



**THE ANCHOR**  
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Grand Knight  
Jordan Haven



Chaplain  
Fr. Raymond Carlo

Vivat Jesu!

Brothers, the season of Advent is upon us and Christmas is almost here. I hope all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and friends. I would like to welcome our seven new brother knights to Council 6629. Thanks to the efforts of Dennis Wells and many others we currently are at 213% of our yearly goal and have a total of 32 new members this year. I encourage everyone to read through this great newsletter. Please find something that you enjoy and join in. We have had a busy past month, many thanks to all who helped at the Habitat build and everyone who helped prepare and distribute Thanksgiving meals. We have the kids Christmas party, adults party and the Christmas Parade coming up. Please come and enjoy. It would be a great thing to have 30-40 of us at the Parade showing the town we are here and ready to help. As many have heard, I will be leaving in early January. We will be moving to Chile where Carolina's family lives. It has been a great blessing for the past years to be part of a brotherhood that serves the same God, and importance on Charity, Fraternity and Unity. I look forward to hearing about what this great council has completed in the remainder of this year.

GK Jordan

Dear Brother Knights,

One of the best loved holidays on the calendar is Thanksgiving day! It is THE busiest travel holiday with families doing their best to come together and share that special meal. The fact is that giving thanks is truly basic to living out our Christian faith! We are called to have "an attitude of gratitude" every day of our lives!

Let's not forget at this time of year that the Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our whole faith, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church states. (#1324) It is the greatest way that we can be united with Jesus Christ while here on earth. God willing, one day we will all in God's mercy be happy with Him forever in heaven. A taste of that heavenly union is available to us at every single Mass when we receive the Lord in communion.

The word Eucharist is a Greek word and it means "Thanksgiving." We give thanks for the greatest of gifts, Jesus Christ! When I think back on the people that I have met in my 68 1/2 years on earth, the ones who seemed the closest to God were always the ones who were very thankful. They repeatedly said thank you often and mentioned it each time. May that be true of each one of us!

St Therese of Lisieux the Little Flower stated in her classic book "The Story of a Soul" that "all God wants from us is surrender and thanksgiving." May we follow this young doctor of the church and integrate an attitude of gratitude often every day!

We indeed have so much to be grateful for in our lives! And we know that all of our blessings come from the love and generosity of Almighty God. So, in this Thanksgiving time, may we radiate a grateful heart to all we meet, knowing that the source of this joy and peace is the good Lord!! Thanks be to God!!!

God Bless! Father Ray

November 30th 5th Sunday Rosary—Thanks to PGK Chris Mongone for the pictures

**Investment Advisor** Brothers, A blessed Advent to you all. As we anticipate the coming of Christ at Christmas, it's undoubtedly a busy time of year for so many of us. There are meals to prepare, gatherings to attend and gifts to buy, but we know these are labors of love. We love our families and want this holy time of year to be special for them. These moments we share with our families are precious, and they should cause us to reflect on what it is we cherish in our lives and strive to protect. What would life look like if the unexpected were to happen? I invite you this season to consider protecting what matters most through the gift of life insurance. The right life insurance coverage can mean financial security for your family. It can mean the ability for them to have income to help minimize the impact of an untimely death on their level of financial comfort. It can shield against debt or remaining mortgage payments, so your family is protected if you or your spouse dies unexpectedly. Depending on your policy, it could also be the seeds of a growing financial legacy — a foundation to give your loved ones so they can continue to build upon what you've worked for. Simply put, life insurance is the gift of protection and stability for the most important people in our lives. Let's schedule time to connect before the end of the year so we can explore affordable options together that can help make a big difference for your peace of mind in 2026 and for years to come

Yours in Christ

Brandon chambers

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**2025 NAFC Award Winner**

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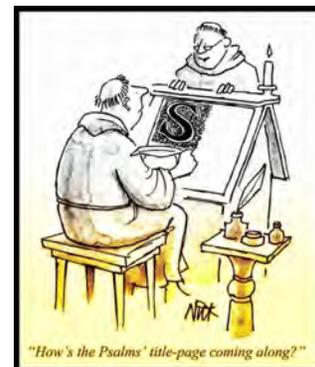
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**Financial Secretary** Our Council remains IN GOOD STANDING with Supreme and State Councils. Sale of State Council raffle tickets are still on hold pending reinstatement of licenses with SC Secretary of State. Welcome to all the new Brothers that became 3rd Degree Knights at the November 16th Exemplification.

There are still 28 existing Brothers that are in arrears on Fraternal Year 2025-2026 dues. Paper copies of dues notices were mailed out please remit ASAP, the Council will be assessed by both Supreme and State Councils in January for each member of our council. If you no longer wish to be Knight of Columbus reply to the dues notice email stating wish to withdrawal. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact me for arrangements. Any Brother that has not remitted dues or made contact by January 1, 2026 will be submitted to the State Council for transfer to the Affiliate Council program. Once on the Affiliate Council roster you will be bombarded with emails and paper mail from the Supreme Council about remaining a Knight and paying dues to rejoin a Council.

Attached in this edition of the Anchor is the Form 1728a "Individual Member Worksheet" for recording all volunteer hours for time period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Forms are to be submitted to me in January, or earlier, for council level roll-up of hours. Volunteer hours don't have to be just Knights of Columbus events/activities, it's all hours you donate to a non-profit organization count. For our new Knights that just recently went through an Exemplification you can include hours prior to your Exemplification date.

My three year term as Financial Secretary ends on June 30, 2026. If you are interested in taking over this Officer position please let me know so we can start some training. The Financial Secretary position is an appointed position by the Supreme Council for a 3 year period. It does require a nomination form to be completed by the Grand Knight and submitted to Supreme for appointment. It also requires a background and credit check prior to approval by Supreme.

Financial Secretary duties include, but not limited to;

- Ensuring all required reports to Supreme are filed by due dates
- Collecting all monies raised by the Council and turning over to Treasurer for deposit.
- Ensuring all Bills are paid
- Sending out Dues notices
- Maintaining Council membership records
- Filing license renewals forms with South Carolina Secretary of State for our raffle

Filing IRS Income Tax forms

Vivat Jesu

Bill A. Williamson

Financial Secretary

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# Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

## 20\_\_ Individual Member Worksheet

### INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES/FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS/BURSARS

**Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.**

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20\_\_.

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

### COUNCIL HOURS

#### Faith Activities (where applicable) Hours of Service

a. Refund Support Vocations Program	
b. Church Facilities	
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
d. Religious/Vocations Education	
e. Prayer & Study Programs	
f. Sacramental Gifts	
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities	

#### Family Activities (where applicable)

a. Food for Families	
b. Family Formation Programs	
c. Keep Christ in Christmas	
d. Family Week	
e. Family Prayer Night	
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs	

#### Community Activities (where applicable)

a. Coats For Kids	
b. Global Wheelchair Mission	
c. Habitat for Humanity	
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief	
e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities	
f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care	
g. Hospitals/Health Organizations	
h. Columbian Squires	
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	
j. Athletics	
k. Youth Welfare/Service	
l. Scholarships/Education	
m. Veteran Military/VAVS	
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities	

#### Life Activities (where applicable)

a. Special Olympics	
b. Marches for Life	
c. Ultrasound Initiative	
d. Pregnancy Support	
e. Christian Refugee Relief	
f. Memorials to Unborn Children	
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities	

#### Other Fraternal Commitments (where applicable)

Visits to the Sick	
Visits to the Bereaved	
Number of Blood Donations	
Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Member and their Families	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

### ASSEMBLY HOURS

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## Sick and Bereavement Part I

For those we pray: O Lord. Hear our prayer!

Percy Bandce  
Joe Branton  
Terry Brisson  
Zhareen Bulalacao  
Barbara Busch  
Sandra Clark  
Kevin Cosgrove  
Thomas Crawford  
Marc Davis  
Kevin Fitzgerald  
Gantt Family  
Barbara Grimm  
Joe Gubelli  
Jordan Haven  
Richard Hayes Jr  
James Hughes  
Judith McCarty  
Mussatt Family  
Maddie Musselman

Ernie Nacco  
Robert Nowik  
Lisa O'Rourke  
Anne Oman  
Pete Priem  
Kristen Phillips  
Heinz Regenscheit  
Robert Riordan  
Greg Saylor  
Ken Sharrett  
Vito Spitale  
Becky Starzyk  
Sharon Starzyk  
Jerry Stout  
Randolph Smith  
Sue Tleson  
John Toman  
Tim Walters  
Dennis Wells  
Hal Verona

## **Sick and Bereavement Part II**

- † Leonard Astfalk
- † Betty Abdon (wife of Br. Simeon)
- † Doug Aitken (Dick Gotheridge's brother in law)
- † Sandra Baker (Br. Joseph's spouse)
- † Richard Barrineau
- † Gladys Bates
- † George Beckett
- † Albert Bellacicco
  
- † Evelyn & Don Bloomer (PGK Tom's Mother and Father)
- † Fr. Larry Bower
- † Dominic Bria (former council member)
- † James Coldwell
- † Bambi Conrad (Br. James spouse)
- † Peter Cyprian Jr. (Br. Ronny's grandfather)
- † Robert Correll
- † Carol & Steve Dunlap PSD
- † Patrick Dunlap
- † John Dupont (Charter Member and PGK)
- † Ed Elder and Josie Elder
- † Howard (Jerry) and Robin Ellis
- † JW Garvin, PGK
- † Susan Gotheridge
- † Flo Grundy (widow of late PGK Chuck)
- † Mary Ann Heagerty (Br. Daniel's wife)
- † Lisa Helms (Br. Paul's wife)
- † James R. Hughes (Br. James Hughes father)
- † John and Laura Kersting
- † Adrien Lussier
- † Shirin KopfmueLLer
- † Chuck Lichtenberger, PGK
  
- † Bonnie Levenhagen, Br. John's wife
- † Connie Mc David (Br. Tom's wife)
- † Mary Ann Moore (Br. Dennis' mother)
- † Roger Meunier
- † Lorraine Mineweaser (Bernie's spouse)
- † Rita Mineweaser (Bernie's sister)
- † MSgr Chet Moczydlowski
- † Joe Noll
- † Patrick O'Rourke
- † Peter O'Sullivan
- † John Passarileo, PGK
- † Joe Bert Peck
- † Robert S. Pitiak,
- † Angelo Prospero
- † Ronald Povero, PSD
- † Dotti Roberts and Len Roberts
- † Robert Rybicki
- † Fred Seebode
- † Greg Seltzer, PGK
- † Travis Seltzer (Br. Greg's son)
- † Jan Shaw (Br. Al's spouse)
- † Betty Unwin (PGK Dave's Widow)
- † Rita Urko (Br. Paul's mother)
- † Joyce Vega (widowed spouse of PGK Dave)
- † Liz Verona
- † Sharon Walsh and Jack Walsh
- † Rodney Ward (SJB Music Director)
- † James Wilson (James Hughes' Father In law)
- † Epifanio Zamora
- † Our Deceased members  
All Deceased Men and Women Who

## **Prayer for the Unborn**

O God, who has given us the gift of life, we ask you today to bless all unborn babies. Watch over them as they grow and develop in their mothers' womb., that they may might be born healthy and happy and be welcomed with tender love and deep joy. In a special way, we ask you to bless those babies who are unwanted and may never be born. Welcome them into your loving embrace that they find their love in you. Bless and guide all pregnant women, they might respect and cherish the gift of life growing within them. May they accept their child as an irreplaceable gift from you, Amen.



## Member Birthdays

### December

Name	Birthday
John J Chiappardi Jr	12-01
Hugh O Dykins	12-01
Javier Martinez Gonzalez	12-03
Jeffrey A Sage	12-04
Jeff Waldman	12-05
Leo F Caballero	12-06
Jerry Duffner	12-07
James R Lynch Jr	12-07
Scott P Sargent	12-08
Simeon Abdon	12-10
George H Scharf	12-10
Mr Daniel W Rothamel	12-14
David H Dutton Jr	12-17
Mr Tim Walters	12-17
Andy Baldovsky	12-19
Ronald J Petsche	12-19

**December**

Name	Birthday
David P Musselman	12-21
David Mendoza	12-23
Brad Elkins	12-29
Steve L Register	12-30
Eric Sappol	12-30
John V Donato	12-31
Richard E Gotheridge	12-31



**Total: 23**



## Years of Service

December

Name	First Degree Date/ Re-entry Date	Years of Service	Address
Anthony T Melfi	12-01-1978	47	118 Donna Dr Summerville, SC 29483-4008
John R Barnaby	12-03-1996	29	104 Sandtrap Rd Summerville, SC 29483-2935
Raymond W Wilkinson	12-11-2006	19	479 Hidden Meadow Lane Summerville, SC 29486
Daniel K Morgan	12-19-2013	12	132 Hammerbeck Rd Summerville, SC 29483-8347
Noah Dubois	12-02-2019	6	101 Hutson Dr Apt 68 Summerville, SC 29483-2642
Mr Liam Gyles	12-24-2020	5	12201 Parkview Ln Summerville, SC 29486-5718
Jim P Freeman	12-14-2022	3	232 Seaworthy St Summerville, SC 29486-2417
Father Marco Antonio Da Cruz	12-15-2024	1	542 Cypress Ave Murrells Inlet, SC 29526
Reiff Freire	12-15-2024	1	709 Alwyn Blvd Summerville, SC 29485-4097
Ryan D Jones	12-15-2024	1	109 Wild Holly Dr Moncks Corner, SC 29461-8457
Frank Lo Russo	12-15-2024	1	106 Mulberry HI Summerville, SC 29485-5222
Ronald J Petsche	12-15-2024	1	205 Hollytree Cir Ladson, SC 29456-3791

**Walk For Life** Saturday November 1st, a few Brother Knights and their families handed our water to participants of the Low Country Pregnancy Center’s “Walk for Life” fundraiser. The Center’s director, Ms. Joy Yarborough spoke to the crowd about the good work the center does. Joy said their three locations had 9,000 visits from clients and 573 women chose life over abortion. Also at the venue was a band, a face painting booth, popcorn, drinks and a huge slide for the kids



Manning the water station was Br. Chris and Lindsey Johnson and twin sons, Br. Al Mennone, Ellen Mongone, Br. John Starzyk (x2) and two grandsons/sons.

**Memorial Mass** On all souls day (November 2nd) Brother Knights served at all ministerial positions for the 7:30 mass. Just prior to the mass, Br. Dennis Wells read the names of the deceased Brother Knights. After each name was read, Nancy Wells rang a bell in their honor.



After mass, Brother Knights and spouses gathered for breakfast at Perkins Restaurant. Special guests included the widows of deceased Brother Knights.



Thanks to PGK Rodney Profit and Br. Dennis Wells for the pictures

**Coats for Kids & Veterans** Our council participates in the Knights “Coats For Kids” program, providing coats for children who are in need. This year, we took advantage of the BOGO that Supreme was offering and added Veterans as recipients. On Thursday, October 6th four boxes of adult size coats were delivered the Ralph A. Johnson Community Based Outpatient Clinic on North Rivers Avenue. Mr. Samuel “Matt” Mathews from the clinic was on hand to accept the coats and was very grateful for them. Delivery crew included Brian Coppage, Alex Worth, Eddie Huddleston, John Starzyk (the elder & the younger).



The next day volunteers Delivered 48 Girls and 48 Boys Extreme Weather Winter Coats.



Blair Shelley, Dennis Nacco, Bill Williamson, Bradford Jones, Alex Worth.



Action on the Miracle League Field



**Miracle League Honor Ceremony** Front row; Kevin Fitzgerald (also Miracle League of Summerville President), Jeff Waldman, Eric Sappol, Jordan Haven GK, Vincent Belken DGK, Bob Auriemma, Robert Carreau, Daryl Hathaway, Rob McAnnar PGK, David Hopkins.

Back row; Brayden Duffner, Dennis Wells, Tim Morrison, Bill Williamson, Tony Brasberger, Rodney Profit PGK, Tom Bloomer PGK, Jerry Duffner.

Since 2022 the Council has provided \$9,500.00 in grants and 2,000 hours of volunteer service.

### Miracle League Light Installation



Kevin Fitzgerald, Brad Jones, Tony Brasberger, Gary Wilcox, Eric Sappol, Delbert Zimmerman, Matthew Zimmerman. Most work done by Dominion Energy crew.



PGK Tim McAuliffe receiving the Star Council Aware from District Deputy Mark Heckler.

**Eagle Scout Project** PGK Chris Mongone’s Grandson, Christopher Hayes, along with other members of Boy Scout Troop 459 from Cane Bay recently undertook a project to become eligible for the Eagle Scout rank. The project was building a patio on the grounds of St. Clare’s Home. Christopher was responsible for planning the project, raising funds for the materials and coordinating the work with his fellow scouts. With adult supervision the Scouts prepared the site, mixed and poured 60 pounds of concrete. This hard work resulted in a covered patio that Sr Leena, Sr. Betty Cherry and the mothers to be in the home can enjoy.



Habitat for Humanity Project November 15th 2025



Crew included: Dennis Wells, Jeff Waldman, Bryon Coppage and son Mateo Sal Patti, Nathan Hobbs and sons Elijah and Noah, Jordan Haven, Javier Martinez, Eric Sappol, Jerry Duffner, Bill Williamson



Welcome to our new Brother Knights (L to R) Justin Skipper, Christian Moreno Jaraba, Brian Cuppage, Felix Rivera, Bob Stone, Jon Connor, Tony Terentino Sr.

GK Jordan Haven was the Ceremony's Honoree. With him is his wife Carolina and children, Isabella, Victoria, Emma and Max.

**Stand Up for Life March and Rally**  
 January 10, 2026 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 It's time to **make our voices heard for life!**  
 On **Saturday, January 10, 2026**, thousands will gather in Columbia for South Carolina's biggest annual pro-life event — and you're invited to be part of it!

The council is renting a Van. Departs SJB @0900

**Line Up:** 11:00 AM from the Russell House, USC Campus

**March Steps Off:** 11:30 AM

**Rally:** 12:00 PM on the steps of the South Carolina State House

Return to SJB NLT 3:00pm

POC: John M. Starzyk -email Colstarzyk@aol.com

Note: consider bringing a lawn chair

**Chili Cook-off**



Chili 1st place—David Hopkins

Desert 1st place- Conni Mc Cannar

## Thanksgiving Cooking Extravaganza

This annual Thanksgiving week cooking fest began on Monday with Council 6629 baking goodies for nearly 500 Summerville Police and Firemen and Dorchester County Sheriff's personnel. Nearly 1,000 cookies and over 300 brownies were baked, boxed and delivered by Knights and their families to 12 Police and Fire Stations to honor (and treat) those local heroes who fearlessly protect our families and homes every day.



On Tuesday and Wednesday, Knights, assisted by Parish volunteers, including youth, prepared countless pans of stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy and green bean casserole for 200 Thanksgiving Day meals. About 4:30 AM on Thanksgiving Day, 30 turkey breasts were placed in the ovens. Two hours later they emerged golden brown, juicy and delicious. The sliced turkey, gravy, side dishes, cranberry sauce, Hawaiian dinner rolls, and more cookies and brownies were combined into 65 individual dinners for Meals on Wheels, 40 dinners for the Fisher House (families visiting members at the Charleston VA Hospital), 20 meals for the Doors to Freedom (group home for trafficked young women), 54 meals for the 6 Dorchester County Disability Board group homes, two other Parish families and two homeless persons, who just happened to “walk in” hungry.



Thanks to all those who helped; Thank you to all the Knights of Council 6629 volunteers and their wives, Parishioners old and young, and especially Tiffany Burnette, who prepared the menu and recipes. Shout out to Cindy & Bob Barrett, Jamie, PJ & Tiffany Burnett, Robert Carew, Bryan, & Veronica Coppage with their children Mateo, Clara, and Lucas, Jeff Crowell, Kevin Fitz, Frank O'Dowd, Butch Hathaway, Lucas, Phillip, Rebecca and Rebecca Hayes. Ethan Johnson, Emma Lemberg, Rob & Baker McAnnar, Tim Morrison, Paul Urko, Dennis & Nancy Wells. Thanks to KevinFitz & Dennis Wells for the pictures.



### Officers -- 2025 - 2026

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Retention Chairman	Vincent P Belken	843 906-9879 (R) 843-906-9879 (C)	vbelken@gmail.com

Appointed Officers	Name	Address	Telephone #'s	Email
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Program Positions	Name	Telephone #'s	Email
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Assist. Family Director	UNASSIGNED		
Assist. Health Service	Rodney W Profit	843-514-4936 (R)	rprofit65@gmail.com
Church Director	UNASSIGNED		
Columbus Hope Chairman	Thomas P Bloomer	850-529-4282 (C)	bloomert@ymail.com
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State Charities	UNASSIGNED		
Web-Master	UNASSIGNED		



# The Patriot Post

*Knights of Columbus  
Fourth Degree*

*Msgr. Richard C. Madden Assembly 1900*

*28 Sumter Ave, Summerville, SC 29483*

**December 2025**

## ASSEMBLY 1900 OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2023-2024

- SK Rodney Profit, Faithful Navigator
- SK Paul Urko PFN, Faithful Captain
- SK Jerry Stout, Faithful Comptroller
- SK Tim Smith, Faithful Purser
- SK Dennis Nacco, Faithful Pilot
- SK Bob Mussat, PSD/PCFN, Faithful Admiral
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Sir knights,

I hope and pray that your Thanksgiving was filled with love a fellowship with family and friends. Before we move into the Christmas season there are some upcoming events to participate in. Our holiday social will be held on December 6th at Madden Hall. Please RSVP to Sir Knight Paul Urko \$20 dollars per person and this is a BYOB. I will have some extra beverages on hand. Let's come out for a festive event and enjoy one another's company. This is a coat and tie family event. Summerville Christmas parade December 14th we would love for you to attend to spread the word of keeping Christ in Christmas. We will have a commercial float with seating for those wanting to attend this annual event. Contact sir knight Ed Blinco for information. Wreaths across America we will be placing wreathes at the Beaufort cemetery on Saturday December 13th time TBA. Remember to fill out service hours report and submit to Sir Knight Bill Williamson before the end of the calendar year. Lastly we have a 4th degree exemplification upcoming in Hanahan on January 24th! Contact Sir Knight Rob McAnnar for information. Lastly let us pray for all members and their family that are ill. Let us pray for all of your military and first responders that watch over us on a daily basis. And may god bless the United States of America!

Vivat Jesus!!

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Assembly 1900

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## Thomas W. Hilgers, M.D.

In 1968, Thomas Hilgers was a Senior medical student at the University of Minnesota. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, Pope Paul VI issued the encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*. It was an unexpected and unpopular papal condemnation of artificial contraception. Thomas heard about the new encyclical, but was having trouble finding a copy. He went to the Newman Club chaplain and asked where he could get a copy. The priest said, “Why do you want to read that kind of trash?” Hilgers ended up getting a copy from the Knights of Columbus for 25 cents. He said, “I read it and was an instant convert.”

*Humanae Vitae* re-states and amplifies the Church’s long-standing teaching on marriage and family planning (Paragraphs 7 to 13). And, in the last section, Pope Paul invites “Doctors and Medical Personnel” (Paragraph 27) to promote “the discovery of solutions inspired by faith and right reason ...”. Thomas Hilgers saw this as his professional calling.

At the time, Catholic couples were using the “rhythm method” to space births, but it was notoriously ineffective. Catholic couples needed a reliable method to achieve or avoid pregnancy in their marriages. Thomas Hilgers began the research that would eventually enable Catholic couples to understand natural fertility patterns in women and use natural family planning (NFP) to space the births of their children in a way that is 100% consistent with the Church’s teachings.

A little history: In 1960, the first-generation birth control pill was invented, largely through funding by Margaret Sanger - founder of Planned Parenthood. By 1961, the pill was marketed throughout the U.S. and women were lining up to get prescriptions for the pill from their OB-Gyn doctors.

In 1963, Pope John XXIII, alarmed by the popularity of the pill, formed a Commission to study questions of birth control and population. After Pope John’s death in 1963, his successor Pope Paul VI added theologians to the Commission and expanded the number of members to 72. The Commission produced a report in 1966, proposing that artificial birth control was not intrinsically evil and that Catholic couples should be able to decide for themselves what methods to use. This report was approved by 64 of the 69 members who voted. However, a minority report was also drafted by American theologian Father John Ford, with the assistance of American theologian Germain Grisez and signed by 3 other theologian priests on the Commission. It stated that the Church should not, and could not change its long-standing teaching, which had always been in place and had been recently affirmed in Pope Pius XI’s 1930 encyclical: *Casti Connubii*.

Even though the 2 reports were intended for the Pope’s eyes only, in 1967 the “majority report” was leaked to the Press, along with a rebuttal to the “minority report”, raising expectations that the Church’s teaching on contraception was about to be liberalized. Catholics began contracepting. So, when *Humanae Vitae* was issued and affirmed the Church’s long-held teaching condemning contraception, it was very unpopular. By the way, the theological reasoning used in the “majority report” later collapsed under additional scrutiny.

In 1973, Dr. Hilgers was a resident at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester MN when the Supreme Court decided in Roe v. Wade to decriminalize abortion. When he asked to be transferred to a facility that did not perform abortions, Mayo dropped him from the residency program. In 1974, Dr. Hilgers was a faculty member at St. Louis University School of Medicine. After the pro-life physician who had hired him was forced out as the chair of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department, Dr. Hilgers knew it was time to move on.

Dr. Hilgers started an NFP research center in St. Louis and followed his research to design a Natural Family Planning (NFP) method in which medical science works closely with a woman's body to understand and treat infertility and gynecological problems. In 1976 he accepted a position at a Jesuit institution, Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, NB. He led their NFP method and named it the Creighton Model Fertility Care System. Women patients charted their menstrual and fertility cycles; and Dr. Hilgers was then able to use the information to diagnose and treat the underlying causes of pain or infertility. This science came to be known as Natural Procreative Technology or NaPro Technology.

But between teaching and seeing patients at Creighton, there wasn't enough time to do the much-needed research. On August 6<sup>th</sup> (1978), the day that Pope Paul VI died, the Hilgers decided to open a clinic, named after Pope Paul, so that the research on his fertility method could be fast-tracked. Dr. Hilgers made a proposal to Creighton University for an institute that would be faithful to *Humanae Vitae*, but it was rejected.

By 1985, Dr. Hilger had opened a small NaPro facility in Omaha, which is now the St. Paul VI Institute. It has grown rapidly because it teaches good, science-based medicine. The doctors and others that come to be trained are excited and enthusiastic to learn NaPro. The St. Paul VI Institute is the only medical institute of its kind that specializes in research, diagnosis, and treatment of procreative healthcare for women within the pro-life ethic. Tens of thousands of patients from all 50 states (and many Countries on 6 continents) have received NaPro healthcare services at the Institute. There are now over 300 fertility care centers, including one in Charleston (info provided). Hundreds of physicians and Medical Consultants and thousands of NaPro teachers, who have been trained thru the Institute.

Researchers at the Institute continue to explore new methods for treating infertility and other women's health conditions. Some of Dr. Hilgers pivotal discoveries include:

Standardizing the Creighton Model System as the language for the field of observing women's menstrual and fertility cycles. Couples chart the woman's monthly cycle and use the information to achieve or avoid pregnancy.

Training physicians to read and analyze the charts, which are the key to unraveling the mysteries of the menstrual and fertility cycles. Using the charting to identify and investigate abnormalities, NaPro Technology can then treat problems cooperatively with the procreative and gynecological systems, while respecting the dignity of women, couples and pre-born children. These abnormalities include: infertility, menstrual cramps, Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS), polycystic ovarian disease, painful or irregular periods, abnormal bleeding, prematurity prevention, repetitive miscarriage, postpartum depression, hormonal abnormalities and other health problems.

Dr. Thomas Hilgers has taken up the challenge posed by *Humanae Vitae* and used his gifts and his training to provide Catholic couples with the means to space out the births of their children, while faithfully following the Church's teaching on contraception. He has helped women to learn more about their cycles and better understand their bodies so they can lead happy married lives.

Surveys indicate that 70% to 90% of Catholics are still using contraception today. We know that the pill and other hormone-based contraceptives can be dangerous. According to the USCCB, some oral contraceptives can cause abortion by blocking the embryo from implanting in the mother's uterus. Contraception also presents significant risks for women. It alters the normal healthy menstrual cycle, which can introduce side effects, including difficulty getting pregnant after the use of oral contraceptives. Combined oral contraceptives (COCs), as well as contraceptive patches and the 'ring,' are not without risk. Contraceptives are not always effective. Oral contraception users are often stunned when their contraceptives don't work, but these unexpected pregnancies make up a large portion of the nearly 70 million aborted babies to date in the U.S.

We, as Knights of Columbus and faithful Catholics, who accept the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, what can we do to help? What should we do?

Read *Humanae Vitae* – it can be printed out from the Vatican website. This prophetic document is only 14 pages long and contains the Church's teaching on marriage and family.

Encourage the young people in your life to learn about NaPro Technology – daily charting is quick and easy, but provides a safe and more effective means of spacing births. It also provides important data should health problems or difficulties occur.

Encourage anyone suffering from infertility to consider using NaPro. It's success rates are much higher than IVF, which is really an abortion technology. NaPro trained doctors have a wealth of knowledge and experience in investigating, diagnosing and treating infertility and gynecological problems.

Why is it important today?

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, “President Trump announced the creation of a New Benefit Option for fertility benefits. Under this option, employers will have a new legal pathway to offer fertility benefits directly to employees, like they do for dental, vision and life insurance, ... to employees interested in coverage for infertility, including IVF.” “These benefit packages can address the continuum of fertility-related services, from those that address the root causes of infertility to IVF”. **\*\*The Catholic Church clearly states that IVF should not be practiced. (Fr. James McTavish)**

Of course, the Media highlighted only IVF and the reduced prices of the drugs required in IVF following the Press Release, but the proposed New Benefit Option can also cover actual fertility services like NFP and infertility services like NaPro Technology. It is important that Companies offering this benefit include NFP and NaPro for their employees seeking the highest quality of care. Ask about fertility care at your place of employment and make sure it includes Natural Family Planning and NaPro Technology.

The Diocese of Charleston, SC provides Natural Procreation Technology FertilityCare Services in English and Spanish at [fcs.diocesechs@gmail.com](mailto:fcs.diocesechs@gmail.com). The mailing address is 901 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC 29407, and the phone: (843) 754-4658.

Additional links:

<https://charlestdiocese.org/family-life/natural-family-planning/class-sessions/>

<https://charlestdiocese.org/fertilitycare-practitioners>

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# December 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Council O/D mtg 6:00pm Regular Council mtg 7:00 pm Both @Legion Hall (Club Officers Election after Council Meeting)	3	4	5	6-Sr Carole's Food Pantry Drive -Kids Christmas Party Madden Hall .8-1130 AM POC's: Ellen Mongone & Conni Mc Annar -4th Degree Social 7:00pm Madden Hall
7-Sr Carole's Food Pantry Drive	8-Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Vir- gin Mary.	9 Assembly 1900 Busi- ness Meeting 6PM Legion Hall	10	11	12-Stingrays Hockey 7pm, \$17 per ticket  POC: John E. Starzyk	13
14-Summerville Christmas Parade 2PM , POC: Ed Blinco	15	16-Club Meeting 6PM @Legion Hall	17	18	19	20
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# January 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 	2	3-Sr Carole's Food Pantry Drive Charleston Southern BB 2pm \$10 per ticket.POC John E. Starzyk
4-Sr Carole's Food Pantry Drive	5	6-Council O/D mtg 6:00pm Regular Council mtg	7	8	9	10-SC Proudly Stand Up For Life March & Rally In Columbia. POC: John M. Starzyk
11	12	13-Assembly 1900 Business Meeting 6PM Legion Hall	14	15	16	17
18 	19	20	21	22	23	24-4th Degree Exemplification Hanahan. POC; Rob McAnnar
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# February 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Council O/D mtg 6:00pm Regular Council mtg	4	5	6	7-Sr Carole's Food Pantry Drive
8-Sr Carole's Food Pantry Drive	9	10-Assembly 1900 Business Meeting 6PM Legion Hall	11	12	13	14 
15	16	17	18 	19	20-Fish Fry (tentative)	21
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December 2025

- A special meeting was requested and conducted on October 27<sup>th</sup> for a Brother **Knight's widow**. She is the wife of deceased Brother Knight Angelo and was living in a house with a second story deck needing extensive repairs. These repair costs could and probably would exceed \$14K. A motion was made, seconded and after a somewhat lengthy discussion, a vote was taken. It was approved; as Dick Gotheridge put so eloquently, this was truly the founding principle of Charity.
- We are approaching the end of our calendar year 2025 for Club 6629. This means on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the conclusion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree's meeting, the election of officers for Club 6629 will take place.

The Slate of Officers at this time, unless contested, will be -

President: Tim Smith, Vice President: Rob McAnnar, Treasurer: Denny Nacco, Secretary: John Starzyk, and the three (3) Members-at-Large: (1) Eddie Huddleston, (2) Bill Williamson, and (3) Chris Mongone. These names with their positions are being recorded above so we can follow through on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, where the elections for 2026 will take place.

- We are still looking for a volunteer webmaster for our Council 6629 and Assembly 1900. Anyone interested, contact Tim Walters/Denny Nacco.
- Remember, being a member of our Knights of Columbus Council 6629, you are a member of Club 6629. I urge each one of you to come to the meeting and let your voice be heard, especially if you have any ideas for the improvement of your Club. We had an excellent turnout for the special meeting and it would be nice to see this continue with our quarterly meetings.
- If you have anything to address ahead of the meeting, feel free to email or call me directly. Advance notifications will enable me to provide you with a better response at the meeting.
- The next and last quarterly Club meeting for 2025 will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> in the Legion Hall at 6:00 pm, with the Investment Committee meeting one hour before that, at 5:00 pm.