



# The Clarion

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



With February behind us, your Grand Knight is breathing a sigh of relief that it's history. Among the many things that happened, two things really stand out as fantastic events. These are the Stewardship Fair and the Third Degree Exemplification.

The Stewardship Fair netted us five new members and at least 200 folks signed up to participate in all ministries. And, they said it couldn't be done, but our breakfast/brunch was a smashing success. Thanks to all who made this event work for us and for PBOC.

Saturday, February 17 was logistically challenging to say the least. As host Council for the Third Degree we had to set up the PLC, arrange for (and serve) lunch then reset the PLC for the Sweetheart Dance and ready the room for basketball on Sunday after the dance. Several of us were there so long that weekend that we felt we qualified for residency status! Fifteen of our Brother Knights progressed through the Third Degree that day. Our State Deputy was there and complimented us on our facility as well as our handling of the crowd (110 Knights and Candidates). We did so well that we may host another in early fall. I'm sure Bill Wichrowski can handle it!

We will have a First Degree Exemplification prior to the business meeting on March 1. We have at least four men joining our Council. Your positive influence on these men is the main reason they are signing up. Thanks for your help. We will make our number for Star Council (membership, only) but still need new insurance members. Give it some thought, an annuity will make you an insurance member—you earn money while helping the Council achieve Star Council again.

PBOC is hosting the annual St. Pat's Dinner Dance on March 10. It will be a blast as usual and it's expected to sell out so if you don't have your tickets yet, better hurry! We have our Lenten Fish Fry on March 23 with Stations of the Cross immediately following. Let's have a good showing. I'm writing this while packing for the Fourth Degree Exemplification in Columbia – the last February event (hooray!). It was a busy and satisfying month.

Vivat Jesus!  
**Rich Marino**  
Grand Knight.

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**FINANCIAL FORUM**  
Phil Brice



Operating Account		2/11/2007	Dues	\$10.00
Balance 1/12/2007		2/11/2007	Dues	\$32.50
	\$13,924.70	2/12/2007	Steward. Brkfst.	\$460.00
1/14/2007	50-50	2/12/2007	Steward. Brunch	\$679.00
1/17/2007	Bank Charge	2/12/2007	Liquor- Dance	-\$499.00
1/18/2007	State Raffle	2/12/2007	Steward. Brunch	-\$208.45
	Collection	2/12/2007	Steward. Brkfst.	-\$350.52
1/21/2007	Dues		Balance 2/14/2007	\$10,111.23
1/25/2007	Dues		Tootsie Roll	
1/29/2007	State Raffle		Balance 1/12/2007	\$182.20
	Collection		Deposit	\$1,000.00
2/01/2007	Dues		Balance 2/14/2007	\$1,182.20
2/01/2007	Dues		Building Fund	
2/01/2007	50-50		Balance 1/12/2007	\$8,540.26
2/01/2007	State Raffle		No Activity	
	Collection		Balance 2/14/2007	\$8,540.26
2/01/2007	Dues			
2/01/2007	Meeting Refresh.			
2/01/2007	Charity Disb.			
2/01/2007	Church:PLC			
2/03/2007	Raffle Tickets			
2/06/2007	Interest Inc			
2/09/2007	Dues			

**RESPECT LIFE**  
Millet D'Angles



## WHY US?

The average child bearing age of our Council might give rise to the question - why all these articles on abortion, we're not the ones who need to hear it. Abortion issues are at the forefront of our Council not because we do not know about it but, rather, because we do. This makes us a group most likely to do something about it.

We as parents and grandparents can play a decisive role in the attitudes of our children and grandchildren towards abortion. We can stress the value of life and show compassion for any daughter or granddaughter who might be pregnant. We can be understanding and reveal alternatives to any considered abortion.

Regardless of our age we can voice publicly our opinion, influence the political process, and take part in Pro Life demonstrations. Let none of us feel too old to act out against abortion. As long as we have life, we have the obligation to defend life.

Remember "The Day of The Unborn" Mass, March 26, Monday at 6:00 PM. "More things are wrought by prayer than man dreams of."



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## KNIGHTS SUPPORT STEWARDSHIP

Precious Blood held its Annual Stewardship Fair on February 10<sup>th</sup> weekend and Council 11028 was there. Naturally, we had a booth to offer information about the Knights.

But now, "the rest of the story." We scheduled our popular Sunday Breakfast and a "new menu" Brunch on the 11th to help build energy, parish awareness and participation in this important event. It was a total success! More than 200 parishioners joined us for breakfast or brunch and helped drive the attendance at the Fair to 300 parishioners - a dramatic increase over past Fairs.

Thanks to all the Knights who manned the booths, worked on the breakfast and brunch, and/or participated in the Fair.

Bill Rowles

**CATCH THE SPIRIT**

## DUES REMINDER

There are still some of you who have not yet made your 2007 dues payment. If this is you, please remit your payment to Joe Lazarra (235-2079), as soon as possible.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Rev. Patrick J. Stenson, MSC



## PRAYER OF A RELUCTANT DISCIPLE

This prayer was written by a Christian in South Africa during the horrible days of apartheid:

You asked for my hands  
that you might use them for your purpose.  
I gave them for a moment,  
then withdrew them for the work was hard.  
You asked for my mouth  
to speak out against injustice.  
I gave you a whisper  
that I might not be accused.  
You asked for my eyes  
to see the pain of poverty.  
I closed them  
for I did not want to see.  
You asked for my life  
that you might work through me.  
I gave a small part  
that I might not get too involved.  
Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you

only when it is convenient for me to do so,  
only in those places where it is safe to do so,  
and only with those who make it easy to do so.  
Lord, forgive me,  
renew me,  
send me out as a usable instrument  
that I might take seriously  
the meaning of your cross.

Joe Seremane, Lifelines/Christian Aid)



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## EVENT SCHEDULE 2007

### MARCH

Thursday, Mar 1

First Degree Exemplification 6:30 PM  
Business Meeting 7:20 PM

Friday, Mar 2

First Friday Adoration 1-2 PM – PBOC

Saturday, Mar 10

St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance TBD – PLC

Friday, Mar 23

Fish Fry – Stations of the Cross 5 PM – 7 PM PLC

Monday, Mar 26

Officer's Meeting 7 PM – PLC – Room 3

### APRIL

Sunday, Apr 1

200 Club Dinner TBD – PLC

Wednesday, Apr 4

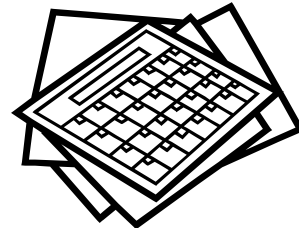
Business Meeting 7 PM

Thursday, Apr 19

Social 6:30 PM

Monday, Apr 23

Officer's Meeting 7 PM



### FOURTH DEGREE

Thursday, Mar 22

Business Mtg. - Officers @7 PM, All Others @ 7:30 PM  
Pac Center, St. Michael

Thursday, Apr 26

Business Mtg.–Nom. of new officers. Officers @7 PM,  
All Others @ 7:30 PM – PBOC, Founders Hall

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## ASSEMBLY 2107

Garden City □ Georgetown □ Pawleys Island

4th  
Degree



### FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

Our 54<sup>th</sup> Fourth Degree Exemplification held this past February 23,24 & 25, in Columbia, was a rousing and beautiful ceremony.

Congratulations to all our new Sir Knights. - From St. Michael's, Fr. Ray Carlo, Stanley Bielewicz, Allen Haag and Richard Rodgers and, from Precious Blood, Tom Bowen, Keith Errico, Walt Kies and Jim Trombly.

Welcome to Assembly 2107!!! Thank you for taking time out from your busy schedules to make your 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and for taking this important step to the highest degree level in the Knights of Columbus. I hope that each of you will become an active member of the Assembly and that you will each participate in our business meetings and social events. Why not start in March?

Our next meeting will be March 22 at St. Michael's Pac Center. Meeting time is 7:30 PM.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Captain Garry Goodwin and his wife Dottie for all the work they did on the Hospitality Suite. Also thanks to all of the other SK's and their wives for making this truly an "experience of a lifetime." Our Hospitality Suite was just first class, as always. The food was simply great.

A special thanks to Phil Brice for all of his work with the new Sir Knights.

It is with sadness that I have to announce the resignation of SK Clem Thoennes as the Corps Commander. Clem has served the Assembly in this capacity for the past three years. He will be missed.

Effective March 1, Bill Graef is hereby appointed as the Corps Commander. Let's all support Bill in this new undertaking. New SK's should see Bill at the March meeting for information on joining the Honor Guard. It is truly a fulfilling experience.

The principle of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is Patriotism. We place flags on graves of fallen heroes every year. We march in parades and we provide our Bishop with an Honor Guard when requested. We also arrange for the respectful disposal of our Nation's Flag.

I would like to close this month's message with some words paraphrased from a past issue of Knightline: As Catholics, we are challenged by a secular lifestyle. We need some place to go and have things to do that will keep us with people who share our values and think of others as important to them. The Knights of Columbus is a way to be involved in the life of the Catholic Church, to further the mission of our Catholic faith and, united in charity, to share with others the joys and sorrows of just living.

Fraternally Yours,  
**Jack Shriver**  
Faithful Navigator

### Dates to remember:

March 22, PAC Center St. Michaels – Officer's meeting @7PM, Regular Meeting @7:30.

April 26, monthly meeting @ PBOC, Founders Hall.

### HONOR GUARD

Clem Thoennes, Corps Commander

Congratulations to our new Sir Knights and welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. I want to thank those of you who have inquired about the Honor Guard. Your participation in the Honor Guard demonstrates your very strong commitment to your faith and your country. In addition, given that the Knights often work behind the scenes to serve our "Council, Church and Community," we benefit greatly from your visible presence.

Our Lady Star Of the Sea is having a dedication of the statue to Our Lady of the Unborn on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> right after the 8 AM Mass. Members of the Color Guard from each assembly are cordially invited to attend. We will muster in the Church narthex at 7:30 AM.



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

## COUNCIL HALL OF FAME

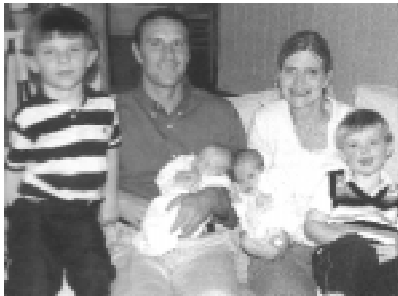


KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

BILL ROWLES

**PERSONAL:** Bill, and his wife Patty, moved to Pawleys Island from Baltimore, MD in 2000. They joined PBOC and in 2001 Bill entered the RCIA. He became Catholic in 2002. Originally from Maryland, Bill attended American University in Washington, DC and, after graduation, went to work for Amoco Oil Company in Baltimore. He spent the next 35 years there in retail petroleum marketing, including line and staff assignments, the last of which was as President of Amoco Enterprises. Bill and Patty have four children and eight grandchildren.

**SERVICE:** Bill joined the Knights in 2003 and became a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knight in 2004. Bill has been active in many Knight activities and functions, such as Breakfasts, Operation Hope, Special Olympics, Barbeques, Fish Fry and many others. In addition, Bill has been a very active volunteer in the community including PBOC's "Angels With Hammers" program which assists local homeowners with home repairs. He, and his wife, are the former co-chairs of the Fellowship Committee and Bill is currently co-chair of the Stewardship Committee where he is responsible for the Church's five year planning initiative. Bill also serves on the homeowner's board where he lives.



KNIGHT FAMILY OF THE MONTH

NEIL AND BECKY FICO

**PERSONAL:** Neil and Becky moved from Atlanta, Ga., where Neil went to Chiropractic College and Becky was working as a public relations account manager. Neil is originally from Pittsburgh, PA while Becky grew up in Cincinnati, OH. Neil and Becky are the proud parents of four children: Neil Jr., 6, Tyler 4, and twins Clare and Kate, 17 months. When he's not busy being a chiropractor, or helping out with Church and Knight activities, Neil enjoys golf, fishing and boating for relaxation.

**SERVICE:** Neil and Becky are Cursillistas and, also, previous chairs of Young Families in Faith. Both attend discipleship groups. Neil has participated in many Knight activities including the Tootsie Roll Drive (Operation Hope) and the 200 club activities. Neil is currently a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight and oversees PBOC's Youth Sports program.



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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.

IN MEMORIAM

SIR KNIGHT  
BILL SELNER

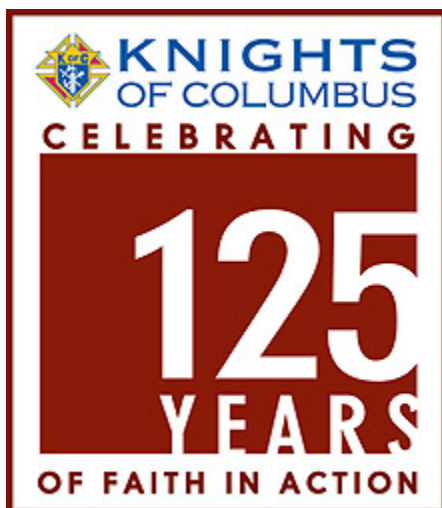


KNIGHTS IN ACTION  
from National Website ~ [kofc.org](http://kofc.org)

South Carolina

Rev. Thomas Tierney Council 6884 in Seneca traveled to Columbia for the annual March for Life on Jan. 13. Abortion survivor Gianna Jessen delivered the event's keynote address.

With blood supplies in Columbia running critically low, Father Frederick H. Suggs Council 6892 in Irmo co-hosted a blood drive with the American Red Cross. The event netted 48 pints of blood, and each donor was treated to a pancake breakfast.



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<http://www.kofc.org/eb/en/anniversary/index.html>