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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY 3272 RECOGNIZES JOHN MORRIS AS SIR KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

December 12, 2016 (Georgetown – Pawleys Island, SC) — Sir Knight John Morris of Georgetown/Pawleys Island Assembly 3272 has been recognized as its 2016 Sir Knight of the Year. The "Patriotic Giving Tree" Project he launched last year stands out among his many acts of service. Now an annual program, it provides the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston and the Myrtle Beach Clinic with necessities such as sweatpants, tee shirts, shoes, toiletries, backpacks, pillows, blankets, sheets, and gas cards for distribution to veterans. The centers rely on community partners to meet these basic needs. In this program, parishioners select one or more "dog tags" adorning the tree that identify specific items needed by veterans. This year, more than 800 individual items, valued in excess of \$6,000, were collected and transported to the veteran's clinics in Myrtle Beach and Charleston. In addition to their donations, parishioners included cards thanking the veterans for their service.



Sir Knight John Morris (left) being congratulated by Faithful Navigator Bruce Brown on his selection as Sir Knight of the Year.

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