

Grand Knight Report for April 2015

The breath of renewal, celebrated in St Andrew Catholic Church Easter services, is reflected in the weather, azalea blossoms, and the tiny bills of baby ducks peeking out from under the wings and breasts of their mothers.

Our Council is also moving toward renewal. Our Fraternal Year ends June 30 and our looming election, June 1, demands an officer slate be completed for our members to vote in approval. Our presently seated officers will meet April 20 to review our Council's financial health and begin work on our coming calendar of events. The rooms and committees need to be identified, reserved, and resources organized for effective execution of our Service Program to support Parish Youth, Families, our Church, Community, and our efforts through Grand Strand Citizens for Life. The only thing we can count on is that nothing is certain. It's always in God's hands. We plan, God laughs.

Council 5086 is always going to need your ideas to choose from for a most reasonable course of action. We need your leadership on committees to effectively use these Knights' talents to accomplish some level of success toward our charitable and spiritual goals.

Our State Convention takes place on April 24-26, in Columbia. Please consider attending the business meeting, if only to keep your delegates company.

The Council has donated \$3585.00 to St Andrew Church for the purchase of a new Thurible, stand, and boat, as well as a new processional Cross. They were blessed by Fr Jim for use at our March meeting. Madeleine Elswick sent a letter of thanks, on behalf of the Church. She noted that a residual of \$535.00 remained, asking that it be allocated toward twelve new Communion cups. Their cost was \$2352.00. She asked if the Knights could help with the balance of \$1817.00. The Church also had our candlesticks refinished, costing \$1080.00. That total request being \$2897.00. These amounts exceeded our standard voting limits. They are now published for your review and vote, at least 30 days from now, on June 1. We will vote on each item: \$1817 for new cups, candlestick refinish at \$1080.

Our next Business Meeting is Monday May 4. Officers meet at 6 p.m.,
Council at 7 p.m.

Our Social Meeting will resume Monday, May 18, with dinner and program.

Vivat Jesus

E. Bruce Miller, G.K.