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## **Fall National Recap (better known as the yellow shoes diary)**

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Well here we are with another great National behind us. Despite the wet conditions, plenty of good cheer to go around. With 39 of the 48 Chapters represented it was a great crowd. Once again, great job by the host Chapters and Prospects.



This recap is going to be very different from the Spring Recap. Very different because, due to new Club responsibilities, Guy, Catfish (TX), and I had to bring a dreaded cage to the Fall National. Yep we had to rent a trailer and drag the store stuff back to Texas. It's all good though. Should have the store stuff on the website by December 1 to increase your shopping pleasure. But more about that in another issue.

If you have read some of my articles in the past you are familiar with the 2x4 that God has reserved for me. I am very much

like an old mule at times. When God really needs my attention I get the old whack upside of my head. For some time now I have had this small still voice in my head saying, "come on Spanky you can do more". Well, as most of you probably know by now, God did provide me the opportunity to do more. With your prayers and His grace I will do the very best I can do with the opportunity that this Club and God has provided.

This article is going to address the one thing that stood out for me in the weeks prior to and the days of the Fall National. For the next little bit I would like to direct our attention to Spiritual Gifts (abundantly present at the Fall National). Spiritual Gifts are endowments which may be given by the Holy Spirit. It is my belief that every single Patch Holder in God's MC possesses one or more of these special endowments. We just need to be made aware of what these endowments are.

One particular note before we get into the specifics of Spiritual Gifts. The primary Biblical references for Spiritual Gifts can be found in I Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, and I Peter 4. For purposes of this article and for my personal relationship with God, I am taking the theological position that Spiritual Gifts continue today (Continuationism as opposed to Cessationism). In addition, Spiritual Gifts are often referred to as *charismata*.

Charismata, as opposed to other graces of the Holy Spirit, for example the Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and fruit of the Holy Spirit, are to be used for the benefit of others. WOW! Light bulb moment for me. Let's see – there are certain endowments that we may be given by the Holy Spirit that are to be used for the benefit of others instead of gifts which result in personal sanctification. Right?



Let's quickly turn to Romans 12:6-8. Specifically let's look at the charismata entitled mercy. The central tendency of those who have been endowed with the gift of mercy is compassion. Because this document may be found in a public forum I am not going to go into details of what transpired at the beginning of the business meeting on Saturday. If you were there just stop for a second and think – every single Patch Holder in the room was endowed with the gift of mercy. The question is does it continue in you?

Staying with Romans 12:6-8 let's next look at the charismata entitled leading.



This gift speaks to the various leadership roles found in our Club (both National and Chapter positions). The roles of administration, management of funds, strategic planning, and other closely related roles are often considered to be outside of the spiritual realm. In reality, Patch Holders who serve in leadership positions are just as in need of empowerment by the Holy Spirit as others. For me, the only other time in my life when something became so obvious to me was when God led me to marry the love of my life and for eternity 39 years ago. My cup truly runneth over as I have been blessed beyond. The Holy Spirit has indeed endowed me with the charismata of the tasks associated with being the National Secretary Treasurer for this glorious Club.

Let's now turn to I Corinthians 12:28. For those of you who have been nominated for National office please pay close attention here. The gift of administration (also called the gift of governing) is endowed upon those who are to steer. In other words, this

endowment is associated with be a helmsman. This is the God given capacity to guide this Club through storms and difficult seas. No not like the ones we experienced at Myrtle Beach (still praying for you guys) but those we face as a Club, both on the spiritual and secular fronts. For those of us considering a nomination – have you been endowed with this gift? For those of us who will be considering the nominations in our Chapters – who among those nominated does the Holy Spirit tell us that the gift of governance has been endowed upon? Obviously, the answers to these questions can only be found in reflective prayer.

Is your brain hurting yet? Well hang on and let's take a little detour to view these photos (it's OK to stop here a bit and think about being in the wind).



Well back to it. The general acknowledgement is that Paul did not list all of the gifts of the Spirit. Many believe that there are as many gifts as there are needs found in the modern body of Christ. Basically, the gifts have been categorized according to their similarities. For example, Prophetic gifts are those gifts which are related to teaching and encouraging. Don't we do that as Patch Holders to our Prospects? Priestly gifts are those gifts involving mercy. Didn't that happen on Saturday morning? Kingly gifts are those gifts which involve administration and governance. Aren't the Chapter Officers and National Officers endowed with these gifts?

The last gift I want to discuss is the gift of Service found in I Peter 4:11. Each of us has been endowed with this gift. Isn't this why we are involved in this brotherhood anyway? Since there are many types of ministries and service to and for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Service describes a broad array of gifts rather than a single gift.

You have indeed been endowed with gifts from the Holy Spirit. Be happy and rejoice therein!

Forever your humble servant – Spanky.



*Lord, there are marvelous things that I do not know, nor can I comprehend.*

*Lord, things that happen in my life, and things that happen in the lives of my Brothers.*

*Lord, I desire to be thankful, to appreciate everything that comes across my path.*

*Lord, so often life hurts, I get angry and upset, I do not understand, yet Lord You ask me to be thankful for everything, and have faith – thank You.*

*Lord, help me to be thankful, when the rains come on the just and unjust, that You care so much about me, that You build character and godliness in me, to be a mirrored reflection of Your Son to reach others.*

*Lord, I thank You for mercy, for the hunger for righteousness, for purity, for providing for my needs.*

*Lord, I thank You for prayer, that I come before You and call You Father. That I cast my burdens on You.*

*Lord, I thank You for my heart, the treasure and light You have placed there – the Holy Spirit.*

*Lord, help me to endeavor, to be thankful for everything.*

*Lord, it seems most of the time, what happens is about me.*

*Lord, I thank You that You gently remind me that the things are not about me, however, my life and what happens is more about You, Your will, and Your Kingdom.*

*Lord, I thank You, I praise You. Lord, in You I do find strength and courage to go on.*

*Lord, I thank You for the author and finisher of my faith – Jesus Christ and that in You is hope everlasting.*

*Lord, I thank You for the blood of Jesus, Your precious lamb.*

*Thank You Lord God!*

*In Jesus' name – Amen.*



## Reflections of a Prospect

**By: Pop Pop, Prospect Myrtle Beach, S.C.**

Let me open by saying I am Prospect “Pop Pop”, Myrtle Beach Chapter. It was my honor to be in service at the Fall National in rain soaked Myrtle Beach.

One thing that struck me as I traveled to Myrtle Beach from Morehead City, NC, was a bunch of unhappy bikers who could not ride to the bars and the clubs because of the storm of the century. However, upon arrival at the Church I saw nothing but smiles, handshakes, and hugs from brothers. I quickly noticed that these folks had not gathered to head to the bars and clubs, but rather to gather in fellowship and rejoice in the presence of Jesus Christ.

Even the duties of prospects were blessed knowing that each of the Patch Holders had walked the same path that my fellow prospects and I were now on. The lifting, serving, and cleaning has no comparison to what Our Lord Jesus suffered just so all of our sins could be washed clean – forgiven.

I left SC and headed back home feeling like I had a drop cord attached to my soul. I was still amped up when I got home and woke my wife up to tell her my experience. I could not stop talking to her about my experience. She said that I sounded like a machine gun.

A couple of Patch Holders stopped by my shop in NC on their way home to Ohio. We fellowshiped some more and it was a wonderful blessing. In closing, I would like to dispute the old saying – “if it’s God’s will and the creek don’t rise” by saying if it’s God’s will, the rising creek don’t matter.

**God Bless – Prospect Pop Pop, Myrtle Beach SC.**



**Note from Spanky:**

**It only gets better when we serve our Brothers and Jesus Christ. Keep up the enthusiasm!**

***Things that God will not ask on THAT day:***

**He will not ask what kind of car you drove. He will ask how many people you drove who did not have transportation.**

**God will not ask the square footage of your house. He will ask how many people you welcomed into your home.**

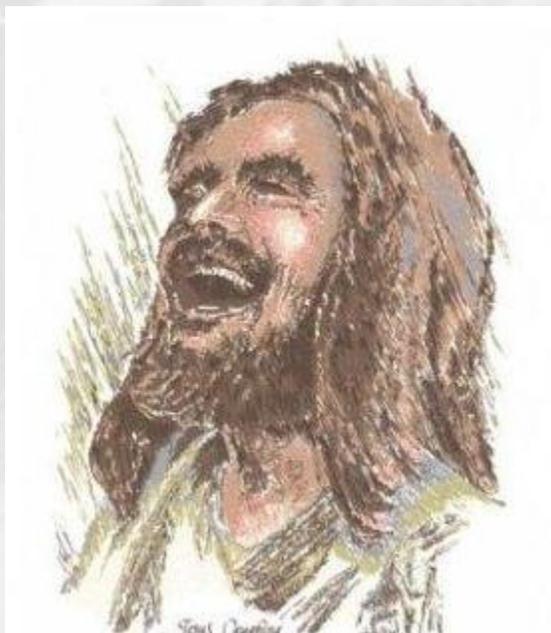
**God will not ask about the clothes you had in your closet. He will ask how many you helped clothe.**

**God won't ask how high your salary was. He will ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.**

**God won't ask what your job title was. He will ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.**

**God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.**

**God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived. He will ask how you treated your neighbors.**



## **SOGMC STORE NOTES:**

**Getting the inventory done and all should be on our website by December 1. Patch Holder and Support stuff on the P/H pages. New and exciting is that we will be adding SIS stuff to the SIS page. Orders through Chapter and limited merchandise at Nationals. Going to be easier and make our stuff readily available.**

## **Closing notes from Spanky:**

**Here we are at the end of another Newsletter. All is well and I hope you enjoy reading through the pages. If you don't like what you see here – change it – write something. If you just love what you see here send \$50 (not really, just wanted to see if you are paying attention).**

**Will not be a newsletter for November. Unless articles are sent in the December newsletter will be a short one. Would really like to get an article from a SIS (maybe a SIS perspective on Christmas).**

**Keep the Faith Brothers! All is well and God is on His throne!**

