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## Messages from the Blessed Virgin Mary

By Deacon Donald Dashnaw, Divine Redeemer Parish  
*Submitted by Patrick Davis, GK Donald J. Godfrey Council 6726, Hanahan/Goose Creek*

Over 95 years ago, not long in God's time, 3 children 10 years and younger, witnessed the Blessed Virgin's appearing to them over a 6 month period. except for august 1917, she saw them on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of each month. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 1917, a miracle witnessed by over 70,000 people, as promised by the Blessed Virgin, happened. The Miracle of the Sun was awesome and even slightly noted by the New York Times. The messages given by her for 6 consecutive months were critical for that time, and our times. As punishment for sins, our Lady stated, was war, and then World War I was then occurring. But, the end of it was promised by her if men and women and children turned their lives around to Her Son and prayed the Rosary. WWI ended in November 1917, but not without disturbing messages and prophecies uttered by the Mother of God, The Mother of Jesus. She said that souls were going to Hell because no one was praying for them. She said that the Lord was not pleased with the new world of fashions, many marriages were not of God, many soul's were going to Hell because of sins of the flesh. Mary prophesied that if evils did not abate-mankind did not repent-an even worse war would come. It did, World War II

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## March's Membership Champion

#10819, Rev. Paul D. O'Toole, Simpsonville, GK John M. Macioce

### **Achieving the Fr. McGivney Award**

**#3067, Joseph Miguel Ros, Sr.,**

Georgetown, GK Colin Peterson

**#7062, Fr. Joseph J. Murphy,**

North Augusta, GK Sherrill E. Wilcox

### **Future Special Incentives:**

1. Most new members in April
2. Achieve Fr. McGivney Award

## **SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS**

### **April 2012**

- 1 Catholic Advertising Fund Levy
- 1 Palm Sunday
- 6 Good Friday
- 8 Easter Sunday
- 15 **Suspension of Councils for Nonpayment of Per Capita Tax**
- 22 79th Anniversary of Squires Founder's Death Brother Barnabas
- 27-29 **91st South Carolina State Convention. Columbia May 2012**

- 13 Mother's Day
- 18 Pentecost
- 26 Third Degree Fort Mill, 12366
- 30 Memorial Day

### **June 2012**

- 2 Feast of the Ascension
- 2 Third Degree Hilton Head Island, 10668
- 14 Flag Day
- 17 Fathers Day
- 22-24 **Installation of State Officers & District Deputy Meeting, Goose Creek, 11991**
- 30 **Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) Due**
- 30 **RSVP Application (#2863) Due**

### **July 2012**

- 1 Report of Officers Chosen (Form 185) Due
- 4 Independence Day
- 14 **Operation HOPE Workshop, 10:00 am, Irmo 6892**
- 27-29 **Grand Knight's Workshop, Irmo 6892**

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

### SEE YOU AT THE STATE CONVENTION.

The 91st State Convention in Columbia is just 2 weeks away. DD#2 Michael Allen and his convention team have a great program planned. It is not too late to register.

Kathy and I enjoyed walking in the Charleston's St. Patrick's Day Parade with Council #704 on St. Patrick's Day morning. And then, we enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day Dinner in Greenville that night with Councils #1668, 6076, 9184, 10819 and 12274. It was a pleasure to work side by side with the Knights of Councils #7531 and #2207 at the Felician Center in Kingstree the following Saturday. I want to also mention the great Columbus Day Celebration in Greenville hosted by Council #13112. This past month, it was a pleasure to see so many Knights "Put Their Catholic Faith in Action."

We have just completed 9 months of the fraternal year and we only have 3 months to go. March was a good month with 25 councils bringing in 48 new members. Your continued effort is required for the state to achieve its 6th straight Circle of Honor. I challenge each Knight to ask a friend to join your council. Knights make better Catholics.

I would be remiss if I did not mention GK John M. Macioce and the Rev. Paul D. O'Toole Council #10819 of Simpsonville. Council #10819 has held its 12th First Degree this year, have brought in 33 new members, and have been the top recruiting council for the 3rd time. Their secret; they have a Knight dedicated to personally asking people to join at every program activity.

Vivat Jesus

Tom Monahan



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*

### Three Say Yes to God's Calling

The Diocese of Charleston has accepted three young men into its formation program and will enter Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas in the Fall. The three young men are Rhett Williams, Josh Joseph and Paul Lacombe.

Rhett is from the Charleston area and became a Catholic about five years ago. For the past year he has been working with Father Kirby in the vocations office and President of the Drexel House.

Josh, had entered graduate school and he decided that he was following the wrong vocation. He is a parishioner of St. John Neumann in Columbia. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina.

Paul is a parishioner of St. Peter in Beaufort and is the son of Deacon Bill and Wendy Lacombe. He has done a lot of thinking about becoming a priest but wants to have a year of discernment after high school to make sure.

Becoming a priest takes a tremendous commitment on the part of these young men. Rhett and Josh will complete their studies and be ordained in 2018. Paul will be ordained in 2019.

For the next three years, we will only be ordaining one priest a year. On June 1 of this year, Mark Good will be ordained a priest. Next year 2013, Renaurd West will be ordained and in 2014 Javier will be ordained. In 2015, we will be fortunate to have three to be ordained; Richard Wilson, Roger Morgan and Stephen Beach. In 2016, we will have two; Christopher Crabb and Andrew Fryml. Then in 2017, no one will be ordained. This is if all continue to answer God's Calling.

Priests in the diocese continue to retire or die at a faster rate than we are ordaining young men. Given the growth of the number of Catholics in the state, this is putting more and more pressure on our existing priests. It is very important for us as Knights to help these young men both financially and by praying for them and encouraging them in their vocation. In addition, we need to create an environment where other young men will be open to answering God's call to the priesthood.

## From the desk of the State Historian

*Michael W. Telesco, PSD, FM*

The 16<sup>th</sup> Council in South Carolina was:  
 Father Thomas Tierney Council 6884, Seneca, SC  
 Named for: Former Pastor  
 Date Chartered: April 3, 1977  
 Charter Grand Knight Kevin Hughes

In the fall/winter of 1976, a group of Knights, former Knights and interested men from Saint Andrew's Roman Catholic Church in Clemson, St. Francis' church in Walhalla and Holy Cross church in Pickens met to discuss forming a Knights of Columbus council. Since Catholics were only 2% of the South Carolina population, our parish, centered in Clemson, covered two counties: Oconee and Pickens. It was staffed by the Paulist Fathers of New York. (On March 29, 1940, Bishop Emmet Walsh invited the Paulist Fathers to serve the upstate area. The Paulists accepted the challenge and took charge of St. Andrew's Parish in Clemson on June 24, 1940. Because of the nearness of Clemson College and the recently dedicated Chapel of St. Andrew, Clemson was made the center of the new parish with Rev. Maurice M. Fitzgerald as the first pastor. One of his assistants was the Rev. Thomas F. Tierney). With the increase of industry and population, Holy Cross in Pickens is now staffed by the Diocese of South Carolina. The largest growth has been in the Seneca, South Carolina area where the new St. Paul the Apostle church opened in December, 1994. The Knights from Holy Cross now have their own council. Council 6884, now located in Seneca, have members from all three churches: St. Andrew's, St. Paul's and St. Francis churches, plus a few members scattered around the upstate and the country (mostly Florida). As of June 30, 2007, our council has 213 members including 10 inactive insurance members. Joseph Moran was the State Deputy and Leo Berni was the District Deputy at the time the council was formed. The first meeting occurred on February 8, 1977 and was called to order by Leo Berni and Kevin Hughes, an active Knight with the Greenville council.

Officers, members, programs and our environment have changed dramatically over the years

To combat declining attendance at meetings, in 1994 we changed to one business meeting per month and one social/family night per month, with dinners. In 1994, the meetings were held at St. Andrew's Brimley Hall in Clemson and the socials were held at St. Francis' Tierney Hall in Walhalla. This worked well over the years and united all three churches.

Their 1st Degree Team was established in 1994 and our first 1<sup>st</sup> Degree was held on April 7, 1994. In 1995, the council moved from St. Andrew's Brimley Hall in Clemson to a new home in Seneca. We formed a separate corporation for the purposes of

purchasing and administrating a Council Home. The corporation is Club 6884, Inc. In 1995, the directors of Club 6884, Inc. were James Whitworth, President; James Gray, Vice President; Donald Ricken, Secretary; Denham Griffin, Treasurer; and two Trustees: Daniel English and George Grobusky. The directors closed on the purchase of a building in Seneca, SC on September 18, 1995. Building repairs were begun, the building was cleaned and the first meeting at the new council home was held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. In April, 1996, our first social was held in the new home. Over the next two years, the building was renovated extensively and remains our "home" to this day. The mortgage was paid off in November of 2000. Over the years, Council 6884 has grown not only in membership, but also in its works of charity. For many years, this council led the state in collections for Operation HOPE; they have gross income in the past 10 years over \$225,000 for their special people. For their works, the Columbus Hope Foundation awarded this council the First HOPE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. The council also donated more than \$100,000 to other charities. They have shown the way for other councils to follow.



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### Family Fraternal Benefits

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity to be part of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world. Being an insured member means you've taken full advantage of the benefits of membership. Avail yourself and your family of our full line of life insurance, retirement and long-term care products and you'll help chart a course to safe waters in your financial future.

In addition to our strong, secure products, there are Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Many of these benefits are unique to the Knights of Columbus and our members. Some of these benefits include:

- Guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children
- Death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children
- Orphan benefits
- Member/spouse accidental death benefits

To learn more about these contact your agent.

# From the State Ceremonials

## Chairman

Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

Worthy Grand Knights and Members of the State Council:

Grand Knights and District Deputies, our scheduled and completed 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees are lagging. District 1 has not held a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree this year and they have a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree scheduled. This needs to be corrected now. District 3 Spanish Team, District 4 and District 8 need to schedule 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees now. Without a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree we have no members to advance to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. District 3 (English Team), District 9 and District 10 have made their goal for the year but they need help from the District's that are not meeting their goal. Most councils are working hard to bring in new members and need to be able to advance them in our Order. Help them with this task.

If you need help with your degrees contact your District Deputy or me. We stand ready to come forward and help in any way we can.

The attached charts show the status of each council for First Degrees and the Districts second Degrees for 2011-2012.



## First Degree Standings Notes

Goal for FY 11-12

Degrees Per Council

Div I - 1-150 - 4

Div II - 151-225 - 5

Div III - 226 & Above - 6

\* 4 Degrees required for Star Council plus Certified First Degree Team

## First Degree Standings

DISTRICT COUNCIL CITY	GOAL	ACTUAL	%of GOAL
Roy T. Spurlock, Jr. DD #1	21	11	52.38%
5026 BEAUFORT	5	2	40.00%
7289 HILTON HEAD	4	1	25.00%
10668 HILTON HEAD	6	5	83.33%
12263 BLUFFTON	6	3	50.00%
Michael A. Allen DD #2	21	15	71.43%
2207 SUMTER	4	2	50.00%
6847 E. COLUMBIA	5	4	80.00%
9672 CAMDEN	4	4	100.00%
13713 BLYTHEWOOD	4	4	100.00%
*15233 MANNING/SANTEE	4	1	25.00%
Michael DiMartino DD #3	22	20	90.91%
5086 MYRTLE BEACH	5	4	80.00%
7122 N. MYRTLE BEACH	5	5	100.00%
English Team 7531 CONWAY	4	3	75.00%
Spanish Team 7531 CONWAY	4	3	75.00%
* 14892 LORIS	4	5	125.00%
Ernst T. Cvikl DD #4	14	7	50.00%
3684 AIKEN	6	4	66.67%
7062 N. AUGUSTA	4	3	75.00%
9161 BARNWELL	4	0	0.00%
David R. Griffard DD #5	23	11	47.83%
6629 SUMMERVILLE	6	4	66.67%
6891 ORANGEBURG	4	1	25.00%
8502 WALTERBORO	4	0	0.00%
8900 N. CHARLESTON	4	3	75.00%
11910 SUMMERVILLE	5	3	60.00%
Steve Maxie DD #6	18	11	61.11%
6884 SENECA	6	2	33.33%
7129 GREENWOOD	4	1	25.00%
8295 ANDERSON	4	5	125.00%
9576 PICKENS	4	3	75.00%
Arthur E. White DD #7	18	9	50.00%
724 COLUMBIA	5	1	20.00%
6892 IRMO	5	3	60.00%
11325 LEXINGTON	4	3	75.00%
12554 COLUMBIA	4	2	50.00%
Keith Kingren DD #8	24	20	83.33%
1668 GREENVILLE	5	2	40.00%
8182 MAULDIN	4	1	25.00%
9184 TAYLORS	5	1	20.00%
10819 SIMPSONVILLE	6	11	183.33%
13112 GREENVILLE	4	5	125.00%
Daniel F. Barton DD #9	24	16	66.67%
704 CHARLESTON	6	5	83.33%
6250 JAMES ISLAND	4	3	75.00%
9475 MT. PLEASANT	6	5	83.33%
10334 CHARLESTON	4	1	25.00%
12472 CHARLESTON	4	2	50.00%
Edward M. Griffin DD #10	25	16	64.00%
6756 ROCK HILL	5	3	60.00%
10066 LANCASTER	4	2	50.00%
12268 YORK	4	0	0.00%
12366 FORT MILL	4	4	100.00%
14475 LAKE WYLIE	4	4	100.00%
14765 INDIAN LAND	4	3	75.00%
William "Skip" Reilly DD #11	16	10	62.50%
3067 GEORGETOWN	4	3	75.00%
8980 GARDEN CITY	6	2	33.33%
11028 PAWLEYS ISL	6	5	83.33%
Joseph A. Balotti DD #12	17	12	70.59%
5194 FLORENCE	5	3	60.00%
8123 HARTSVILLE	4	4	100.00%
8790 MARION DILLON	4	4	100.00%
10867 CHERAW	4	1	25.00%
Brandon Chambers DD #13	18	12	66.67%
6726 HANAHAN/GC	4	5	125.00%
6900 CITADEL	5	3	60.00%
11471 MONCK'S CORNER	4	0	0.00%
11991 GOOSE CREEK	5	4	80.00%
William E. Weiss DD #14	18	10	55.56%
6076 SPARTANBURG	5	4	80.00%
9575 SPARTANBURG	5	4	80.00%
12274 GREER	4	2	50.00%
12995 GAFFNEY	4	0	0.00%
TOTAL	279	180	64.52%



## Patriot's Corner

Joseph Gubeli, Jr., PSD  
District Master

As we pause after a successful Fourth Degree Exemplification, our emphasis should be on our patriotic programs. At year's end, we want our support of Patriotism to show throughout South Carolina.

As of this writing it appears that all candidates that took their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in February are now on all assembly rosters. I recommend that faithful comptrollers get on line with supreme and get the latest roster of your assembly.

Promoting and participating in the "Serving Those Who Served" program is an excellent way to follow through. Don't forget to write up your participation and submit it on the "To Be a Patriot" entry form

Quick question? Which of our Assemblies currently have members serving in the U.S. Military, Police Department, Emergency Medical Service or Fire Department? How about the Councils? Any of our Brother Knights serving to keep us free, need to hear from many of us. All we have to say is thank you for your service to our community, state and country.

Military personnel voluntarily act as the protectors of our nations, standing on the front lines while keeping us safe behind them. The Knights of Columbus acknowledges this unselfish act of patriotism by promoting the "Serving Those Who Served" program. Members of the order should honor and assist these heroes and heroines in every way possible, through the Order's patriotic Fourth Degree. Assemblies and councils can honor military personnel and veterans throughout the year by presenting them with *Patriotic Service Award* certificates. And if your Assembly should complete a project that would be appreciated by a veteran please write it up, it could be no more than recognizing a veteran by taking them out to dinner and saying thank you for your service. I am sure that they would appreciate it. To date I have only received one "TO BE A PATRIOT ENTRY FORM" from an Assembly that surely was a Patriotic Project that will be used by many handicapped veterans. You all should know that your entry is due May 31 of each year. .

Promoting and participating in the "Serving Those Who Served" program is an excellent way to follow through. Don't forget to write up your participation and submit in on the "To Be a Patriot" entry form.

Continue to pray for our country, and for those who stand up for us as patriotic servants.

Vivat Jesus

## From the Vice Supreme Master

Gary L. McLain, PSD

Worthy Masters and All Sir Knights:

A Fourth Degree Exemplification was held on March 11, 2012, in Caguas, Puerto Rico and 34 new members, including one Priest, were welcomed as the newest Sir Knights. Savannah, Georgia on April 14, 2012, and Waynesville, North Carolina on April 21, 2012, are the next scheduled Exemplifications.

I am very happy to report that all District Masters are attempting to institute a new Assembly prior to the end of this fraternal year. North Carolina is looking at three possible locations while Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico and South Carolina are each looking at one possible location. If this happens, the De Soto Province will be close to the top in new Assemblies for this fraternal year. Thank you to all involved in this endeavor.

The Annual Fraternal Activity Report was due in January! Sad to say, but not all Assemblies have sent in their Reports to Supreme, the Vice Supreme Master and Master. District Masters must contact the Faithful Navigators to remind them to complete this Report and forward to the above three locations. North Carolina is the only District with 100% of their Assemblies reporting. I would like to report in my next monthly message that ALL Districts have reached 100%.

This is a reminder that June 14, 2012, is Flag Day. The Fourth Degree is to celebrate Flag Day at each State Capitol. It calls for Assemblies in each US State to gather at the State's Capitol City to conduct a flag ceremony and recite the Pledge of Allegiance each year on June 14, Flag Day. Assembly leaders and Knights of Columbus officials are asked NOT to invite civic and elected officials to the State ceremonies. This might turn the event into a political showcase with all the problems that involves. Thus, the Pledge ceremony should NOT be at the State Capitol building or State House, but at a park or other public space nearby, with proper permits secured. Public officials may choose to attend but should NOT be official participants or speakers. It is highly recommended those Assemblies and/or Councils in the Capitol City work together to perform a charitable work on June 14, day of the Pledge Program, to underscore the Order's commitment to charity. Suggested activities include: 1) a canned food drive to restock a local food pantry; 2) a cleanup of the park or area where the Pledge Program will take place; 3) donation of a US Flag to a local school, or community youth or senior center; 4) visits with gifts to a nearby Veteran's home or medical center. A model press release will be sent to the State Deputy by the Supreme Council in mid-April. Local Councils/Assemblies are asked NOT to release their personal press release but to submit the press release supplied by

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## From the Pro-life Chair Couple

Jim & Bobbie St. Clair

### Prayers to Combat Abortions:

We should get on our knees and start to seriously pray with confidence to the Blessed Mother for her blue mantel protection over America. We must Pray, Pray, Pray! Can you do that? Absolutely! How often? Answer: Daily...three times a day, stop and pray to the Blessed Mother for her intercession. We are asking every South Carolina Knight to pray with their spouse and ask the Blessed Mother to protect America and rid our beloved country of abortion and to instill a sense of respect for all life from conception to natural death. Pray this 3 times daily for one year ..... over 1000 joyful petitions:

#### The MEMORARE

Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary  
 that never was it known  
 that anyone who fled to Thy protection,  
 implored Thy help,  
 or sought Thy intercession was left unaided.  
 Inspired with this confidence,  
 I fly unto Thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother!  
 To Thee do I come, before Thee do I stand,  
 sinful and sorrowful.  
 Oh Mother of the Word Incarnate  
 despise not my petitions,  
 but in Thy mercy hear and answer me.  
 Amen

### Day of the Unborn Child Commemorated Around the State!



Council 6892 of Irmo conducted a Rosary for Life on Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. and had good participation. The 10 a.m. Mass was

offered for the unborn. Father Whitman then blessed the plant outside that was planted last year, in the presence of the 4th Degree members of the Council, Council members, State Council Pro-life chair couple, Jim & Bobbie St. Clair, and Our Lady of the Hills parishioners. Knights also led a special Prayer for Life. On the same day, Council 6892 solicited and collected funds for the Father McGivney House at all weekend masses raising \$1,661. The Father McGivney House takes care of mothers who have made the brave choice to NOT have an abortion. Always remember, that a pro-life attitude is one that places a priority on taking care of our fellow brothers and sisters who are in difficult situations and have no other place to turn.



Surely, our Blessed Mother must be pleased to join Council 7122 and Brothers all across the State of South Carolina commemorate The Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. Pictured to the left, sixteen Knights from Council 7122 formed

the color guard for the service officiated by Pastor Anthony Droze, of Our Lady of the Star Parish.

### More Billboards Erected in Columbia & Little River



Council 6847 of Lexington erected this billboard on the high-traffic thoroughfare, Two Notch Road in Columbia. Council members must be proud of the hearts that are being changed as drivers pass

by this most positive message and ponder upon it.



Council 14892 of Loris erected this billboard on highway 17 at Little River. It's amazing what God's natural environment can do to "enhance" an already beautiful message. Incidentally, this billboard was supposed to be erected in

Loris. The billboard company is going to be correcting this mistake. Thanks to everyone for your patience when these errors occur.



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Supreme to the State Deputies.

Donations are steadily coming in for the Military Scholarship Program. I ask each Assembly and Council to contribute to this worthwhile program. Assembly 3324, at their very first official business meeting, were so impressed with the program that they wanted to donate. However, they had no funds in their bank account so they "passed the hat" to those in attendance at the meeting. I received a check in the amount of \$360.00 which exemplified to me all four principles of our Order. Brothers, please consider a donation to this program. Make your check payable to "Knights of Columbus" and in the memo section write "Military Scholarship". Send your donation to Gary L. McLain, VSM at 36 Currant Avenue, Middleburg, FL 32068. A spreadsheet will be sent to each State Deputy and District Master to advise them of your donation and the amount collected from their jurisdiction. If you have any questions on the Program do not hesitate to contact me at (904) 406-2718 or garymc36@comcast.net.

Joan and I wish all a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

Fraternally,

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Further punishment to to the world would come from Russia, an atheistic communist nation. Russia would spread its errors throughout the world. Just look at N. Korea, China, Cuba. Mary said that the annihilation of nations could happen if her messages were ignored. Countries, including ours, have the power to do that. To the end of stopping world carnage we must turn to Her Son. She exhorted family rosaries. Mary promised solace for those dedicated to Her Rosary, especially to Lucy, the last survivor seen in 1929, who recently died a few short years ago. And for those receiving Jesus worthily in Communion on the Saturdays of 5 consecutive months salvation was a promise.

Many of you know of the Promise made to St. Mary of Alacque for 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays. What Mary was telling us through the children was to repent and receive the Sacraments to save our souls, and the world. Today the world is living according to Pope Benedict in a whirlwind of relativism. We deny sins and equate them to virtue. To alleviate pain and old age detriment we must have euthanasia legalized. Have we forgotten the Shiavo case where a federal Judge deemed execution by starving and dehydration was ok? It is still quietly happening in our nursing homes (Terry's Story) Dianna Lynne. And in our schools as they consider what can happen to what youth or to marriage.

Prayer is not allowed before school starts in our public schools, yet Planned Parenthood preaches pre-marital sex and masturbation in these curriculums-fostered by Federal and State tax monies. Sex education is mandated in Montana's K-12

public schools. In a Milwaukee, Wisconsin school district the dispensing of condoms to juniors and seniors will be free and unrestricted. School board vote was 7-0. The same thing happened in a Massachusetts district.

The state of Maine Civil Rights Commission some time back had an order that since some people in the state weren't sure about their sex, maybe the (public) bathrooms could be labeled co-ed. Bill O'Reilly even on his show, mentioned that. Lest we forget, all of New England and New York except maybe Maine and Rhode Island, at this time, have legalized same sex marriage. Even the present executive admin in the nation has deemed our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. to be a legal environment for same sex marriage. It looks like many states are thinking of enacting same sex as their new law.

Recall that Our Lady said to Jacinta that "marriages are not of God." Mr. Cummo, governor of New York State said he would grant the state's penal institutions maximum facilities conjugal visits. (Dannemora Prison) The executive branch of our government condones same sex marriage while DOMA (defense of marriage act) law would be looked at with no favor. The same administration has ordered that condoms and (free) birth control (sterilization) without restriction, free in 2012. When the state of Indiana tried to get abortion payments out of the Medicaid clauses the same administration told them the federal monies given to Medicaid would be cut off. Now comes the growing evil of our time-worldwide almost-the willful killing of unborn from gestation to full-term pregnancy, sanctioned by a decision of nine judges in black robes-1973, Supreme Court decision. Fathers have no say in stopping their wives or girlfriends from doing so-nor do parents have the right to stop daughters from doing this act. Many abortions today are the results of rape of underage girls. These undoubtedly have been cover-ups. What is happening is unadulterated murder. A new Health Plan, compulsory by the federal government, makes these murders paid for. Do you remember the FOCA, which our government was bent on passing In 2009? This would make abortion nationally legal while the Supreme Court decision of 1973 is capable of being negated by judges of a pro-life court.

The miracle of life comes from God. The unborn has a unique fingerprint, blood type. It moves, feels stimuli, and grows. It is not a blob or a parasite. No matter how conceived, it is human. The Plan B contraceptive available perhaps by executive order in 2012 could kill before abortion procedures seem evident. Degradation of American Society is marching on and swiftly. Things thought absurd 50 or so years ago are now commonplace. Same Sex marriage, no fault divorce, pre-nuptial agreements, fornication and abortion are killing the family, the bulwark of a domestic free nation. Remember what Our Lady said about bad fashions, sins of the flesh, and marriages

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## 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	Roy T. Spurlock, Jr.	William Jaillet	Low Country Team ( 1 )	2		0%	2
2	Michael A. Allen ( 2, 7 & 12 ) 2	Ralph Rossoni	Capital City Team	5	4	80%	1
3	Michael DiMartino	C Van Demnark, FDD	Grand Strand Team ( 3 & 11 )	4	6	150%	0
3	Michael DiMartino	Donald Ullman, FDD	San Juan Diego Team (All Districts)	2	1	50%	1
4	Ernst T. Cvikl	Bill Collins, PGK	Aiken Team ( 4 )	2	1	50%	1
5	David R. Griffard	David R. Griffard, DD	Flowertown Team ( 5 & 13 )	4	3	75%	1
8	Keith A. Kingren	Jerry Shamroe, PGK	Greater Greenville Area Team ( 6, 8 & 14 )	5	2	40%	3
9	Daniel F. Barton ( 9 )	Jack Urbanic, FDD	Greater Charleston Area Team	2	3	150%	0
10	Edward M. Griffin	Geary Bradley	Up State Team (10)	2	2	100%	0
		TOTAL		28	22	79%	

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not of God. What is happening throughout the world is an abomination.

Whatever are we to do? Certainly don't look to Hollywood where out of wedlock children are featured and marriages are "larks." Some young folks consider these people as heroes. Prime time TV has a lot of "in the gutter" sex themes. Since 3 days after the President's inauguration the Mexico City which negated birth control drugs and abortion money in Federal aid packages was negated by executive decision. The same executive power has ok'd abortions be done at military hospitals. And, yes, also federal monies for embryo research is not ruled out but now approved-conscience clause ruled out. Our government leaders need lessons in natural law, biology and Scripture. Prayer is needed in churches and the family-the domestic church. That is where the parents can explain the term, "Intelligent Design." We have replaced God with Darwinism Science. We have to restore our world back to where plants and animals do not have more rights



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