing officers as they complete their last month, recognizing their leadership continues through the entire month of June. For the new officers, welcome onboard. You should be meeting with your new officers and setting your goals for the Fraternal Year 2011-2012. Build on the success of your predecessor. Since the last Bulletin, State Secretary Richard Gabriel and I have met with Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo. We not only had the honor to represent the South Carolina Knights of Columbus to Bishop Guglielmo, but to discuss the state's successes and plans for the next year. We also presented Bishop Guglielmo a check for \$5000 for the seminarians of the diocese. Two resolutions passed at the State Convention were presented to him. The first pledged our support of him as our Apostolic Vicar and a second resolution pledged our solidarity with all the priests of the diocese.

Also during the past month, South Carolina Knights of Columbus has applied for and received monies from Supreme for two more ultrasound machines. This brings the total to 5 in the state. Yet the money has not stopped. Presently, we already have money for a 6th machine.

I would be remiss if I did not comment on the passing of Msgr. Joseph A. Roth. He was a great priest, a great man, and a true Knight. We will miss him. I did have the pleasure of meeting with him about two weeks before he died. I presented to him a resolution passed at the State Convention recognizing his contribution to the Church, Diocese, and the Knights of Columbus. Before I left, he prayed for the Knights of Columbus and gave his blessing to us.

As far as membership, the councils of the state have done well. We may have a record number of STAR and Double STAR Councils and surely will have a record number of STAR and Double STAR Districts.

In conclusion, Kathy and I want to thank all who have made this year so successful and for the hospitality you have shown to us.

The State Officers and your District Deputy are only a phone call away. We stand ready and willing to help you and your Council be successful.

From the Vocations Director

Submitted by James P. Weiskircher, Vocations Director

Reverend Mr. Bill Hearne



On July 1st, Deacon Bill Hearne will be ordained a priest at the Cathedral in Charleston, along with Deacons David Nerbun and Matthew Gray. It has been several years, since the diocese has ordained this many.

Bill brings a wealth of life experiences to the priesthood. His first career was with the U.S. Air Force as a Logistics Officer for 20 years. His Air Force career involved many assignments including multiple tours at USAF Headquarters in the Pentagon, an Exchange Officer Tour with the Royal Australian Air Force, deployment on a Joint Task Force during Kosovo and heading up Air Terminal Operations at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, DC (home of Air Force One).

Bill has worked extensively with Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Phoenix, Los Angeles and in southern Illinois. While stationed at Scott AFB outside St. Louis, he worked with an “interest group” that led to “agency in formation” status, and eventually to full recognition by the national organization. He was on the Board of Directors of the newly established chapter. Once Bill retired from the Air Force, he went to work for the Minneapolis based Carlson Companies in their Washington office. Bill was VP of Government Operations. They bid on, won, and implemented an end-to-end financial management/travel management system for the Federal Government. While in college, Bill worked part-time for an airline in Washington, which afforded him the opportunity to see the world at a relatively young age. He continued to travel extensively in the Air Force and with Carlson. Besides living all over the US, he has also lived in France, Italy, Japan, and Australia. In his own words, “I am an inveterate traveler!”

For the past four years, Bill has been studying at Blessed John XXIII in Massachusetts. It is one of three seminaries in the US dedicated to “delayed” vocations. His classmates were from dioceses all around the country...from as far away as San Francisco and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The life experience of the student body is very diverse, and enriched his overall experience. Bill is a cradle Catholic and is a product of the Catholic school system; St. Luke School in River Forest, IL, Seton Hall Preparatory School in South Orange, NJ, and Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He has one brother and one sister (two nephews and a niece). Even though Deacon Bill is on his third career, the thought of becoming a priest has been constantly on his mind. Please keep him in your prayers as he approaches his ordination.

Supreme Court rejects challenge to "under God" in Pledge of Allegiance

Knights of Columbus waged successful defense on East and West Coast cases

June 14, 2011 - Flag Day

(NEW HAVEN, CONN.) - The United States Supreme Court has refused to hear an appeal of a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance, thus ending a seven year battle involving two separate cases, one originating in California and the other in New Hampshire. The Knights of Columbus, represented by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, played a key role in defending the Pledge as a "defendant intervenor" in both cases.

"The Knights of Columbus is proud to have played a major role in successfully defending the constitutionality of the words 'under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "We were instrumental in persuading Congress to add those words to the Pledge in 1954, and they express a fundamental belief that we have held as a nation since our founding, that we 'are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights.' The notion that this somehow violates the First Amendment has now been soundly rejected by both the First and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeal, and the Supreme Court has now allowed both decisions to stand. It is a victory for common sense."

The Ninth Circuit upheld the constitutionality of the Pledge in March 2010 and the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of the California case in March 2011. The First Circuit upheld the constitutionality of the Pledge in November 2011 and the Supreme Court denied certiorari in that case yesterday, June 13, 2011.



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learn and see all the new materials, which will assist you greatly in this coming fraternal year's Operation Hope Campaign. The Columbus Hope Foundation cannot do anything without your help! For further information please contact: Don Cronin, Tel. 843-553-8844 or Richard Stachelek Tel. 803-781-7636.

Fraternally yours,
Michael W. Telesco, PSD
Chairman, Board of Directors

DIRECTIONS:

From the OLD SHERATON HOTEL (4th degree) go north on Bush River Road to Marydale Lane (3d light) and turn Left at the stop light and go to the end of the road, meeting room (Our Lady of the Hills) on the left (at stop light the road left is Maryhill and right is Ashland Road)

If coming from upstate exit of I-26 at St Andrews Road, and turn right to the 2d stop light and turn right.

Why John Paul II Was Beatified

5/31/2011

Blessed Pope John Paul II was an extraordinary witness of faith and love, seeking unity with Christ above all

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

During the days leading up to the beatification of Blessed John Paul II, I was frequently asked by journalists whether I thought the Vatican was rushing John Paul II's path to sainthood. My answer was simple: "If the Lord had not wanted John Paul II beatified now, he would not have granted the miracle that was attributed to his intercession."

The so-called "waiting period," which was shortened in the case of Pope John Paul II, is one way to help ensure that procedures are followed and requirements are met. The important test is that the pope and the Congregation for the Causes of Saints are satisfied that all the standards have been fulfilled.

As Pope Benedict XVI observed in his homily during the beatification Mass May 1, he wanted the cause of beatification "to move forward with reasonable haste" because "of the ways God's people showed their veneration" for John Paul II and "because this is what was pleasing to the Lord." The world saw the extraordinary witness and heroic Christian virtue that marked the nearly 27 years of John Paul II's papacy. We might say that the world pronounced its judgment on him during his funeral Mass when hundreds of thousands of people chanted, "Santo Subito!" ("Sainthood now!").

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From the State Ceremonials Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

Worthy Grand Knights and Members of the State Council:
The first new 3rd Degree is scheduled to be performed in **Garden City, Council 8980 on July 16, 2011**. I encourage all members to come and see this degree and the State Deputy and I feel you will be as impressed as we were when we viewed the degree. Please contact District Deputy Skip Reilly, DD # 11 and let him know if you will be attending this degree, either as an observer or candidate, so that they can plan for food and seating for all. His phone number is 843-237-9917 or Email address is skipshirley@aol.com.

I'm pleased at the response of all the Councils that have come forward and held a 1st Degree. Your response to the request of the State has not gone unnoticed. Thanks for your help. Please take special note of the 1st Degrees your Council has completed, and if the number is not correct, contact your District Deputy to correct the report that I have published. The report is as of June 9. This must be checked so that the awards given out at the New Grand Knights meeting in July are correct. Your numbers of Degrees must be corrected by July 6, 2011. If not corrected by this date the Council will be requested to pay the cost of replacing the plaque if it is because the Degree numbers are wrong and not reported to the Ceremonial chairman.

The attached charts show each council's progress in First Degrees held and for each District Second Degree held for the Fraternal Year 2010/2011.

First Degree Standings Notes

NOTE: COUNCILS INDICATED WITH AN
ASTERISK, NEED TO HAVE TEAM CERTIFIED



First Degree Standings

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, State Ceremonials Chairman

DISTRICT	COUNCIL	CITY	GOAL	ACTUAL	% GOAL
Roy Spurlock		DD #1	21	12	57.14%
	5026	BEAUFORT	5	2	40.00%
	7289	HILTON HEAD	4	0	0.00%
	10668	HILTON HEAD	6	6	100.00%
Michael A. Allen	12263	BLUFFTON	6	4	66.67%
		DD #2	16	26	152.94%
	2207	SUMTER	4	5	125.00%
	6847	E. COLUMBIA	5	6	120.00%
	9672	CAMDEN	3	3	100.00%
	13713	BLYTHEWOOD	4	10	250.00%
Michael DiMartino	15233	MANNING/SANTEE	1	2	200.00%
		DD #3	20	22	110.00%
	5086	MYRTLE BEACH	5	5	100.00%
	7122	N. MYRTLE BCH	5	7	140.00%
Engl Team	7531	CONWAY	4	3	75.00%
	Span Team	7531	CONWAY	3	3
Ernst T. Cvikl	* 14892	LORIS	3	4	133.33%
		DD #4	13	2	15.38%
	3684	AIKEN	6	1	16.67%
	7062	N. AUGUSTA	4	1	25.00%
David R. Griffard	9161	BARNWELL	3		0.00%
		DD #5	22	9	40.91%
	6629	SUMMERVILLE	6	1	16.67%
	6891	ORANGEBURG	4	1	25.00%
	8502	WALTERBORO	3	1	33.33%
	8900	N. CHARLESTON	4	4	100.00%
Jerry W. Carroll	11910	SUMMERVILLE	5	2	40.00%
		DD #6	18	13	72.22%
	6884	SENECA	6	4	66.67%
	7129	GREENWOOD	4	3	75.00%
Thomas W. Glynn	8295	ANDERSON	4	5	125.00%
	9576	PICKENS	4	1	25.00%
		DD #7	17	21	123.53%
	724	COLUMBIA	5	7	140.00%
	6892	IRMO	4	6	150.00%
	11325	LEXINGTON	4	3	75.00%
Keith Kengren	12554	COLUMBIA	4	5	125.00%
		DD #8	19	23	121.05%
	1668	GREENVILLE	5	8	160.00%
	8182	MAULDIN	4	5	125.00%
John P. Sulkowski	10819	SIMPSONVILLE	6	6	100.00%
	13112	GREENVILLE	4	4	100.00%
		DD #9	24	16	66.67%
	704	CHARLESTON	6	3	50.00%
	6250	JAMES ISLAND	4	2	50.00%
	9475	MT. PLEASANT	6	6	100.00%
Edward M. Griffin	10334	CHARLESTON	4	2	50.00%
	12472	CHARLESTON	4	3	75.00%
		DD #10	20	15	75.00%
	6756	ROCK HILL	4	6	150.00%
William "Skip" Reilly	10066	LANCASTER	3	1	33.33%
	12268	YORK	3	1	33.33%
	12366	FORT MILL	4	2	50.00%
	14475	LAKE WYLIE	3	3	100.00%
	14765	INDIAN LAND	3	2	66.67%
		DD #11	15	14	93.33%
Joseph A. Balotti	3067	GEORGETOWN	4	3	75.00%
	8980	GARDEN CITY	6	4	66.67%
	11028	PAWLEYS ISL	5	7	140.00%
		DD #12	14	14	100.00%
Brandon Chambers	5194	FLORENCE	5	6	120.00%
	8123	HARTSVILLE	3	3	100.00%
	8790	MARION DILLON	3	3	100.00%
	10867	CHERAW	3	2	66.67%
William E. Weiss	6726	DD #13	16	16	100.00%
	6900	HANAHAN/GC	4	7	175.00%
	11471	CITADEL	4	2	60.00%
	11991	MONCK'S CORNER	3	4	133.33%
TOTAL		GOOSE CREEK	5	3	60.00%
		DD #14	22	16	72.73%
	6076	SPARTANBURG	5	6	120.00%
	9184	TAYLORS	5	5	100.00%
	9575	SPARTANBURG	6	4	50.00%
	12274	GREER	3	1	33.33%
12995	GAFFNEY	3	1	33.33%	
			257	219	84.88%

GOAL FOR FY 10-11

DEGREES PER COUNCIL

DIV I - 1-75 - 3

DIV III - 151 - 225 - 5

DIV II - 76-150 - 4

DIV IV - 226 & ABOVE - 6

Third Degree Schedule - 2011-2012

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

Date	Location	Degree Team
7/16/11	Garden City Council 8980	Midlands
9/17/11	Florence Council 5194	Midlands
9/24/11	Taylors Council 9184	Midlands
1/7/12	Lexington Council 11325	Coastal
1/21/12	Pawleys Island Council 11028	Coastal

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To be sure, the beatification of John Paul II is not a scorecard on his papacy. Rather, it is a judgment on his living the Christian life. But the beatification does tell us something very important about the papacy of his successor, Pope Benedict XVI, and about the papacy in general.

Many may remember the common wisdom among journalists that was expressed during the conclave held after the death of John Paul II. Some thought the pendulum had swung too far in one direction and that the new pope needed to be a "corrective," to return the Church to some unspecified "middle ground."

While the image of a swinging pendulum may be appropriate in a secular political context, where public attitudes shift back and forth between the political left and right, it is not adequate to understand a Church guided by the Holy Spirit along the sure path of salvation history.

A shining example of this reality was the election of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger to succeed Pope John Paul II. Pope Benedict XVI's episcopal motto — "Cooperators veritatis" ("Co-workers of the truth") — provides a key to our understanding. If we recognize the fundamental responsibility of a bishop to be a teacher, that is, to be a cooperator with the truth, then the pope is an unparalleled example of this teaching office.

As Pope Benedict observed in his homily, during his 23 years of service as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, he was one of John Paul II's closest co-workers. In that capacity, he came "to revere him all the more." Benedict also referred to the "witness of faith, love and apostolic courage" of Blessed John Paul II, whom he said exemplified "a personal and communitarian existence directed to Christ."

In the closing words of his homily, Pope Benedict gave the

clearest reason for the beatification of John Paul II: "He lived out in an extraordinary way the vocation of every priest and bishop to become completely one with Jesus."

For more than three decades, the Knights of Columbus has been privileged to be "co-workers" with these two great popes and has supported many projects essential to their ministry. But our greatest privilege has been to experience their "witness of faith, love and apostolic courage" and in our own way to be their co-workers in this sense. May the prayers of Blessed John Paul II sustain us in this work.

Vivat Jesus!



Patriot's Corner

Joseph Gubeli, Jr., PSD

District Master

As we proceed through June, I am encouraged by the enthusiasm as we schedule and complete the Assemblies leadership Installations across South Carolina. It serves as

another reason why I am proud to serve as your Master of the Fourth Degree.

When I receive your completed form # 186, REPORT OF OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR THE TERM, I further complete paperwork and e-mail it to the FN and FC. Please be sure to supply a copy to your Commander as he will serve as my Marshall. When I am Installing more than one Assembly at the same time, then the Regional Marshall or District Marshall will be present.

My preparation for your installation is planned utilizing your Form # 186. In addition to me receiving a copy, a copy must go to the Supreme Secretary, State Deputy, and the Vice Supreme Master.

As of now, I have been scheduled to install seventeen Assemblies. The dates are: June 11, 17, 18, 21, 24, & 26th. July dates are: 10, 13, 16, 17, 20, 24, 27, & 30, August 6, & 20. I will be at the Grand Knight's Workshop in Irmo July 22nd & 23rd, and the Supreme Convention July 31st thru August 1 through 5, in Denver Co.

I urge you to continue to pledge our Flag with sincerity sing our National Anthem with passion and pray for the men and women serving in the armed forces, who continue the fight to keep us free.

Vivat Jesus,



From the Pro-life Chair Couple

Jim & Bobbie St. Clair

Fraternal Year Accomplishments!

As we are wrapping up the fraternal year, it gives us great pleasure to reflect on your accomplishments. Mainly, you responded to the Ultrasound Initiative in unprecedented fashion, you attended the pro-life conference in September, you marched in the Stand Up for Life Rally in Columbia, you held wonderful commemorations to the Unborn Child, and you protested in front of the abortion mills in the 40 Days for Life campaign. One of the more notable accomplishments was the increased awareness that you created in your fund drives for the USI. Thanks to your efforts, your parishioners and your fellow citizens in your community all banded together to fight abortion at levels not before achieved in this state. With the machines already in place, several hundred lives have been saved this year AND we're just getting started! We believe that you need to drive this point home to your brothers and fellow parishioners.... lives are being saved in South Carolina thanks to their contributions to the USI. Please, everyone, write a letter of appreciation and make it an insert in your parish bulletin. Let all of them share in the joy of knowing that they have actually saved human lives by supporting the Ultrasound Initiative. We couldn't be more proud of each of you and we really want you to know how much we appreciate your individual efforts. To express our appreciation we will present a Diamond Halo Award to each participating Council and also to every parish that contributed over a thousand dollars.



The South Carolina Abortion Rate Drops!

According to a South Carolina Citizens for life report, "the number of abortions occurring in South Carolina declined again in 2009 dipping to under 7,000 for the first time since 2005."

"Obtained from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control Division of Biostatistics, the report showed there were 6,911 abortions performed in 2009 in six facilities including three free-standing abortion business and three hospitals. The 2009 number is down by 276 from 2008. According to DHEC, for 2009 the Charleston Women's Medical Center reported the most abortions -- 2,516 -- cornering just over 36 percent of the abortion market in the Palmetto State. Its business, however, was down by 34 abortions from 2008.

The Greenville Women's Clinic was second highest with 2,191 abortions, although its business showed the most

significant decline of 346 abortions from the previous year. Planned Parenthood of South Carolina located in Columbia performed the fewest number of abortions of the free-standing facilities; however its business increased. It reported 2,161 abortions in 2009, an increase of 87 abortion deaths of unborn children from 2008.

The Medical University of South Carolina reported 29 abortions; Greenville Memorial Hospital reported 13 abortions; and AnMed Health in Anderson, S.C., reported one abortion in 2009.

Overall abortions in South Carolina have declined by 50 percent since the peak in 1988 when DHEC records showed 14,133 abortions occurring in our state."

The graph on page 9 shows the rate of abortions occurring in South Carolina since 1970:

Diamond Halo Awards

Please notify us, stclair33@bellsouth.net, if your parish contributed over \$1000 to the USI. We need to know by the end of this month so that the Diamond Halo plaques can be engraved and awarded at the July Grand Knight Workshop in Irmo.

Order to Release Promotional Ads Nationally

6/12/2011

The Knights of Columbus is releasing four professionally produced advertisements that highlight the history, charity and life-changing impact of the Order and invite Catholic men to join and "make a difference." The four ads were introduced by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and shown to state deputies, state secretaries and their wives at the closing session of the organizational meeting on Sunday.

The supreme knight said that the commercials, produced in the fast-paced, contemporary genre, will be shown on some national television stations. DVDs with the ads also will be distributed to all state councils for screening at council meetings, recruitment drives and parish gatherings.

"This is part of our continuing effort to express and communicate the Knights of Columbus story, to tell a wider audience what we are all about," Anderson said.

The ads are designed to appeal to younger Catholic men who want to "make a difference" in the lives of their families, their parishes and their communities.



From the desk of the State Historian

Michael W. Telesco, PSD, FM

FLAG DAY

Flag Day is June 14 and celebrates the official symbol for the United States: Our Stars and Stripes. Flag Day was first recognized by Congress on June 14, 1777, which became known as Flag Day.

Not only is the U.S. flag older than the Union Jack of Great Britain and the tri-colors flag of France, but also is the only flag to have been flown on the moon.

Congress first stated that there should be a star and stripe for every state. Our first flag had 13 stars and 7 red and 6 white stripes. In 1794 two new stars were added and we had a flag with 15 stars and 15 stripes. By 1818 there were 20 states, but our country was still using the flag with 15 stars and 15 stripes. Congress thought about having 20 stripes and agreed that it might become a problem because of its size so they passed a law that said there would be 13 stripes for the original 13 states and they would add a star for each new state that joined the union. The U.S. flag is 13 stripes: seven red and six white. A blue field with 50 stars is located next to the staff in the upper left corner of the flag. It extends from the top to the lower edge of the fourth red stripe. The stars are arranged in alternating rows of six and five representing the 50 states of the United States. The stars do not represent any given state.

PS: The U. S. Army was established on June 14, 1775 and will celebrate their 236th birthday.

RESPECT THE FLAG

1.No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America.

The flag should not be dipped to any person or thing.

2 The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

3. Never allow the flag to touch anything beneath it such as the ground, the floor, water or merchandise.

4. The flag should never be used as clothing or drapery.

5. Never mark the flag with or place upon it any letter, word, design, picture or drawing of any nature.

6. The flag, when in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

WHEN TO FLY THE FLAG

It is proper to fly the U.S. Flag every day, federal, local holidays and for special occasions.



South Carolina State Council
Columbiettes Officers

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- Past President ————— Flo Mucci
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Knights of Columbus
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Contact: Andrew Walther (203) 752-4253

For immediate release:

June 9, 2011

A.M. Best reaffirms Knights of Columbus rating of A++ (Superior)

Order's insurance program earns highest rating for 36th consecutive year

(NEW HAVEN, Conn.) — For the 36th consecutive year, A.M. Best Company has given the Knights of Columbus its highest financial strength rating, A++ (Superior). A.M. Best is a worldwide rating and information agency, which conducts in-depth analyses and issues reports about the fiscal stability of insurance companies.

In its 2011 reaffirmation, A.M. Best cited the Knights of Columbus' "strong fraternal and insurance presence within the Catholic communities in the United States and Canada, its superior risk-adjusted capitalization as measured by Best's Capital

Adequacy Ratio and the Order's consistently positive statutory operating results."

The report also stated that "the Order has a strong affinity with its large membership base through its charitable works and competitive portfolio of life insurance and annuity products."

Supreme Knight and C.E.O. Carl A. Anderson said that, "In the past 36 years, there have been five recessions. And in every single one of those years, the Order earned A.M. Best's highest rating. This confirms the wisdom of our careful investment

policies in turbulent economic times and again demonstrates our fidelity to our original mission: providing Catholic families with security and stability through topquality life insurance products."

In just over a decade, the amount Knights of Columbus insurance in force has doubled to more than \$80 billion. It also recently introduced disability income insurance to its product portfolio.

One of the most active charitable groups in the United States, Knights of Columbus members last year set records by providing more than 70 million hours of charitable service and over \$154 million in donations to charitable causes. Cumulative figures

show that, during the past decade, the Order has donated \$1.4 billion to charity, and provided more than 653 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.

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WWW.KOFC.ORG

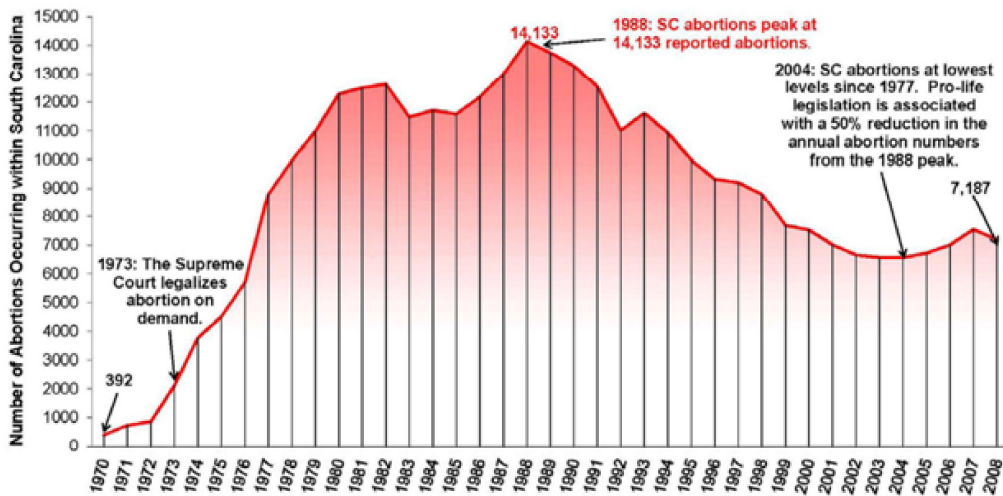
Second Degree Standings - 2010-2011

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	Richard M. Bachner	William Jaillet	Low Country Team (1)	2	3	150%	0
2	Michael A. Allen	Larry Huff, FDD	Capital City Team (2, 7 & 12)	4	6	150%	0
3	Michael DiMartino	C Van Demmark, FDD	Grand Strand Team (3 & 11)	4	5	125%	0
3	Michael DiMartino	Donald Ullman, FDD	San Juan Diego Team (All Districts)	2	2	100%	0
4	Ernst T. Cvikl	Thomas Monahan, SD	Aiken Team (4)	2	1	50%	1
5	David R. Griffard	Steve Kramp, FDD	Flowertown Team (5 & 13)	4	3	75%	1
8	Keith A. Kingren	Jerry Shamroe, PGK	Greater Greenville Area Team (6, 8 & 14)	4	5	125%	0
9	John P. Sulkowski	Jack Urbanic, FDD	Greater Charleston Area Team (9)	2	2	100%	0
10	Edward M. Griffin	Geary Bradley	Up State Team (10)	2	4	200%	0
TOTAL				26	31	119%	

Effect of Pro-Life Legislation on Number of Abortions in South Carolina SC Abortions Decline by 50%. Pro-Lifers save 101,758 babies!

DHEC statistics are the number of abortions occurring within the State of South Carolina.



Year	Reported Abortions	Reductions in Abortions since peak in 1988
1970	392	
1971	727	
1972	854	
1973	2102	
1974	3780	
1975	4511	
1976	5702	
1977	8799	
1978	9968	
1979	10976	
1980	12274	
1981	12496	
1982	12616	
1983	11477	
1984	11704	
1985	11578	
1986	12174	
1987	12992	
1988	14133	
1989	13741	-392
1990	13285	-848
1991	12538	-1595
1992	11008	-3125
1993	11611	-2522
1994	10922	-3211
1995	9984	-4149
1996	9326	-4807
1997	9211	-4922
1998	8801	-5332
1999	7687	-6446
2000	7527	-6606
2001	7014	-7119
2002	6657	-7476
2003	6573	-7560
2004	6565	-7568
2005	6716	-7417
2006	7005	-7128
2007	7544	-6589
2008	7187	-6946
Total Babies Saved by Pro-Life Efforts:		101,758

1988- SC abortion numbers peak. SCCL begins lobbying for Parental Consent Act.	1997- Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act	2005- Autumn's Law (Denies rapists "parental rights")
1990- Parental Consent Act	1998- Physician Assisted Suicide Ban Act	2006- Unborn Victims of Violence Act and Choose Life Tag (via DMV)
1994- Women's Right to Know Act and Abortion Clinic Regulation Act	2000- Safe Haven for Abandoned Newborns Act	2008- Ultrasound Act
	2001- Choose Life License Tags Act (Overturned by US 4th Circuit)	2010- 24 Hour Waiting Period Act



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