

THE HISTORY OF MSGR. RICHARD C. MADDEN COUNCIL #6629

This council was originally named FLOWERTOWN COUNCIL 6629.

Some other possible names were Bishop Russell, Bishop Walsh, Summerville, Pope Adrian & Christ Council of Charity.

Chartered on November 20, 1974, the first officers were installed at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. John the Beloved Church. The Mass was concelebrated by Msgr. Richard C. Madden and the State Chaplain, Rev. Thomas Duffy. The officers installed were: GK, Orion P.D. Canant; DGK, Paul N. Froble; Chancellor, Edward Redman; Recorder, Douglas Moore; Treasurer, James Meyers; Advocate, Thomas Hayes; Warden, James Gardener. The Guards were John Ott & John Connerty. The Trustees were James Teodosio, Robert Scott & Francis LaRocque. Eugene Johnk was appointed by the Supreme Council as the Financial Secretary for the Council. The first meetings were held at the American Legion Hall on Sumter Ave.

1974

December 14, 14 candidates took their first degree.

December 18th, 1974, the council held its first Christmas Dance. The dance was located at the Kings Grant Country Club.

1975

January 14, 1975, Bro. Al Bellacicco became the chairman of the Boy Scout program. January 28, 10 candidates took their Admissions degree which was held in St. John the Beloved Church. Bro. Doug Moore became the first Bingo Chairman on April 8, 1975. Doug reported that on March 9, 1976 there were 48 people in attendance & we made \$79.90.

1977

Bro. Duane Riplog announced the name "Knight Stalker" is the name given to the Council 6629 bulletin. The name was changed to the "Knight Caller" on September 13, 1977. Then on October 11th of the same year, the K of C Summerville-Club 6629 was incorporated. November 8, 132 Berkely Circle, the future home of the council, was purchased.

1980-1981

The Club's most important project for those years was the addition to the council home. Much donated time & material was used for this project.

1982

In 1982, a St. Patrick's Dance, that was chaired by Bro. John Furnari, at St. John's Hall, made a \$405.00 profit.

The Council hosted the State Horseshoe Contest on June 12, 1982, and on December 3, 1982, the Annual Christmas Dance was the first affair to be held at the new council home. There were 102 people in attendance.

1983

March 16, 1983, 131 people attended the St. Pat's Dance. On July 12th, Bro. Steve Dunlap became the Editor of the "Knight Caller". On August 6th of the same year, Bingo moved from St. John the Beloved parish hall to the new Council Home. There were 127 players that attended BINGO that first night. Also, in August of 1983 the Council Softball team returned from the Southeastern Tournament with the Columbian award.

In October, the Tootsie Roll Drive raised \$2200.

December 18th, 1983, the Council hosted the first Christmas party for the Retarded Citizens from the Coastal Center chaired by Bro. Ted Corcoran. Our own Santa Claus, Bro. Wayne Page entertained & distributed presents & the music was donated by Dan Hogan.

1984

On Feb. 1st of 1984 Club President, Ted Corcoran, started another pledge program for a new air-conditioning unit (10 ton), paving the parking lot & a new heater for the bar area. March 17th the St. Patrick's Day Dance was held at the new home. It's the first public event to be held there. On March 31, we came home from the State Bowling Tournament with trophies for Team Singles, Doubles & Ladies All Event Competitions. On May 4th George (Bob) Mussat was elected State Secretary; & in July, Joe Sekula took over as the Bingo Chairperson. Chairperson, Dennis Nacco & other Brothers treated residents of the Jenkins Orphanage to an outing to see the Charleston Royals on July 30th.

August of 1984, the flagpole that is in our parking lot was donated by Bros. Craig & Gregg Golden in memory of their mother. On August 15th, Bro. Duane T. Riplog was ordained a Priest. On Oct. 27th the Council held its first Golf Tournament. In Nov. of the same year, \$3000 was raised from the Tootsie Roll Drive.

1985

May 25th, 1985, the first annual Ted Corcoran Golf Tournament was held. On June 15th our charter Chaplain, Msgr. Richard C. Madden retired as the Pastor of St. John the Beloved Church & PGK Steven T. Dunlap was appointed District Deputy for District #5.

1986

On January 1, 1986, we held our first "Gala" at the Club with 125 people in attendance.

1987

The first Easter Egg Hunt was held at the Council Home on April 19, 1987. PGK George (Bob) Mussat was elected the State Deputy at the State Convention & Bro. George Beckett was awarded The Golden Knight of the Year, on May 1, 1987.

1988

On February 23, 1988, the council honored the Summerville Police & Firemen at a social at which time they were presented with Appreciation Plaques. PGK John Connerty was awarded the State's Golden Knight of the Year on May 13th. On October 28th our beloved Charter Chaplain, Msgr. Richard C. Madden passed away at the age of 81.

1989

On January 1st, 1989, Bro. George Crawford became the K of C Insurance agent. April 1st the name of Council 6629 became Msgr. Richard C. Madden Council. Club 6629 purchased the adjoining ½ acre property including a 950 square ft house. September 21st, Hurricane Hugo devastated the Low Country. Bingo closed & trucks loaded with supplies arrived at Council 6629 from St. Edward's Council in Richmond, VA. These supplies were distributed to the Edisto Indian Reservation & other needy organizations. During this same year, the council float was entered into the Azalea Festival Parade. We were joined on the float by the Sir Knights from the 4th Degree Assembly & the children from the Robert Allen Center, the benefactors of our Tootsie Roll monies.

1990

May PGK Steven T. Dunlap was elected State Deputy for South Carolina. Bro. Mark Pirkel became the Publisher of THE ANCHOR.

1991

June - At our election of officers, GK Gregg Seltzer becomes the first GK in this council to be elected to a second consecutive term of Grand Knight.

1992

May - PGK Ronald Povero was elected State Treasurer.

October - Bro. Thomas McDonald, a charter member of 6629, was ordained Permanent Deacon at the Divine Redeemer Church in Hanahan.

1993

April - Bros. Keith Hommel & Denny Nacco ended their bike ride from Washington, DC to Summerville, SC. They rode to raise money for the Chronic Fatigue Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

August - Our Seminarian, Bob Sayers, completed his first degree to the order.

1994

February - PGK Richard Gotheridge chaired the annual Fireman & Policeman social. The council participated in "After the Prom Night" for the students from the Summerville High School.

July - Rev. Father Duane T. Riplog became the Council's Chaplain.

November - The Council celebrates its 20th Anniversary by holding a Dinner & Ball at the Council home.

1995

April - "The Ladies of the Knights" were treated to a night out to show our appreciation for all the work they have done for the Council. A dinner at a local restaurant was enjoyed by all. The Knights and the Columbian Squire Circle 4208 held a Pancake Breakfast for all the parishiners of St. John the Beloved's Madden Hall. We served 292 breakfasts and all profits went to the church.

September - The Council held a "Pig Pickin" Labor Day Picnic at the Council Home,

chaired by Joe Branton.

1996

April - Our Columbian Squire Circle 4208 challenged the Knights to a game of basketball at Oakbrook Middle School. The Squires cheated and won 66-48.

May - The Council hosted the 75th State Convention at the Charleston Hilton. Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant was the guest speaker. PGK Ronald Povero was elected the State Deputy for SC.

August - We held our 1stst Family Luau at the Newington Plantation Pool.

1997

February - At our Annual Fireman and Policeman Award Night the name of the affair was changed to the Patrick O'Brian Awards Night for all the work he had done for this affair.

June - PGK Greg Seltzer becomes the editor & publisher of the "Anchor".

October - The "Memorial for the Unborn" was installed by Bro. Ray Ragano in front of the Council Home. Bishop Thompson, officers, members of the Council and members of St. John the Beloved's Choir were in attendance for the dedication.

1998

February - A Fight Night was run by Br. Angelo Prospero at the Council Home. Angelo brought many old 16MM Prize Fight movies for all to enjoy. An Italian Dinner, prepared by Angelo's wife Theresa was served for all in attendance.

December - A "Keep Christ in Christmas" Billboard is erected along side of Hoover Motors and a living Nativity is built by Bros. J.W. Garvin and Gregg Seltzer and displayed in front of Lowe's Home Improvement.

1999

May - PGK Roger Shepherd volunteers to be Bingo Chairman.

At the State Convention 6629 takes home seven of the sixteen awards. Jose Mireles is awarded "Knight of the Year", Adrian & Marie Lussier awarded "Family of the Year" and Tony Baiocco awarded "The Golden Knight of the Year".

June - PGK Tony Baiocco steps down as the editor of the ANCHOR and is elected Club President. The new editor is Greg Seltzer.

July - Bro. Robert Mussat becomes the GK of Council 6629. Sept - Our annual Labor Day Barbecue was run by Butch & Judy Dykins, the Family Activities Director.

Nov - We held our Silver Anniversary as Knights of Columbus Council 6629. 95 brothers & their wives were in attendance. Bingo's attendance has dwindled down to 25 players a night. We must think positive & see how we can bring the attendance back up.

2000 - "The New Millennium"

January - The annual Pro-Life March was held in Columbia & attended by Richard Gotheridge. The Free Throw competition was held at the Summerville Catholic School.

February - The annual Patrick O'Brian Policemen, Firemen & EMS social had over 200 present. Angelo Prospero was the MC for the evening.

May - At the State Convention. Greg Seltzer, Golden Knight of the Year; Youth Activity of the Year for the Candlelight Living Rosary; Distinguished Council Award for THE BEST

Council of Division III. At the Awards Night held at the council home, Joe Clarke received the Knight of the Year; John Cato the Catholicity Award; Dick Gotheridge the Charity Award; The Hanrahan Family the Family Award.

June – Bro. Jim Hanrahan elected GK, and Ron Povero is the new Club President.

2001

May - The Council comes home from the State Convention with the Council Activity Award & the award for the State Charity. Paul Urko is named the Golden Knight of the Year. Steve Kramp is the Knight of the Year.

June - GK James Hanrahan is elected GK for a second term.

Bro. Jose Mireles is selected as the recipient of the Club's Greg Seltzer Service Award for the 2000-2001 fraternal year.

July - Steve Kramp and family are selected as one of the 100 Supreme Families of the Month for July. Msgr. Christopher Lathem becomes the council's Chaplain.

September – September 11th will never be forgotten. Numerous K of C members perished in the attacks in NY, PA & Washington, DC. Our prayers are still for them, their families & all rescue workers.

2001

December - The tree lighting on the 4th, our Anniversary/Christmas Dinner Dance, Christmas Parade with our live Nativity Scene on the float, the Coastal Center Party & a Live Nativity Scene on Bro. Joe & Lynn Branton's property.

2002

Jan 19, 2002, we held the Annual Free Throw Contest. 40 boys & girls competed. Alex Fernandez & Lauren Hughs won in their respective groups.

Jun 11th the elections of council officers were held. Bro. Joe Branton was unanimously elected GK along with Bro. Steve Kramp for DGK.

Knight of the Month for Oct. is Bro. Sam Cox who celebrated his 91st birthday. Family of the Month is PGK David & Betty Unwin.

Oct 11th the Operation Hope Kickoff begins as we take to the stores in "The Tootsie Roll Drive".

Oct. 22nd the "Chili Cook-off" is held at our Social.

Nov 26th the council celebrated its 26th Anniversary with a dinner/dance held at the Council Home.

Dec 8th, we participated in the Summerville Christmas Parade advertising "Keep Christ in Christmas".

2003

April – At our social night we presented a check for \$6000.00 to Cathy Douglas of the American Heart Association. They were the proceeds from the Golf Tournament of May 2002.

May – PGK Ronnie Povero is the Golden Knight of the Year.

June – Bro. Stephen Kramp is elected as our GK for the year 2003-2004. The Knight of the Year for Council 6629 is Bro. Adrien Lussier. The Family of the Year is Jim & Caroline Hanrahan.

December – We held our Coastal Center Party with 107 residents attending. We also held our Anniversary Dinner Dance. The Living Nativity was in front of PGK Joe & Lynn Branton's house. The Council received a trophy for the best non-commercial float in the Summerville Christmas Parade.

2004

January – We cooked a spaghetti dinner for the Summerville Catholic School for Catholic School Month.

February – The Annual Patrick O'Brian Social for the policeman, fireman, EMS & dispatch units. 114 guests attended.

June – Bro. Adrien Lussier became our new Grand Knight. PGK Ron Povero was Golden Knight of the Year; PGK Joe Branton was Knight of the Year & Bro. Fred & his wife Paula Seebode was the Family of the Year.

September – Our tenth Annual Labor Day "Pig Pickin" was held. Our cook was PGK Joe Branton.

November – The knights cooked spaghetti dinners for about 180 members of St. John's parish.

December – The 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance was held at the Council Home. The music was provided by PGK "Tony – the Hat" Baiocco. The Coastal Center Christmas Party was held. The Living Nativity was again held on the grounds of the Branton house.

2005

January – Bro. George Crawford retired as our Insurance Agent. Our new agent is Brian Gabel.

February – Our Patrick J. O'Brian Social honoring our servants in the Summerville Community was held.

April – A Ladies Appreciation Night was held at the Sweetwater Grill. A pancake breakfast was served at St. John's after all the Masses.

June - PGK Joe Branton is the Knight of the Year for Council 6629. Bro. John Dupont is elected Grand Knight.

August – PGK Stephen Dunlap takes over the job of Insurance Agent.

December – We participated in the Summerville Christmas Parade. The Coastal Center Christmas Party was enjoyed by all.

2006

February – Again we filled the hall with policeman, firefighters, EMS, & dispatchers for the annual Awards Night. PGK Dick Gotheridge was the MC.

April – 5 local Catholic parish youth groups held their annual Bowling Lock in at the Chas AB. 79 attendees participated.

May – The 19th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament was held. 48 golfers played.

June – Bro. Tom Walstrom is elected GK.

September – Over 100 people attended PGK Joe Branton's Labor Day Pig Pickin.

November - \$7350.00 was raised this year for Operation Hope.

2007

January – PGK Jose Mireles is awarded the "Channel 5 Hall of Fame Award" by Bill

Sharpe of Channel 5 News while his calling Bingo.

December – A check for over \$5000.00 is presented to the Dorchester County Disabilities Service from Operation Hope.

2008

February – Family Activities Chairperson Scott Bridgeman had a Cocktail Party/Surprise Birthday Party for PGK Tom Walstrom at the club in Ashboro East. The surprise party was for GK Tom Walstrom.

June - Bro. Fred Seebold & his wife Paula are the Family of the Year for Council 6629.

June – Bro. Scott Flick is the Knight of the Year.

August – Chairperson Bro. George Crawford presented Lyles Cooper of the American Heart Association with a check for \$1500.00 from the May Golf Tournament.

December - \$500.00 is donated to St. John the Beloved Church for Hymn Books. Ross & Mary Moody set up an Angel Tree for the 20 men at the Antonio Staples Home.

2009

February – 192 members, family, & honored guests attended the Patrick J. O'Brian Social.

May – 58 golfers participated in the Ted Corcoran Golf Tournament.

June 16th PGK & Bro. David Vega died in James Island; Bro. Jerry Ellis & his wife Robin are the Family of the Year for Council 6629; PGK Gregg Seltzer is the Knight of the Year; Bro. Bernard Mineweaser is elected Grand Knight.

2010

January 8th Fr. Duane Riplog died.

February 23rd, we honored the police, fireman, dispatches, & EMS Personnel.

May 15th Bro. George Crawford held the 23rd Ted Corcoran Golf Tournament; on the 29th Charter GK Paul Canant died.

June 24th Brother Don Austin died; Fred Seebode was elected GK of Council 6629; Family of the Year was Bro. Paul & Noreen Urko; Golden Knight of the Year was Ted Musselman.

September 5th Joe Branton held his Annual Pig Pickin; 26th this hall was dedicated to Fr., CGK, & Brother Duane Riplog.

October 23rd, we cooked for the Summerville Catholic School's

November, Operation Hope brought in over \$5,000.00; we cooked at the St. John the Beloved parish picnic.

December 22, PGK David Unwin passed away.

2011

April 26, A joint potluck supper is held with Council 11910.

May, 6629's Scrap Book came in 1st place at the State Convention; Scott Flick is elected GK for 2011-2012.

August – Seminarian Roger Morgan attended the Business Meeting & spoke about his year in Texas.

The Council members cook for the Parish Picnic; Operation Hope collects \$5000.00.

2012

January – Chaplain Msgr. Christopher Latham Retires.

May – Council Awards: Honor Council Award & Scrap Book Award; Bro. Mike Laurendi is elected GK for 201-2013; Bro. Larry passed away; Golf Tournament raised \$2000.00.

June 12 – Seminarian Roger Morgan came & spoke at the Business Meeting; Operation Hope raised close to \$7000.00.

Sept. – A work party, organized by PGK Scott Flick, cleaned up the grounds around the Club House; a new Flat Screen TV was purchased & donated to Sr. Carol.

December – PGK Denny Nacco is elected Club President.

2013

January – PGK Scott Flick & his family went to Columbia for “Stand Up for Life”; Bro. Mario Ramelb’s Family presented the Council with an American Flag that flew over Afghanistan was sent here by Mario.

Sept. 20 – Bro. Joe Dennis had his Formal Acceptance as a candidate for Deaconate. It was held at the Cathedral.

December – The tree Lighting & Angel Tree for the residence of the Antonio Staples Home.

2014

Bro. Paul Wanninger passed away on January 4th.

\$4800.00 was raised for Operation Hope.

February – Over 100 Alter Servers were fed pizza at Madden Hall.

May – Bro. Patrick Dermody was elected to the position of GK for 2014-2015; At the State Convention 6629 was awarded the Scrap Book Award.

June – At the Awards Banquet, John Levenhagen received Knight of the Year; PGK Jack Walsh received Golden Knight of the Year & Jose Mireles received the Catholicity Award.

October – The Knights cooked the Hamburgers & Hot Dogs for the Church Picnic; Our new Seminarian, Will Frei, came to the Business Meeting & introduced himself; Bro. Phil Bates passed away.