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# **SPELLING BEE**





#### New Champion Crowned at TFS Spelling Bee

The Knights of Columbus was honored to support The Franciscan School 2021 Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee, held annually for students in the 3rd through 8th grade, allows students at TFS to showcase their spelling skills, while building their vocabulary and grammar. After the classroom competition, two students from each grade level earned the right to represent their class at the school-wide spelling bee. The event was held on Tuesday, February 2nd in Fellowship Hall at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Mrs. Marcy Henehan, 6th Grade Teacher at TFS, was the coordinator.

Due to the global pandemic, the structure of the TFS Spelling Bee was modified to allow in-person and virtual contestants. There were five students present in Fellowship Hall, and seven students attending via a Zoom session. The students, and the attendees, including Fr. Jim Sabak, Principal Mike Watson, Vice Principal Dawn Smith (K-5), and Vice Principal Colette Dziadul (Middle School), were seated in accordance with socially distanced guidelines.

**10** The students displayed impressive spelling skills. The Spelling Bee went 31 rounds, with 8th grader Rachel Setia earning the crown of TFS Spelling Bee Champion. The runner-up was 6th grader Isabel Cantu-Melo.

This is the 8th year the Knights from the All Saints Council sponsored the TFS Spelling Bee. We are honored to partner with the administration, teachers and staff at The Franciscan School in support of the amazing work they do for our children. Thank you to the following Brother Knights who assisted with the Spelling Bee:

- \* Steve Becker Pronouncer
- \* Ralph Guenther Judge
- \* Tony Rivezzo Judge (Virtual)
- Mike Wrzesien Record Keeper

Written by: Mike Wrzesien

**Blood Drive** 

**Knight's Huge** 

Success.

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**Brother Richard (Dick) Henry Novacek** December 21, 1949 - January 20, 2021 Raleigh, North Carolina - Richard (Dick) Henry Novacek

A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh, NC 27613. Interment will follow at the columbarium at the church.

Dick is survived by his son Kelsey Novacek, daughter Katherine Novacek, and brother Robert Novacek (Sharon). He was predeceased by his wife of 35 years, Ruth Marie, in 2010. He was the son of Henry and Marcella (nee Nemastil) Novacek. Dick was a man who, together with his beautiful and loving wife, raised two successful and devoted children. He was a loving family man, hard-working individual, and devoted friend. He showed everyone respect, exuded positivity, and was outspoken about the truth. His kindness, humor, and passion for his faith will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Dick was a member of Knights of Columbus All Saints Council #9709 and Knights of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #3552, both associated with St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. He was very involved with many other volunteer activities including programs to assist military veterans and those with intellectual disabilities.



Brother Andrew Dyer, son of Kerry and Tim Dyer passed January 2021/

Andrew was Brilliant, met no stranger, loving to others, he would give you the shirt off his back even if it was the last one if he thought you needed it more than him, and I could go on.

He had a smile that I loved, as well as his laughter , he filled the room when he walked in. I felt like a little kid standing next to him at times. He gave the best hugs. We all called him Moose, but his hugs were more like a teddy bear hug. There was nothing he couldn't do when he put his mind to work on it .

I loved going on a motorcycle road trips with him and most recently he was taking up wood carving. How knew he was going to be a carver too. He knew my passion for wood working. He didn't show any signs of interest in it before. So, you can imagen how excited I was to see him having an interest in woodwork. My Dad was a boat builder and I enjoyed the sound of the saws, drills, sanders, smell of the wood being cut. Best of all seeing our completed project. He was craving wooden crosses and making rosaries that he just gave away. He was considering starting a business doing this but hadn't figured anything out. He planned to donate a percentage of the profit to charity.

Written by Tim Dyer, Andrew's father.

# Novena for Life/March for Life



The Knights of Columbus has organized a "Novena for the Cause of Life" to be prayed over the nine days from Oct. 4 to Oct. 12 during the U.S. Catholic Church's annual observance of October as Respect Life Month.

"Live the Gospel of Life" is this year's theme for the month, prompted by commemorations of the 25th anniversary of St. John Paul II's encyclical "The Gospel of Life" (*"Evangelium Vitae*"), which was issued March 25, 1995.

The Knights novena begins on Respect Life Sunday, which is Oct. 4 this year. The full novena can be found on the <u>Knights</u> <u>website</u>.

Each day has a quote from Pope Francis on some aspect of the sanctity of life. Novena participants are asked to reflect on the quote and then pray a decade of the rosary, concluding with a prayer by St. John Paul from his encyclical, which begins: O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life."

"The cause of life is today's preeminent priority, as Pope Francis indicated when meeting with the US bishops in January," Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said Sept. 22 in a statement announcing the novena.

Novena for Life is required to qualify for the Columbian Award. Overview The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death.

#### Written by: Kent Siefkes

The Jan. 16th Mass for Life at the Cathedral was well attended, at nearly max (socially distanced) capacity. The rally in downtown Raleigh that afternoon was probably the best one I've ever attended with excellent speakers and a praise band. The Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson gave a very powerful speech, as the headliner. Bishop Zarama gave the closing reflection and benediction. Joe McCarthy and myself were in the color guard. There was a bit of a drizzle at times but thankfully the rain held off. I estimate there were about 200-300 attendees, about a fourth of normal years, but understandable given the pandemic and recent security concerns. The Novena for life was held from Jan 16-24. concluding with a virtual Rosary for Life on the 24th. Thanks to brothers Mike Wrzesien, Steve Becker, and Richard White.



# **VACCINATIONS AT ST. FRANCIS**







St. Joseph Primary Care Clinic and the staff at St. Francis of Assisi teamed up to dispense the long-awaited Covid-19 vaccine. Brothers from our Council volunteered to control the traffic in the church parking lot, then helped direct the recipients to Fellowship/Clare Hall to receive their injections. Over a period of weeks, there were several vaccination dates, February 13, 27 and March 13 and 27..No doubt, these events achieved outstanding results by vaccinating over 800 people. The worrisome age group of 65 and over received their first and second shots. Also vaccinations were distributed to the teachers at TFS. Svcamore and Goddard Schools. While people over 65 were anxiously waiting for their vaccination, these sessions resolved a lot of their concern. Thanks go to St. Joseph Primary Care, a not-for-profit clinic founded by Thuhuong Trinh, MD and her husband Peter, whose mission is to offer health care to anyone, especially the poor. For a nominal annual fee a patient can get unlimited free office visits and much more with no worry about a deductible. Go to www.stjosephprimarycare.org for more information.



### Nomination for Knight of the Year -- Steve Becker

Worthy State Secretary Chris Losack,

The Officers of the All Saints Council 9709 are pleased to propose a Brother Knight as the North Carolina Knight of the Year for the 2020/2021 fraternal year. This Knight is always the first person to volunteer to help another Brother Knight in need, regardless of the day or time. His thoughtfulness, and kindly consideration, drive him to selflessly place the needs of others ahead of his own. His boundless energy, and willingness to drive anywhere, has helped many Brother Knights and their families in their time of need. This Knight's presence provides peace and comfort to those around him. Most importantly, this Brother Knight leads his life with a commitment to serve as the hands and feet of Christ in our community. He actively seeks opportunities to serve others, and to share his gifts to help those in need.

This Knight has made a priority of supporting the widows of Brother Knights – ensuring they remain as a vital part of the Council and inviting them to Council activities – potluck suppers, holiday events, cookouts, and financial awareness meetings. He also organizes yard clean-up events, and moving household items, for the widows and their families. His outreach also focuses on supporting our elder Brother Knights who are dealing with medical concerns or fraility, driving them to doctors appointments, visting them, and bringing them food. This Knight recently coordinated delivering meals to a Brother Knight and his wife who lost their son.

This Brother Knight and his wife are active at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Raleigh. They serve as Lectors, bringing the Word of God alive for the parish community. He is also a Eucharist Minister, and a member of the Liturgy welcoming team that ensures our parish can continue to have in-person Masses by following social distancing requirements during the global pandemic. He provided manpower at the FrancisFest celebration, assisted our new parish priests on Gaudet Sunday, helped decorate the church for Christmas, and played a key role in events for the parish school, including helping to build desks, serving as the pronouncer at the school spelling bee, and cooking and serving food at numerous events (Harvest Moon Festival, Lenten Meals, and the Family Promise Program). He has also been active in the March for Life programs in Raleigh and Washington, DC.

This Knight's support carries over into the local community, providing help for many non-profit agencies – including A Place at the Table – serving food to the less fortunate in downtown Raleigh, Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive and Catholic Parish Outreach Food Drive – providing life-saving support for our brother and sisters who would otherwide go to bed hungry at night, and helping with the construction project for the 321 Coffee House – where individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities work in service to others. He also assisted the Grand Knight as our Council sponsored seven Red Cross Blood drive on the parish campus in 2020 - resulting in the donation of 750 units of life-saving blood. This Knight also attended several events where the Council reached out to the local law enforcement community, and emergency medical personnel, to show the Council's appreciation for their service – by providing food and presenting awards to the local police, sheriff, and fire departments in the Raleigh / Durham area.

This Knight has served in a leadership capacity of his Council for the past ten years. Having served in many of the Officer roles, this Knight has played a key role in fundraising activities for the Council – raising funds for local non-profit organizations that have a critical need for financial assistance. His involvement includes working at Durham Bulls baseball games, coordinating the sale of the North Carolina State Raffle Tickets, and collecting funds

for the Operation LAMB program. His commitment of time and energy has ensured this programs were successful. This Brother is active in recruiting new Knights for the All Saints Council. He is passionate about sharing his positive experience as a Brother Knight. He encourages other men, who are seeking to strengthen their faith and to serve in the community, to join the Knights and become better men, better husbands, and better fathers. He works with new Brother Knights to ensure they get involved in Council activities, and to provide support to Knights as they move forward in their advancement to full Knighthood.

As a Brother Knight for 13 years, he lives his faith, shares his time, and works tirelessly in support of the Knights of Columbus and our programs. He is proud to live the principles of the Knights --- charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Please consider Brother Steve Becker as the State of North Carolina Knight of the Year for the 2020/2021 Fraternal Year.

Thank you for your consideration. Vivat Jesus! Bryan Kozak Grand Knight, All Saints Council 9709 St. Francis of Assisi Church Raleigh, NC 27613 919.723.7424, bryan.c.kozak@gmail.com

### Nomination for Golden Knight of the Year -- Joseph McCarthy

Worthy State Secretary Chris Losack,

The Officers of the All Saints Council 9709 are pleased to recognize a Brother Knight as Golden Knight of the Year for the 2020/2021 fraternal year. This Knight joined the Knights of Columbus in November 2000. He was looking to strengthen his faith, develop friendships with men living a Christian life, and support those less fortunate. He felt a responsibility to give back to God, community, church, and council, and found an opportunity with the Knights of Columbus to grow his works of faith.

This Brother Knight serves as one of the senior statesmen in our Council. He provides advice and council to Brother Knights. He has helped with the development of leadership qualities in Brother Knights who have gone on to become Officers and Committee Chairmen in the All Saints Council. He provides input during business meetings, offers a voice of reason during open debate, and provides his perspective in how to address an issue or solve a problem. He is passionate about the Knights and the good work men of faith, men of conviction, and men of action can have on the community.

This Knight and his wife have volunteered many hours in support of Council activities, working at Council fundraisers, selling North Carolina State Raffle Tickets, and providing care and comfort to Brother Knights in the Council and Assembly who are suffering physical ailments. They taught their children the importance of living your faith in service to others – through the music ministry, volunteering as faith formation teachers, and serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

In support of Community activities, prior to the global pandemic, this Knight supported the Operation LAMB program by working shifts in front of local stores to raise funds for local non-profit agencies. He understands the importance of giving his time to help raise much needed funds for agencies that assist people with intellectual disabilities. This Knight also attended several events where the Council reached out to the local law enforcement community, and emergency medical personnel, to show the Council's appreciation for their service – by providing food and

presenting awards to the local police, sheriff, and fire departments in the Raleigh / Durham area. In support of the family programs, he volunteered for many years with the Special Olympics of Wake County

and North Carolina, working at the awards ceremony, supporting young men and women with special needs. Recognizing his appreciation of the men and women who have served our country in the military, This Knight

has served in the Honor Guard for the St. Francis of Assisi Assembly (3552) and has spent many hours with his fellow Knights at funerals and wake services providing support to a Brother Knight's family. He also volunteered at the RDU Airport to welcome Marines from Camp Lejeune as they prepare to attend their advanced training program. He participated in the Military Appreciation Day held at the Carolina Hurricanes Hockey game to help honor the men and women who served our country. For years he led the Bingo events at the Durham VA Hospital, providing

an evening of entertainment for veterans dealing with physical and mental health issues. He is a past Grand Knight (at two Councils), past Faithful Navigator, past District Deputy (in two states), and currently a Regional District Deputy ... giving so generously of his time in support of the Knights and our many works of charity. This Knight managed the Knights of Columbus Country Store for multiple years, managing the inventory, maintaining the financial records, and staffing the stand at meetings.

This Knight is a shining example of a Brother Knight living out his faith in service to others. He is proud to live the principles of the Knights ... charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Please consider Brother Joseph McCarthy as the State of North Carolina Golden Knight of the Year for the 2020/2021 Fraternal Year.

Thank you for your consideration. Vivat Jesus! Bryan Kozak Grand Knight, All Saints Council 9709 St. Francis of Assisi Church Raleigh, NC 27613 919.723.7424

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#### Nomination for Family of the Year -- Bryan Kozak

Worthy State Secretary Chris Losack,

The Officers of the All Saints Council 9709 are pleased to recognize a Brother Knight and his wife as Family of the Year for the 2020/2021 fraternal year. This Knight and his wife are active members of the Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. They have embraced a life of service and give tirelessly of their time serving in the community. They live their lives in a way our Lord Jesus Christ has challenged us to be better Christians – caring for others less fortunate – providing care to those in need – working to serve the disadvantaged youth and families – spending time with those with intellectual challenges – and living the Gospel message.

This Brother Knight, his wife, and their four children, have been active in the parish and in the Catholic school programs. This family has volunteered many hours of support with Francis Fest, a church wide celebration of our patron, St. Francis of Assisi. He helped set-up Christmas decorations, including exterior lighting, to beautify the church and grounds at St. Francis of Assisi Church. This Brother's wife serves as an educator, serving as religious education teacher, to share the teachings of our faith with the children of our community, so they may lead a

life of service to others, and sharing their love and compassion to those in need. This Brother Knight and his wife lead the Rosary, via Zoom, to help fellow Brother Knights, parishioners, and students deal with the Covid-19 epidemic and raised up prayers for those suffering from Covid, and for those carrying for, or those who lost, loved ones during the pandemic.

In serving the community, this Brother Knight coordinated seven Red Cross Blood drive on the parish campus in 2020 - resulting in the donation of 750 units of life-saving blood. He created a detailed plan to ensure a safe blood donation environment – with social distancing guidelines – so the donors would be confortable attending a blood drive during a global pandemic. In regards to local community activities, this Knight also supports the Adopt-A-Highway program, served meals at the Lenten Suppers events, and volunteered at Wake County and North Carolina Special Olympics events, and staffed shifts for the Operation LAMB program. This Knight also attended several events where the Council reached out to the local law enforcement community, and emergency medical personnel, to show the Council's appreciation for their service – by providing food and presenting awards to the local police, sheriff, and fire departments in the Raleigh / Durham area.

This Knight has volunteered many hours in support of Council activities, worked at Durham Bulls baseball games to raise money for charity, sold State Raffle Tickets, and provided care and comfort to Brother Knights in

the Council and Assembly who are suffering physical ailments or who lost a family member. In his current position with the All Saints Council (as Grand Knight), he encourages the Brother Knights to engage in charitable events, guides them on day-to-day activities, and sponsors Brother Knights in their efforts to lead events for the council to build leadership skills and to prepare them for future advancement in the Knights. He leads the planning meetings and the business meetings to ensure our Council is focused on serving others, and em-

braces the fraternity of his Brother Knights, enjoying the fellowship and the camaraderie of our Order.

As a Brother Knight for five years, he lives his faith, shares his time, and works tirelessly in support of the Knights of Columbus and our programs. He is proud to live the principles of the Knights --- charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Please consider Brother Bryan Kozak and his wife Kathleen as the State of North Carolina Family of the Year for the 2020/2021 Fraternal Year.

Thank you for your consideration. Vivat Jesus! Steve Becker Deputy Grand Knight, All Saints Council 9709 St. Francis of Assisi Church Raleigh, North Carolina (919) 723.7424 sbecker85@gmail.com



# Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson Farewell Message

Dear Brother Knights:

As I conclude my service to the Order as Supreme Knight today, I wanted to write to share a few final thoughts with you.

It has been the greatest privilege of my life to lead the Knights of Columbus for the past 20 years. Together, we have brought the Order's activity to new heights of charity, in service to our communities and parishes. Together, we have made a difference in the lives of millions of Catholic men and provided financial security to their families. Together, we have brought Father McGivney's dream to new lands and seen our Founder's cause advance to his beatification. Together, we have faced challenges head on and prepared the Order for the future.

I will always be grateful for the many opportunities to visit with brother Knights around the world from Mexico City to Manila, from Québec to Kraków, from the Laguna Pueblo to Léon, from Sandy Hook to Seoul, and countless places in between. Time and again, I have seen firsthand the incredible difference Knights make — when disaster strikes; when a worried young mother is in need of support; when a man is striving to grow in faith with his family; when the wounds of war need grace to heal; when a parish priest asks for help; when a child goes hungry or needs a wheelchair or a warm winter coat; when Christians in the Middle East are at risk of extinction. I am a witness to what has often been said: "Where there's a need, there's a Knight."

To all the Supreme Officers, Supreme Directors, State Deputies, Agents and Supreme Council colleagues that I have worked with on a daily basis: I will always be grateful for your commitment and professionalism. I also owe a special debt to my brother Knights in the District of Columbia, my home jurisdiction, for their tremendous support and sterling example of unity and fraternity. And I am grateful to you, and to every one of the 2 million men I am proud to call a brother Knight.

I welcome with great enthusiasm my successor, Patrick Kelly, who tomorrow will take office as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight. He has the skills, dedication and vision needed to lead the Knights of Columbus into the future. Patrick Kelly will be a Worthy Supreme Knight.

Two decades ago, as a new Supreme Knight, I predicted that "the best is yet to come." As I look back on the past 20 years, and the achievements made possible by contributions of so many Knights, I know I was not mistaken. Today, with equal confidence, I believe we can still say that for the Knights of Columbus — the best is yet to come!

Fraternally, Carl A. Anderson

Supreme Knight

# New Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly

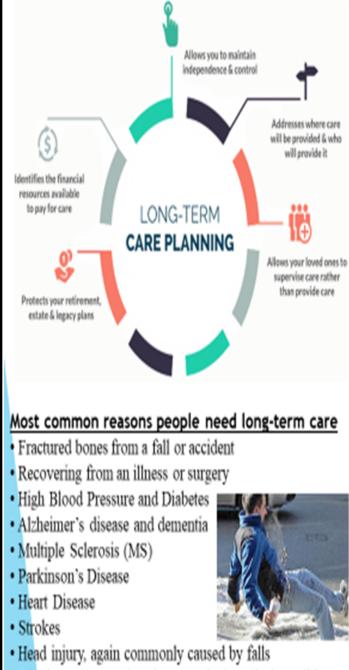


The legacy of the Knights of Columbus' service to our men and women in the armed forces is nearly as old as our organization itself and it is an essential component of our future. I am so very grateful to my predecessor, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, for the strides he took to strengthen and deepen the bond of service between the Knights and the military, including this video.

It's a bond for me that is very deeply personal. My grandfather joined the Knights in 1915 just before he left for World War I. My father was a Knight and a Naval Officer. And, aside from marrying my wife, my decisions to join the United States Navy and the Knights of Columbus, are the two best decisions of my life.

There should be no surprise that the two have drawn out of me similar virtues and provided me with a similar sense of fulfilment. Nor should there be any doubt that the Knights of Columbus will continue to support and to build up the Catholic faithful during their time of service in the military and to provide a place of ongoing brotherhood and support even after active service is complete – challenging men to be heroes, heroes of the faith.

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### · Obesity and other chronic or terminal medical conditions

The Questions at retirement become... What is protecting my retirement portfolio which will be generating income for me and my surviving spouse?

What are the funding sources to pay for the extended care I will likely need?

## Annual Median Costs: North Carolina (2020 vs. 2030)

		YEAR	YEAR
		2020	2030
Home Healt	h Care - 44 hours a week		
	Homemaker Services	\$45,760	\$61,498
	Homemaker Health Aide	\$48,048	\$64,572
Adult Day H	ealth Care - 5 days a week		
	Adult Day Health Care	\$15,340	\$20,616
Assited Livir	ng Facility		
	Private, One Bedroom	\$45,600	\$61,283
Nursing Hor	ne Care		
Nursing Hor	ne Care Semi-Private Room	\$87,600	\$117,727



### Supreme Knight to receive lifetime achievement award from March for Life

Dear Brother Knights,

On Friday, Jan. 29, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson received the 2021 Pro-Life Legacy Award at the March for Life's <u>Rose Dinner Gala</u>. This award recognizes a lifetime of his exceptional work advocating for the inherent dignity of the unborn human person.





#### MARCH ADOPT A HIGHWAY

Once again Leesville Rd. gets a "face lift." Several Brothers took part of their Saturday to pick-up trash along the roads. However, before starting their trek delicious jelly donuts and coffee were needed to sustain the work ahead. Team leader, Brother John Dziadul, AKA The Trash Man, supplied the refreshments and the motivation to "get the job done." Here's Brother John's report to his team:

"Thank you very much for spending part of your Saturday participating in the Adopt A Highway litter pick up. We were 11 strong, picked up 12 bags of trash and 5 bags of recycling. It was a little chilly but plenty of sun. Hope to see you in June for our next pick up." Thank you, Brother John!!

# American Red Cross



Grand Knight Bryan Kozak

### St Francis of Assisi March Blood Drive



Council receives an award for our blood drive. Shown, Joe McCarthy, Brian Denison, Tony Rivezzo, Bryan Kozak and Josh Riley.





Steve Murray and Ralph Guenther

After completing last year with a total of seven Red Cross Blood Drives when the need for blood was critical, our Council starts 2021 with its first drive on March 27. Last year's record collection of nearly 750 units of blood will be hard to beat. However, our Grand Knight, Bryan Kozak, who personally directs the drives, will not shy away from the challenge. We started the year with 140 units in March. Each drive is achieved with the help of a group of Knights whose work begins on the day of the drive at 5:30 am by setting up Fellowship/Clare Hall with chairs and tables and continuing throughout the day checking-in donors, directing them to waiting areas while maintaining proper protocols dictated by the pandemic. Future Blood Drives at St. Francis will continue depending upon opportunity and circumstances.

# A HUGE SUCCESS



**Charity Raffle** 

#### **RAFFLE TICKETS**

Deputy Grand Knight, Steve Becker, was given the responsibility of this year's Raffle Ticket sales campaign. Recognizing the momentous task assigned to him, Steve organized a battle plan by dividing the Council into twelve teams each headed by a captain. Each captain was expected to contact the members on his team in the most effective way, email, phone calls, etc. Steve issued goals, due dates, guidelines for purchases made on line, and was not hesitant with a little occasional prodding. The final result was outstanding!! **Over 800 tickets sold amounting to +\$4000 to be split \$2000 to State Council and \$2000 to our Council.** 



FIRST PRIZE - \$5,000 CASH SECOND PLACE - \$4,000 CASH THIRD & FOURTH PLACE - \$500 CASH, EACH FIFTH & SIXTH PLACE - \$400 CASH, EACH SEVENTH PLACE - \$200 CASH

