

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY 3272 BUILDS and “LAUNCHES” SANTA MARIA PARADE FLOAT

SK Gabe Timpano celebrated his 25 years as a knight by designing and carefully overseeing a team of Sir Knights of Assembly 3272 in building a replica of the Santa Maria for use in parades. Its initial “voyage” took place at the March 15 St. Patrick Day’s Parade in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Past Faithful Navigator Joe Gabriel brought the idea to the assembly as a way to increase the visibility of the Knights of Columbus in the Grand Strand area. He quickly gained approval to build the float and raised the money through member donations and a grant from the assembly’s Patriotic Project Fund. Thirty-five Sir Knights from the Grand Strand participated in the parade, including SK Phil Brice (left) and SK Jim Dolan (right) of Assembly 3272 in the Santa Maria. More than 35,000 people watched the parade.