



# The Clarion

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Seems like only yesterday that I remarked that October was the busiest month of the Knight's year but February will probably be just as active or, more likely, even busier.

There are 12 different calendar entries for events for February that require our attention and involvement. We will be seeking volunteers at our business meeting. Your 'Say Yes' attitude allows a Grand Knight to rest easier knowing that our manpower needs will be met.

FYI - We have to submit our Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for calendar year 2006. Supreme gathers their statistical data from these. Our hours of volunteer service total nearly 16,000 for the year! Great job Council 11028!

During our social in January, we received our eighth Star Council award. As I have discovered, this award isn't an easy one to earn but, with the activity and involvement of everyone, we did it. The award was presented to Skip Reilly by our District Deputy, Jim McMahon. We have a shot at it this year if we can meet our insurance goal. If anyone has any questions about the insurance programs, please get in touch with any of our officers and they will direct you to our agent.

We held our first Free Throw Competition in January and those of us who attended and helped with the program thoroughly enjoyed it. The District level meet is being held here on February 10 where, as I understand it, the competition picks up a notch. Good luck to all PBOC participants.

We are hosting the Third Degree Exemplification this month and will need Third Degree Knights to help out with the event. More about this at our business meeting on Feb. 1.

February is Stewardship month and our Stewardship Fair will be held on Feb. 10 and 11 in the PLC. We will man a booth as will all PBOC ministries. There will be a breakfast following the 8:00am Mass and a brunch following the 10:30am Mass. Please plan to attend and visit all the booths. Our Knights are active in all ministries but we have quite a few new brothers who might find something that interests them.

Within a 35 day period, beginning January 27, we have participants in First, Second, Third and Fourth Degree Exemplifications. Please support your fellow Knights and try to attend any ceremonies that are appropriate to your degree.

Keep up the good work.

Vivat Jesus!  
Rich Marino  
Grand Knight





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## OF INTEREST

*Supreme Knight and Douglas Brinkley on "Parish Priest"*

**January 18, 2007** - At 5:00 p.m. EST, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and author Douglas Brinkley, will take part in a live on-line chat about "Parish Priest," one of two selections for the Supreme Knight's Book Club for January.

All you have to do to participate is to go to the Supreme Council website, [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), and click on the headline for the top story there. You can submit questions prior to the chat, or while it's going on. The online discussion will last one hour.

What if you get this message after the chat is over, or can't get to the computer by 5:00? We'll be posting the full text of the online discussion afterward, so you can read it whenever you wish! We'll be having similar online chats every month.

[Learn more about the Supreme Knight's Book Club ...](#)

**Knights of Columbus podcasts are here!**

You can now download weekly five minute "podcasts" from the Knights of Columbus website. Brief but informative discussions of a wide variety of activities will be posted every Monday morning. You don't have to have an iPod in order to listen - just download it to your computer!

Soon, you'll be able to subscribe to the Knights of Columbus podcasts, so they'll arrive automatically each week. Stay tuned for details.

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### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Rev. Patrick J. Stenson, MSC

#### A NEW BEGINNING . . .



The story is told of a little boy who asked his mother this question. "Mama, do you know why God made us?" The Mom knew full well that that was a leading question. She knew that her son had his own answer, so she replied, "Well, Justin do you know why?" "Oh, that's easy! Because the people in the Bible were so bad. God wanted to start all over again!"

This story reminds me of an answer from one of the children at Mass in St Michaels to the question: "Why did Christ come on earth?" One student put up her hand and said, "Christ came to straighten out the mess we had made!" We are reminded of all the sad stories in the Bible, of all who truly messed up - from Adam and Eve to the time of Jesus. The Bible is painfully realistic in its portrayal of people and their behavior. It gives history as it happened, not glossed over in any way. Its honest description of its characters proves that we all need to be forgiven of our sins. St. Paul puts it this way, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) The bad people in the Old Testament have their counterparts within us and among us.

But that is not the end of the story. God have us a way to start over - to begin anew. He sent Jesus whose death and resurrection would save us from our sin, and make us a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Lent, which begins this year on February 21, calls and challenges us to examine our lives, honestly admit our failures, and through a good confession, start all over again. So thanks be to God, who sent Jesus to repair all our messes and give us a new start! There is such a place called "The Land of Beginning Again."



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## EVENT SCHEDULE 2007

### FEBRUARY

Thursday, Feb. 1  
Business Meeting 7 PM

Friday, Feb. 2  
First Friday Adoration 1-2PM, PBOC

Saturday, Feb. 3  
Grand Knights Mtg. 9:30 AM  
St. John Neumann, Columbia

Saturday, Feb. 10  
Stewardship Fair Following 5 PM Mass  
PLC

Saturday, Feb. 10  
Free Throw Competition – Districts  
9 AM – PLC

Sunday, Feb. 11  
Breakfast Following 8 AM Mass - PLC

Sunday, Feb. 11  
Brunch Following 10:30 AM Mass – PLC

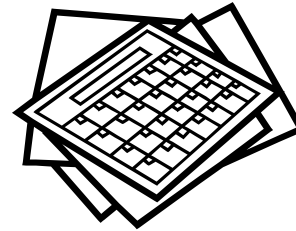
Sunday, Feb. 11  
Stewardship Fair Following each Mass –  
PLC

Saturday, Feb. 17  
Third Degree Exemplification 10:30 AM – PLC

Saturday, Feb. 17  
Sweethearts Dinner – Dance 6:30 PM – TBD

Monday, Feb. 19  
Officer's Meeting 7 PM

Saturday, Feb. 24  
Fourth Degree Exemplification 7:30 AM  
Radisson Hotel, Columbia



### MARCH

Thursday, Mar. 1  
First Degree Exemplification 6:30 PM  
Business Meeting 7:30 PM

Friday, Mar. 2  
First Friday Adoration 1-2 PM – PBOC

Sunday, Mar. 4  
Communion Breakfast 7 AM to Noon – PLC

Saturday, Mar. 10  
St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance – TBD

Friday, Mar. 23  
Fish Fry – Stations of the Cross 5-7PM - PLC

### DUES REMINDER

There are still some who have not yet made their 2007 dues payment. If you haven't already done so, please remit your payment to Joe Lazzara (235-2079).

Thank you

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## ASSEMBLY 2107

Garden City □ Georgetown □ Pawleys Island

4th  
Degree

### FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE



Our 54th. Fourth Degree Exemplification, February 23, 24 & 25 is rapidly approaching. I am pleased that we have a large group of Sir Knights and their wives attending this year, including the following candidates:

- Council 8960, St. Michael's - 3, including Father Ray Carlo
- Council 11028, Precious Blood of Christ: - 4

Our assembly will have two hospitality suites, rooms 346 & 348. Sir Knights (not candidates) are reminded to contact Brother Garry Goodwin and let him know what food you are bringing to the hospitality suites. As in the past, we will have breakfast and lunch on Saturday for the Sir Knights candidates and all the wives who are there.

A complete itinerary for the weekend will be available at our January meeting on Thursday, January 25 at PAC Hall. If you miss this meeting, I'll have extra copies in Columbia.

If you still have not made a reservation and need a room, please call Brother Bill Graef (237-1136) as he may be able to help you.

Please remember the dress code for the Fourth Degree Exemplification. A candidate is required to wear a black tuxedo or a dress military uniform - a black bow tie, black shoes and hose, a white tux shirt (wing collars please), and white gloves are also required dress. All participating Knights should remember to remove their gloves before receiving communion.

Members of the Honor Guard may bring their full regalia if they desire to participate in the opening ceremony for the Saturday Mass. I encourage each candidate, after obtaining your Fourth Degree, to consider joining the Honor Guard.

4th Degree dues are \$15 and due now. If you have not paid your dues for 2007, please do so immediately. Send your check to Brother John Luse, 4440 Misty Lane, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29588

PLEASE REMEMBER YOU MUST HAVE YOUR 2007 MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR ADMISSION TO THE EXEMPLIFICATION.

Fraternally Yours,  
*Jack Shriver*  
Faithful Navigator

### DATES TO REMEMBER

March 22, Thursday PBOC FH  
7 PM Officers Meeting  
7:30 PM Business Meeting

### HONOR GUARD Clem Thoennes, Corps Commander

To demonstrate how very much I want you to join the Honor Guard, let me once again congratulate in advance all of you who are going to Columbia to become members of the Fourth Degree this month. The Fourth Degree is part of a wonderful and meaningful tradition. The essence of that tradition can be found in the Honor Guard. Please give it some thought. Consider continuing that tradition. Be part of your Assembly's Honor Guard. You will visibly show your commitment to your Faith, your Country and your Brother Knights by wearing the Regalia.



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## COUNCIL 11028 KNIGHTS... in Service to Precious Blood of Christ and our Community

### COUNCIL HALL OF FAME

#### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH LEN VERCELLOTTI



**Personal:** Len, and his late wife Marita, came to Pawleys Island in 1996 from Oakmont, PA. They are the parents of five children and six grandchildren. Len and Marita were involved in pro-life since 1973 and helped found the interfaith organization "United for Life" in Oakmont and "Birthright" here in Georgetown. Len recently married Theresa Mishik and they are continuing the pro-life tradition by attending the "Standup for Life Rally" in Columbia and the interfaith prayer service of Grand Strand Citizens for Life. Len was employed for 35 years as an electrical engineer at Westinghouse Electric Corporation, in Pittsburgh, PA.

**Service:** Len is the Respect Life Chairman of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. In this role he keeps the Parish and its related organizations, including K of C Council 11028, apprised of what is happening in pro-life. He was Pro-Life Director of Council 11028 for six years and spearheaded the establishment of a memorial to the unborn on the grounds of Precious Blood. Len is presently the president of Birthright of Georgetown, assists Theresa on the repasts at Precious Blood, helps out with Meals on Wheels, and chairs the Church Relations committee of Habitat for Humanity of Georgetown County.

#### KNIGHT FAMILY OF THE MONTH BILL AND FRANCINE FREY



**Personal:** Bill and Francine Frey are practically native South Carolinians, having lived here for 28 years after a year spent in Tampa, Florida. Francine is French-Canadian, from Quebec Canada, which probably explains her "French accent with a southern twist", as Bill likes to say. They have been living in Litchfield for the last 15 years and in Georgetown for 11 years before that. Bill has been toiling for Santee Cooper, for 27 years, as an Environmental Technician. While he has been a member of Knights of Columbus for 25 years, his rotating shift job responsibilities have prevented him from attending many of the meetings; however, with a recent change in

his job status he now hopes to be able to spend more time with the Council. Francine works on the weekend at Prince George Framing in Georgetown and, also, at the Graham Architecture Group in Pawleys Island. Bill and Francine have two daughters, Stephanie, 18 and Amanda, 14. They are both in the Youth Group and Amanda has been an altar server for the past five years, at the 8AM Mass. Both are "black belt" in Karate. Stephanie will be graduating this year from Waccamaw High School and will be going to Horry Georgetown Technical School to study to be a diagnostic sonographer.

**Service:** While living in Georgetown, they took care of the grounds of St. Mary's Church, for a period of five years, which was during the time that Frs. Bench and Burke were there. They also were CYO advisors for three years at St. Mary's and helped the Knights of Columbus to feed the poor during Thanksgiving at the KofC Hall. Here at PBOC, Bill and Francine, along with much help from Stephanie and Amanda, have been the coordinators and organizers of the extremely successful Holiday Food Drive. During the many years they have been here they have "seen Precious Blood of Christ transform from a three-car garage to this big and beautiful church that it is today, under Fr. Pat's great and friendly leadership."



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*The strength of Council 11028 results from the efforts of its Knights and families.  
May each of us be inspired to give more of ourselves  
in service to Precious Blood of Christ and to our community.*

## EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION AND THE REAL PRESENCE

Father John Harden, S.J. in a recent article presented the following thoughts for consideration: "If there is one mystery of our Faith that is being widely challenged today it is the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament." He then goes on to say "Pope John Paul II was deeply concerned about the weakening of belief in the cardinal truth of Catholic Christianity."

For the first time in history there is now Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome during every weekday of the year. One of the hopes of the Holy Father was that Eucharistic Adoration outside of the Mass be promoted throughout the world.

In his own language, Pope John Paul II identified the Eucharist as the **Presence Sacrament** — Christ is on earth. He wants to perform miracles of His grace, especially miracles of conversion in what is becoming a Christ-less age. The key to tapping the resources of His grace is our deep faith in Christ's living presence among us in the Blessed Sacrament. It is hoped that bishops, priests, religious and we, **the laity**, will begin nothing less than a renaissance of adoring the love of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Toward that end, I wish to invite all brother Knights and parishioners of Precious Blood of Christ Church to join in an effort to respond to the hope of our dearly departed Pope John Paul II and that of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI.

The formation of a **Real Presence Association** is a future goal; for the present, however, we simply wish to heighten the awareness of our parishioners regarding this initiative by making announcements in the Bulletin, an example of which is included below. On the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding each first Friday, before and after each of the Masses, we will have a sign-up board in the lobby of the church to allow parishioners to participate in this effort. Participation will take the form of committing one hour of your time in church to contemplate the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Clem Thoennes is creating a modification to the Parish website that is specifically designed to assist in the sign-up process for Adoration. This will be implemented in the near future and will provide accessibility to all parishioners.

Father Pat has agreed to 9 AM to 6 PM as the hours of Adoration, an extension of two hours, to allow time for students of the Parish to visit after the regular school day. Margaret Plikaitis will create a banner to be displayed next to the reserved Blessed Sacrament during the week prior to first Friday.

The following is an example of what may be placed in the bulletin:

"Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament comes easily. Never feel worried if you find you have no thoughts at all while you are before the Blessed Sacrament. Never feel inadequate about being an adorer, even if you have not developed a spirit of devotion, or if you are feeling numb, down and out, or weakened by life. The most important factor is that you are before the Lord, before Him who knows you inside-out. He reads your innermost thoughts and He still loves you immensely. Adoration was once compared to spiritual sunbathing. You are taking in the warmth of the grace and love radiating from the Sacred Heart."

To commit to being there for one hour, contact Jack Seibert at 237-9785.