

Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year!

It's that time of the year to reflect on 2018 and the many things that the council participated in this year. For the first time the council hosted the State Catholic Elementary Basketball tournament in Myrtle Beach. We had over 50 teams from around the state competing in the tournament that was held at the "state of the art" Myrtle Beach Sports Center. Much thanks go to Brother Paul Flood and family as well as brother knights for all their hard work.

Also for the first time the council worked a concession stand at 35 Pelican baseball games as a fund raiser. Brother knights contributed many hours to make this a success. Much thanks goes to Charlie Van Demark in heading up this endeavor.

Operation Hope had it's best year in 2018, raising more than \$20,000 and achieving more than 250% of quota for our 2 charities, SOS for Autistic children and Grand Strand Down Syndrome. We thank Brother Tom Setty for chairing this endeavor, as well as all the hard work put in by his captains, David Ferraro, John Walters and Mike Brady. We had over 50 Brother Knights and as well as our Sisters from the Columbiettes " shaking the can".

Helping Hand had another successful fund raising year with fellow knights soliciting funds after masses on the third weekend of every month. I would like to particularly thank Anthony Ross and Alan Holet for all their hard work.

At the request of Father Morgan, brother knights have been Altar Servers at the 4:30 and 6:15 Saturday masses for the past 6 months. We currently have 19 brother knights who have been participating as Altar Servers on Saturdays as well as at funeral masses. Thank you to brother knight Bob Rooney for heading up this activity and scheduling when the knights are doing a particular mass.

Our work for Catholic Charities is continuing with brother knights, using their own vehicles, to pick up from low country food bank and delivering to Catholic Charities in Conway. I would like to thank Dave Williamson for chairing this activity, as well as Sal Martelli and John Walters for all the work they are doing for Catholic Charities.

I know this is getting long, but I need to mention all the work put in by brother knights at our fund raiser dinners, Lenten fish fries, thanks Peter Vanoris Roast Beef dinner and Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner.

Thank you to John Kost for all that you do for Right to Life.

Once again brother knights, have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom McElligott Grand Knight