

# Epistle



South Carolina  
Lutheran Men in Mission

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## SOUTH CAROLINA Lutheran Men in Mission



### President's Report

Recently my dad and I took the time to paddle the fifty miles from Columbia to the Highway 601 bridge near St. Matthews. This trip was a much-needed escape from our usual monotony -- what many may call the comforts of home. I was able to disconnect from the world and was truly able to let in the beauty of nature that God has created. The trip was peaceful as the wide span of the river flowed quietly through the Congaree Swamp. We made camp on the bank, cooked over a small fire and told stories.

I listened to a sermon recently about shared experiences. It told of how we as people gather together in large stadiums to cheer on our favorite teams. We sit on bleachers often not knowing the people around us, but by the end of the game we are cheering and high fiving one another or weeping together. As Lutheran Men, we play together in golf tournaments, go to retreats and join together in many other ways and all of these activities are part of the shared experience. As we share in these experiences together, we build community.

Still to come this year we will come together as a national body of Lutheran Men in Nashville during the Triennial Gathering. Back on the home front we will gather for our annual Wildlife Night and another One Year to Live

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retreat. Again, all shared experiences as we build community.

As my dad and I rounded our final bend on the river we could see the landing where we were to take out. We had made it and as we paddled forward digging deep to find our strength there was a sense of accomplishment. We had completed our journey in a weekend long shared experience. Let us all go forward to gather together in community. Give God the glory!

Amen for Lutheran Men!  
Jeremy Frazier  
President

# 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Cliff Bourguignon Golf Tournament

## A great Success

A great big **THANKS** to all of you that help make this year's golf tournament a great success. You know who you are. We had 27 teams with 108 players participating. Of course the success would not be there were it not for our hole sponsors. These hole sponsors are listed in the Epistle. Hopefully we didn't leave anyone out. If we did please let us know and we will list you in the next Epistle. This year the total profit from the tournament came to \$5,192.44. Money left over from last year will be added

to this and a check for \$5,500.00 has been presented to the Newberry College Lutheran Men's Scholarship Fund. This brings the total in this fund to \$75,000.00.

Next year Mr. Joe Fulmer will be the tournament director. Please welcome Joe to his new position and give all the support you can. Joe will do a great job.

AMEN! FOR LUTHERAN MEN.

One hundred and eight golfers from around our Synod had a great afternoon of fun, fellowship, and even some golf on Monday April 23rd. We had a great tournament, great weather, and just a great afternoon enjoying God's wonderful creation, the golf course, and each other. Here are the results of the tournament.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Flight A</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1st Place Net</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TEAM</u></b></p> <p>Jason Brewer Luke freeman Robbie Smallwood Jeff Shealy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Flight A</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1st Place Gross</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TEAM</u></b></p> <p>Don Turner Mike Davenport Jack Pfeiffer Billy Brice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Flight B</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1st Place Net</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TEAM</u></b></p> <p>David Rubel Matt Gray Don Frank Bill Marshall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Flight B</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1st Place Gross</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TEAM</u></b></p> <p>John Stoudemayer Ron Amaker Len Carlson Herman Yoos</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Flight C</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1st Place Net</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TEAM</u></b></p> <p>Ron Wertz Jim Wertz Terry Coker Brent Coker</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Flight C</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1st Place Gross</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TEAM</u></b></p> <p>Perry Bouknight Ronnie Fulmer Eric Friedrichs Wynne Price</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Flight D</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1st Place Net</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TEAM</u></b></p> <p>Eric West McKenzie West Chuck Backman Steve Plonk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Flight D</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1st Place Gross</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TEAM</u></b></p> <p>Barry Alexander Richard Steward Bennie Gable Jerry Douglas</p>

**Most accurate drive hole #3 ....Wil Branham -3"**

**Closest to the hole: #4 Barry Alexander--3'-2" , #7 Walker Stockley - 9'3"**

**#13 Perry Bouknight --6'-7 1/2 " , #17 Bill Brice - 2'-8"**

Thank you to all the golfers that help make this a successful tournament!!

The success of the SCLMM Golf Tournament is largely due to the support of our Hole Sponsors. This year we had 33 hole sponsors. Thanks to all of you for your great support to this worthy cause. One hundred percent of the money from these sponsorships goes to the Lutheran Men's Scholarship Fund established at Newberry College. These scholarships will be used to help students that are planning on furthering their education a seminary. This year we added \$5500.00 to the fund. Thanks again

**SIGN by Hole Sponsor**

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(Anonymous)  
In Recognition of the 165th Anniversary of  
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(Anonymous)

Hundreds of men have already experienced One Year To Live. Here's what they're saying...

*"Like most men I used to have only passing conversations with other men at church. Now I have brothers in Christ."*

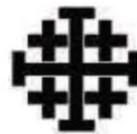
Hundreds of men

*"Wow. I had no idea how powerful the OYTL experience was, and still is, in my life. I found a true band of brothers and developed friendships that have just grown richer over time."*

*"What I thought were my biggest liabilities are my greatest assets. I can share them with others to give them hope."*

*"The OYTL retreat allowed me to not only realize how much pain I buried, but also how to accept healing through the word of God and communion with other holy men."*

*"You will come out of the weekend a better man. I totally recommend this weekend if you are serious about renewing your life."*



## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

### Camp Kinard

6053 Two Notch Road  
Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070  
803-532-2235

### From Columbia:

- Travel I-20 West to exit 44, Pond Branch Rd.
- Turn Right on Pond Branch Rd. and go 3 miles to Two Notch Rd.
- Turn Left on Two Notch Rd. and go 1 mile
- Camp Kinard will be on your Left

### GETTING TO CAMP KINARD



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Brian Dooley  
864-346-8008  
drdooley07@bellsouth.net

Watch participant testimonial videos at  
[www.lutheranmen.org](http://www.lutheranmen.org)



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November 14 - 16, 2014  
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*As iron  
sharpen's iron...*



*so one man  
sharpen's another.*  
Proverbs 27:17

## ABOUT ONE YEAR TO LIVE

Men of ALL AGES yearn for real friendships and a closer relationship with Christ.

Join us and be...

- Adventurous and courageous
- Genuine and spiritual

Look forward to...

- Banding together and being challenged
- Examining your life and making decisions

Be prepared for a spiritual boot camp.

This 44-hour event is not for the faint of heart!

## WHAT TO BRING

- Casual clothes for 2 days + 1 set of clothes to leave behind
- Hiking shoes or boots, swimsuit
- Sleeping bag, pillow & towel
- Personal items
- Bible, notepad/journal & pen
- Snacks to share
- Non-alcoholic beverages only
- No electronic devices

## SCHEDULE

- Arrive promptly at 5:30—6:00 pm on Friday
- Depart at 3:00 pm on Sunday
- Plan to stay for entire retreat—no exceptions



## COST

Registration:

- \$125 by 11/7/2014

Registration is non-refundable, but is transferable. Includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals & retreat materials.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: SCLMM with 'OYTL' on the memo line. You may send in a \$75 deposit and pay the rest in full when you arrive. Detach and mail completed registration form AND check for payment in full to:

Jimmy Smith  
One Year to Live Retreat  
241 Steele Road  
West Columbia, SC 29170

# Heber Rast, Executive Director

## SPRING 2014 EPISTLE ARTICLE

We are finally coming out of what seemed to me to be a very long, cold winter! I for one am very glad to see some spring conditions, even with the inevitable pollen! The spring flowers, new green leaves and bright sunshine make up for it. What a wonderful creation our Lord made!

As we look ahead to summer, we begin to think of school ending, graduations, visits to family in faraway places and maybe even vacation trips! Before we know it, fall will be upon us.

One of the most important (or what should be the most important) events of this summer will be the 2014 Lutheran Men's Gathering July 18 - 20. The theme for this triennial event is **Guys, Guts and God's Glory**. This will be held at the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville, TN. I recently registered for my family and will be taking my grandson with me. I strongly encourage you to do the same. Go to the LMM website ([www.lutheranmeninmission.org](http://www.lutheranmeninmission.org)) for registration information.

The Gathering begins Friday evening with Tim Wright, pastor of Community of Grace Lutheran Church, Peoria, AZ. He will challenge us on what it means to keep alert and help our boys and younger men to stand firm in the faith. He has researched and written extensively on how to stop the exodus of our boys from the church.

Saturday morning will feature Stephen Handy, a United Methodist Pastor, and our own Jay Gamelin, Pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lexington. These men will speak to us on the courage it takes to be a Christian man of God in today's world. They are both engaging, passionate communicators that have the ability to challenge and inspire us while talking in a down to earth, easy to understand manner.

Saturday afternoon will feature various workshops to inspire and challenge us. These will be built around our theme as well as the theme verse: *Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.* 1 Corinthians 16: 13 - 14

Saturday night will feature Pastor Larry Clark, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Chicago. He was formerly executive director of the Lutheran Theological Center of Atlanta, GA. Larry also serves on the board of Lutheran Men in Mission. If you have not heard him speak, you are in for a treat. He will definitely keep you awake!

Inspirational music and singing will be dispersed throughout the event to enlighten and inspire us. God's glory will be present throughout the weekend, but especially with us as we close with worship on Sunday morning. The Gathering will end just before noon. Please prayerfully consider joining us in Nashville for this event. It is not too late to register and I can promise an exiting, spirit filled weekend.

The "business" of LMM will be conducted July 17 - 18 at the convention prior to the Gathering. Representing you as the SCLMM delegates will be Frank Bouknight, Ken Heckel, Al Socha, Brian Dooley, Jeremy Frazier and Heber Rast. There will be several others in attendance as visitors to the convention. All in all, things are shaping up to be a fantastic "Gathering" weekend and a great summer!

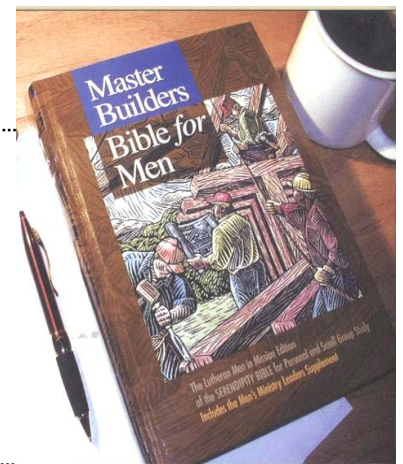
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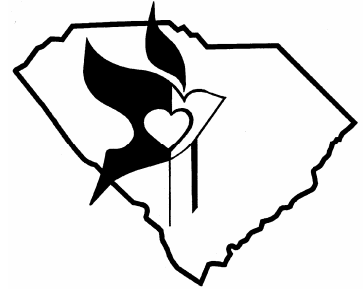
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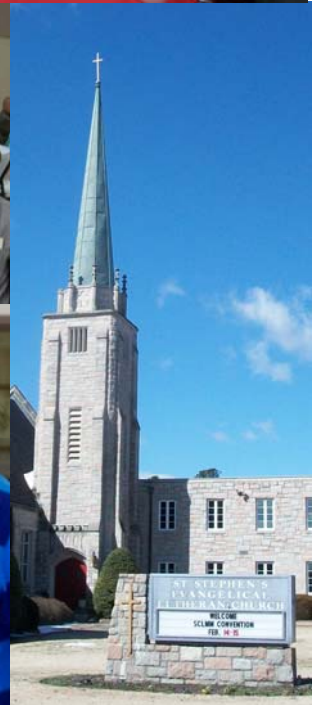
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Increasing printing and postage fee's are making this publication more expensive to print. Help save money allocated to the Promotional Fund.

**SCLMM DATE LOG**

Sunday Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	5:00PM SCLMM Men in Action Wildlife Night @ Mt. Tabor West Columbia, SC
Friday Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	SCLMM Executive Retreat, Coastal Retreat Center Isle of Palms
Saturday Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Executive Meeting Isle of Palms
Sunday Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	SCLMM Executive Meeting Synod Office, Columbia
<b>2015</b>	
Saturday Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	SCLMM Executive Meeting Synod Office, Columbia
Friday Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm Past Presidents Dinner Pilgrim, Lexington
Saturday Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	1:00pm 71 <sup>st</sup> Convention
Saturday Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	4:30pm Communion Service
Saturday Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm SCLMM & Guest Banquet Pilgrim, Lexington

<b>Category</b>	<b>2014 Budget Goals:</b>
Promotional Fund	\$25,000
Loan Fund	\$20,000
Gift Fund	\$35,000
National LMM	\$ 9,000