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From The State Deputy



My Brothers,

Vivat Jesus!

So what have you given up for Lent? In our youth we were told that preparing for Easter was to give up something (giving up broccoli didn't count!). How about doing something instead! How about doing something with our time to make a difference in your family, parish, council or your spiritual life? Say a rosary, attend a Stations of the Cross on Friday, or smile instead of growling when you get home from work. Try it.

You know if this is done every day during Lent it becomes a habit. What a wonderful addition to our life that would make.

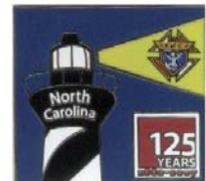
During February we were given a couple of opportunities to help profess our spirituality.

We now have three images of Our Lady of Charity touring through the state. This image is a symbol of the Cuban nation. We show our fraternity by honoring this tradition and joining in the prayer service that comes with these beautiful icons. When your council is given the opportunity to schedule the service have the courage to make it a big deal. GK Peter Devlin in Kannapolis is doing exactly that. He has even gotten the local media to give coverage. GOOD JOB Pete!

An even more exciting event will be coming up later this year. The relics of the Mexican Martyr Saints will be traveling through our State. These priests who were Knights of Columbus showed us what courage is. One, Fr. Miguel de la Mora de la Mora was killed while praying the rosary. Padre Leon and Sister Andrea will be coordinating the locations and events that will commemorate the lives of these fellow knights. This will occur May 31 – June 8. Details to follow.

Preparation is one of the things that we all seem to put off, procrastinate, and just plain don't do. We have several events coming up that if you don't prepare, you won't succeed:

One is our birthday bash! I have heard of several council and district celebrations that will occur during the weekend of March 29. If you have not started your planning yet, please coordinate the celebration with your spring membership blitz. What a way to show off your pride as members of the Order. You can share our pride by asking that man next to you at Mass to join. If you want to have one of the state leadership team to join you, just ask. Make sure you take a picture, write a note and get it to Lew McCloud for our Convention Slide Show.



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State Deputy Report Continued - The convention is coming, and it is coming early this year. The time frame is abbreviated, but you still have time to prepare your council for what will be the highlight of the year. Scrapbooks, reports, delegate election, registration, council ad submission, resolution writing, etc. All those things that make the convention a success. Review the checklist that is in this newsletter to make sure you have all your “ducks in a row”

State election primary is coming. If you are not registered yet to vote, please do so. Every person's vote is important. Time is short....don't wait.

Finally, keep our military in your prayers. These men and women make it possible for us to enjoy the freedoms we have desire our unqualified support. Also keep our Chaplain, Padre Leon in your prayers. He is traveling to Peru to visit his family. I will definitely miss him (don't worry he has given me plenty of work to do while he is gone!)
God Bless you all, and God Bless America.

Fraternally yours,
John Gouldie, NC State Deputy

The Office of the State Chaplain

Dear Worthy Brother Knights,

Jesus Christ is Alive, He lives!!!

Since we are born into this world, we are born within a community. When we are born into our spiritual life with Christ in our Baptism, we are born to a community. We always are part of a community. The sense of belonging somewhere is part of our human nature. We as Christians Catholics have being asked to be part of our community by registering in our parish. We are very proud to belong to a parish community, especially when we feel that the pastor cares about us. In time of need we count on his presence, in time of repentance we hope for his forgiveness in the name of God. In time of gatherings we count on his blessings on behalf of the church.

We, as men of faith and integrity, who express happiness and joy as we work together for our family and parish community as members of a council of the Knights of Columbus. We who rejoice in the presence of God because of His goodness to our council. As your State Chaplain I encourage you to promote the membership by recruiting more men into our midst.

Our testimony of faith and courage, unity and patriotism should be our best presentation card as we approach more men to be in our fraternity. We who kneel down in prayer before God during Mass or publicly pray the Holy rosary contemplating the mysteries of the life of Jesus, or giving testimony of self denial in preparation for Easter Sunday, we are men of faith and courage, unity and integrity. We are the Knights of Columbus.

As I offer the sacrifice of the Holy Mass this Easter week, I pray for all of you and your families, that God almighty may give you peace in your heart, wisdom in your mind and the right words in your mouth to continue inviting more courageous men to be part of the great fraternity called the Knights of Columbus.

Remember, today more than ever, do not be afraid ... just have faith.

With my priestly blessing, Vivat Jesus!

Padre Leon

Rev. Fr. Marcos Leon-Angulo





From The Desk of the State Secretary

Brothers All:

Grand Knights...the year is about to end and it's time to step up to the plate to show your courage and take a stand to make your council the "Best" under your watch.

Grand Knights...the "Knight of the Year", "Golden Knight of the Year", "Family of the Year", and the "Rookie of the Year" are due March 15th. You, along with your officers and directors, must have the courage to accomplish the above tasks by making sure they are received by the State Secretary before midnight of March 15th. You and your directors should be working on your best program in Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth, and Membership. This is the year for you and your council to have the courage to make sure that your outstanding programs are given the credit they are due and the acknowledgement that the council will receive... for a job "well done",

The Convention Check List for the Grand Knights is in your possession and now you must have the courage to carry out your duties as set forth in this document.

Make every effort to convince your council to purchase an ad in the upcoming Convention booklet. Remember that this will give your council great publicity and will help the Host council of the Convention with your financial support.

Please make sure that you have the courage and dedication for your necrology list for all of your departed Brothers who have died during the year starting on May 1, 2007 to the State Secretary on or before March 31st as this list will be publish in the Mass program at the Convention.

Please remember your council newsletter contest, the scrapbook contest, and the web-site contest as these guidelines can be found in your Grand Knights council handbook. Worthy Grand Knights, to accomplish all of your tasks will take hard work, dedication, and the courage of you, your officers, directors, and council members.

Worthy Grand Knights, I trust that with your courage and leadership to make your council the "Best", I will be hearing from each Grand Knight of every council in this fine state.

Vivat Jesus,

Dave Jones



GK Checklist

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CONVENTION CHECKLIST FOR GRAND KNIGHTS

NOW

- [] **COUNCIL CHAPLAIN:** Invite your Chaplain to attend. He will be your guest at the State Council Men's Luncheon and the Banquet. Advise State Secretary Dave Jones of his attendance so the proper arrangements can be made. Council is to arrange and pay for his room.

__DUE: MARCH 15__
- [] **ALL RESOLUTIONS:** Must be typed and sent to State Advocate Jack Murray.
- [] **RESOLUTIONS FROM THOSE RUNNING FOR OFFICE:** Must be typed and sent to State Advocate Jack Murray.

__DEADLINE: MARCH 15__
- [] **ELECTION OF COUNCIL DELEGATES:** Councils must hold elections for delegates and alternates at their March business meeting.
- [] **SUPREME & STATE PER CAPITA:** Must be paid to be seated at the convention..
- [] **RECOGNITION PROGRAM REPORTS:** Councils 2nd semi-annual reports are due to State Advocate Jack Murray.
- [] **SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS:** Submit to State Secretary Dave Jones using forms from the Supreme Report Forms Booklet Guidelines are in the Council handbook.
- [] **KNIGHT OF THE YEAR:** Must be typed and sent to State Secretary Dave Jones. Guidelines are in the Council handbook.
- [] **FAMILY OF THE YEAR:** Must be typed and sent to State Secretary Dave Jones. Guidelines are in the Council handbook.
- [] **GOLDEN KNIGHT OF THE YEAR:** Must be typed and sent to State Secretary Dave Jones. Guidelines are in the Council handbook.
- [] **(NEW) ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** Must be typed and sent to State Secretary Dave Jones. Guidelines are in the Council handbook.
- [] **HOSTING STATE ATHLETIC EVENTS:** Council bids are to be typed and sent to State Council Director Wayne Kleven or Athletics Chairman Tim Whelan.

__DEADLINE: MARCH 31__
- [] **NECROLOGY:** Submit typewritten list of all brothers who died during the year starting on **May 1, 2007** to State Secretary Dave Jones. Indicate highest position held (i.e. PGK, FDD, State Officer, etc., do not use Fourth Degree titles)* **This is to be published in the Mass program.**

__DEADLINE: APRIL 1__
- [] **CREDENTIALS:** Send one copy to State Secretary Dave Jones. *(Can be done from www.kofcnc.org)*
- [] **STATE CONVENTION PRE REGISTRATION:** Last day for pre-registration to the convention. See registration packet for details.
- [] **HOTEL RESERVATION:** Last day to register with the hotel for a room reservation. See registration packet for details.

__DEADLINE: APRIL 5__
- [] **CONVENTION AD:** Last day to send in ads for the convention booklet. See registration packet for details.

__DEADLINE: APRIL 15__
- [] **COUNCIL NEWSLETTER CONTEST:** Submit last 4 issues and your mailing list, bound to Tar Heel Knight Editor Greg Ciesielski. Guidelines are in the Council handbook.
- [] **SCRAPBOOK:** Must be in the hands of ANY State Officer by this deadline. Guidelines are in the Council handbook.

__DEADLINE: APRIL 24__
- [] **STATE RAFFLE TICKETS / MONEY:** Unsold tickets, ticket stubs, and money are due to your District Deputy.

__DEADLINE: STATE CONVENTION__
- [] **CREDENTIALS:** Signed copy to be turned into the Credentials Committee on Friday night May 2nd.
- [] **COLUMBIAN AWARD REPORT:** Submit to State Warden Mike Durbin using SP-7 form from the Supreme Report Forms Booklet.
- [] **GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT:** Submit a 1-2 page summary of your council's yearly activities to the State Secretary Dave Jones (Typed and on council letterhead). This should be addressed to the State Deputy John Gouldie.
- [] **BISHOP'S FUND:** Councils are asked to contribute to either the Diocese of Charlotte or Raleigh for their use related to Seminarians or Priests Retirement. **Checks should be made out to the North Carolina State Council and indicate the Diocese in the memo section of the check.**
- [] **RIGHT-TO-LIFE FUND:** Councils are asked to make a donation. **Make checks out to the North Carolina State Council and indicate "Pro-Life" in the memo section of the check.**
- [] **COUNCIL BANNERS:** Bring and display your council banner at the convention.
- [] **4TH DEGREE REGALIA:** 4th Degree Knights are asked to bring their regalia and participate in the Color or Honor Guard during the convention Mass.

**1st HALF AWARD – YOUTH****Division 1:**

13812 –Pope John Paul II Council, Durham - Acknowledged Graduating HS Seniors Class of 2007 with 3 gifts: A freshly minted \$1 George Washington goldpiece to wish them success in their future careers; A flashlight keychain containing Biblical references so they could always find their way in life and A Baccalaureate Benefits card entitling them and a guest free admission to any KofC event held by the Council through 2011 so they could be reminded that while they are leaving school, we want them to return to us often.

12167 –St. Joseph's of Kannapolis Council - Inspired, motivated and evangelized Parish youth to understand Pro-Life Issues of today

13488 – Col. Jerry W. Marvel Council, MCAS, New River - Donated funds for project Snap Shot for Catholic Youth Organization.

4600 – Fr. James Schomber Council, Rocky Mount - served a meal for participants of Operation LAMB

Division 2:

8684 – St. Mary's Council, Greensboro – Council hosted a Halloween Party for the parish youth to bridge the ethnic communities of the parish: English, Hispanic, Vietnamese. There was games, food and prizes for all

10892 – Msgr. Lou Morton Council, Wendell - Held Council Soccer shootout, over 20 youth participated

7232 – Fr. John B. McGuirk Council, Roanoke Rapids - sponsored altar servers to an NC State football game

Division 3:

9847 – Sons of Mother Seton Council, Fayetteville - Sponsored Halloween for the parish youth, one to provide wholesome positive environment. Over 50 teenagers gathered for an evening of games, dancing fun and of course snacks. One mother called to thank the KofC Council for providing a wholesome environment free of violence, sex and drugs.

7024 – Fr. Vincent J. Mahoney Council, Swansboro - Sponsored a Soccer challenge with over 60 participants

4660 –Bishop McGuinness Council, Wilson - Sponsored a soccer challenge with 17 participants

3498 – Pius X Council, Burlington - Sponsored annual TYM “Kickoff Cookout” at Burlington City Park

9039 – Our Lady of the Rosary Council, Shallotte - sponsored a Youth Halloween Party

Division 4:

12537 – Sacred Heart Council, Southport - Sponsored Council Soccer Challenge on 9/22/07 with over 20 participants and sponsored the District Challenge on 9/29

9499 – Bishop Greco Council, Clemmons - Sponsored annual father & son Breakfast.

1st HALF AWARD – COUNCIL**Division 1:**

12167 – St. Joseph's of Kannapolis Council - conducted a bi-Lingual Membership Blitz resulting in 10 interest forms being handed out to Hispanic prospects.

13812 – Pope John Paul II Council, Durham conducted a 1st Degree at NCSU for New College Council

4600 - Fr. James Schomber Council, Rocky Mount - On Respect Life Sunday – Council furnished readers, ushers and greeters for each of the Masses

Division 2:

8684 – St. Mary's Council, Greensboro – Held their Annual Installation & Awards Night on 7/25/07. New Officers were installed as well as awards for Knight and Family of the Year. A Mother Teresa award was presented to a worthy parishioner as well as a youth of the parish received the Fr. Robert Prior award as the Outstanding Youth of the Parrish.

7232 – Fr. John B. McGuirk Council, Roanoke Rapids- held a Funeral & Rosary Service for Deceased Brother Knight

10892 – Msgr. Lou Morton Council, Wendell – sponsored an Oktoberfest for all families of the Parish

12610 – St. Francis of Assisi Council, Mocksville - Installation of Officers and Social gathering

Division 3:

9847 – Sons of Mother Seton Council – Fayetteville - Honored the birth & death of Fr. McGivney from Sat. 8/11/07 until Sat. 8/19/07 with a display in the church gathering place of his image along with a short biography

9039 – Our Lady of the Rosary Council, Shallotte - Sponsored golf tournament for various Council charities

13220 – Fr. Aloysius H. Schmitt Council, Camp Lejeune - Sponsored a Columbus Day Observance for Knights & Family Members to include a dinner

2838 – Cardinal Gibbons Council, Fayetteville, held their Annual Awards Ceremony

11101 – St. Pius X Council – Greensboro – Sponsored a Panther Football Game Tour Bus Fund Raiser

Division 4:

12537 – Sacred Heart Council, Southport - Sponsored annual Golf Tournament for Brunswick County Charities with 184 golfers on 27 holes. Locally 170 businesses and 18 local golf courses contributed to the success of the event with various monetary and prize support.

6648 – Msgr. Frank J. Howard Council, Havelock - Annual Awards with Cook Out

9499 – Bishop Greco Council, Clemmons - PGK Roast and Horse Races.

**1st HALF AWARDS – FAMILY****AWARD WINNERS!****Division 1:**

4600 – Fr. James Schomber Council, Rocky Mount - Council participated in the “Bike for Life” ride from Rocky Mount to Washington, DC with Grand Knight, Brother Knights and Pastor Philip Tighe riding.

13812 – Pope John Paul II Council, Durham assisted Ladies Auxiliary to co-sponsor an Oktoberfest

Division 2:

8684 – St. Mary’s Council, Greensboro - Sponsored a family night at the Greensboro Grasshoppers ball game, 25 were in attendance and kids got to run the bases on the field after the game

10892 – Msgr. Lou Morton Council, Wendell - Sponsored a family night at the Carolina Mudcats ball game

7232 – Fr. John B. McGuirk Council, Roanoke Rapids - Sponsored the annual parish family picnic at Lake Gaston

Division 3:

3498 – Pius X Council, Burlington - Sponsored the annual parish picnic and swim in at Burlington City pool. Knights cooked hot dogs, hamburgers and food brought by the guests. Desserts were encouraged to be brought by all and the Council hosted all swimmers to the City Pool.

9847 – Sons of Mother Seton Council, Fayetteville - Sponsored annual parish family picnic

13220 – Fr. Aloysius H. Schmitt Council, Camp Lejeune - Sponsored a parish pool party/picnic at Camp Lejeune Officers Club Pool

4660 – Bishop McGuinness Council, Wilson - Sponsored a parish ice cream social – recruited a new member

770 – Bishop Michael J. Begley Council, Charlotte -Sponsored the Parish family picnic

Division 4:

9499 – Bishop Greco Council, Clemmons - Sponsored the annual family outing to Winston Salem Warthog ballgame. 125 Members and guests were in attendance and all received a Warthogs Baseball hat.

6648 – Msgr. Frank J. Howard Council, Havelock - Sponsored annual family outing to Kinston Indians Ballgame

12537 – Sacred Heart Council, Southport - Sponsored Parish Family Picnic

1st HALF AWARD WINNERS - CHURCH**Division 1:**

12167 – St. Joseph’s of Kannapolis Council paid for and installed 7 high resolution video cameras to record Masses for home bound English and Spanish Parishioners. 15 minutes after Mass, copies of the CD are ready for Eucharistic Ministers to deliver to homebound parishioners. The bottom line – for less than .18 cents per copy, the Word of God is carried outside the walls of Church.

13488 – New River MCAS, Jacksonville held rosary service for men and women fighting for peace in the world

4600 – Fr. James Schomber Council – Rocky Mount prepared a pig roast for the parish as a farewell to Fr. Phillip Tighe.

13812 – Sacred Heart Council, Southport participated as Honor Guard and ushers for funeral and burial of Fr. John Parish

Division 2:

7232 – Fr. John B, McGuirk Council prepared church grounds & set up church hall for reception for consecration of new altar. Brothers also acted as ushers for the service.

8684 – St. Mary’s Council – Greensboro assisted parish with parish picnic to bring together various church racial and ethnic groups.

12610 – St. Francis of Assisi Council conducted a church grounds maintenance and cleanup program

10892 – Msgr. Lou Morton Council held a rosary devotion prior to all masses during October.

Division 3:

9847 – Sons of Mother Seton Council – Fayetteville hosted 3rd Annual Priests and Religious Appreciation Dinner for 6 Priests and 1 Sister from Fayetteville Dinner.

8923 – St. Joseph Maule Council Arden repaired outdoor stations of the cross and built 4 new benches, cleaned up storm debris and spread mulch

7024 – Fr. Vincent J. Mahoney Council Swansboro conducted a rosary for and in memory of our military and their families followed by a reception

2838 – Cardinal Gibbons Council Fayetteville assisted in conducting a parish picnic by cooking hot dogs and hamburgers.

9039 – Our Lady of the Rosary Council Shallotte - At request of Pastor – acted as parking control for all masses on Easter Sunday

Division 4:

12537 – Sacred Heart Council - Southport assisted in unveiling & dedication of a statue in memory of the unborn donated by the Council

9499 – Bishop Greco Council Clemmons - More than 20 Knights assisted in moving the personal effects of Fr. Brian to his new assignment at St. Leo’s Parish.

6648 – Msgr. Frank J. Howard Council Havelock initiated a Vocations Prayer Cross to emphasize religious life and given to a volunteer family each week to take home and pray for vocations to the religious life



1st HALF AWARDS - COMMUNITY

AWARD WINNERS!

Division 1:

- 13812 – Pope John Paul II Council, Durham, ran a food booth for Durham Parks & Recreation event for Disability Awareness with special emphasis on Special Olympics
- 12478 – Fr. Michael W. Murphy Council – Maggie Valley hosted a Charity Golf Tournament with 90 Golfers participating, raising \$6,000.00 for Haywood County Charities.
- 9722 – Smokey Mountain Council – Sylva served a free Thanksgiving Dinner to over 115 individuals
- 14087 – Fr. James Wilmes Council – Andrews – sponsored a food booth at the Scottish Games event raising funds for their charities
- 4600 – Fr. James Schomber Council – Rocky Mount sponsored a Respect for Life Benediction

Division 2:

- 11911 – St. Eugene Council – Asheville led a delegation to Mississippi to assist in repairs to hurricane damaged homes.
- 12610 – St. Francis of Assisi Council, Mocksville sponsored a bar-b-que dinner collecting over 212 coats for needy children.
- 7232 - Fr. John B. McGuirk Council, Roanoke Rapids sponsored a funeral Mass in honor of a 5 month old stillborn, gaining much needed attention to the rights of the unborn.
- 8684 – St. Mary’s Council, Greensboro assisted to promote and supervise a community Pro-Life chain with over 700 participants.
- 8363 – St. Michael’s Council, Franklin sponsored a charity corn roast serving 120 meals, raising \$1300.00 for charity.

Division 3:

- 11101 – St. Pius X Council – Greensboro – With a generous donation of “Sample Clothes” no longer in style, the Council sponsored a one day clothing sale netting \$5,000.00 for the Room at the Inn, a home for unwed mothers.
- 9709 - All Saints Council, Raleigh – Along with other volunteers constructed a 68’ handicap access ramp on the St. Francis Campus.
- 7024 – Fr. Vincent J. Mahoney Council – Swansboro along with other volunteers run a monthly food bank serving the needs of over 2800 families in the last 20 years.
- 9847 – Sons of Mother Seton Council, Fayetteville – sponsored operation “In As Much” to refurbish the home of a needy family donating 300 man hours.
- 2838 – Cardinal Gibbons Council, Fayetteville – sponsored the annual Oktoberfest donating 50% of the proceeds to St Patrick’s School.

Division 4:

- 6648 - Msgr Frank J. Howard Council – Havelock – assisted the local Cherry Point Child Development Center with yard cleanup and other needed repairs after center had received a citation from the County Health Dept. The center passed with flying colors after work was completed.
- 9499 – Bishop Greco Council – Clemmons – assisted local Race for the Cure of Breast Cancer by staffing parking lots and water stations during the race.
- 12537 Sacred Heart Council – Southport – turned out 26 Knights to assist at the Brunswick County Special Olympic Games.

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 1st Place winners are listed first, 2nd, 3rd place on down to 5th. As you read what some these councils did maybe something will urge you to try out a similar programs. By sharing ideas with others, we all succeed.



Fraternally,
 Jack Murray,
 NC State Council Advocate &
 NC State Council General Program Director



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF FAITH IN ACTION





BUILDING A BETTER WORLD ONE COUNCIL AT A TIME

Every day, Knights all over North Carolina are given opportunities to make a difference. Whether it's through community service, raising money for their parish or prayer. We celebrate each and every Knight for his strength, his compassion and his dedication to building a better world. Now is the time to prepare yourself for the upcoming BLITZ. It is every Knights responsibility to recruit new members, it is by recruiting new men that we can accomplish Father McGivney's dream and do God's work.

Grand Knights and Council Officers, during your preparations for the BLITZ you should be talking to every Knight in your council to ask for his support in recruiting new members, (Operation Rescue), and to help you during the BLITZ. This is the time to renew communications with all members and also a time to re-establish communications with those who may have been lost for one reason or another, ie. by moving away. Please re-new your effort to make contact. As I was on line with the military I learned about a process to re-establish contact with those military members who have left the area. All you have to do is go into www.Military.Com and you will see on the home page, Search Military Records, click on that and hopefully you will find your man. This is just one more tool in contacting lost members. If anyone has more ways of contacting lost members please let me know and I will pass the word. Thanks again for all your support in the past, keep up the good work. There is much work that needs to be done, every Catholic man has a right to be asked. Whether he accepts your invitation or not it is his decision to make. LETS GET OUT THERE AND ASK.

Fraternally,

P.A. Wojciechowski, FRDD
NC State Council Membership Director

From Your Church Director

I know that you are probably tired of hearing me harp about getting in Round Table submissions but they really are vital to the growth of **OUR** order in **OUR** state. We currently have only 33 Round Tables and last fraternal year we had 66. Not a lot of progress, Huh.

Out State Chaplain has elected "Courage" as this month's watchword. Truly appropriate to what we are about. If we are to be successful in the support of our church, the opportunity for every Catholic gentleman to become a member of **OUR** order requires that we have courage and take every opportunity to show him the way.

We now have three Traveling Icons and they are traveling around the state under the direction of your District Deputies. We have the rest of this Fraternal Year and all of the next to see that these Icons make it to every council and parish in **OUR** state. Take the time to attend every occasion where they are venerated.

We have had a great year in our pursuit of new and innovative church programs across **OUR** state and I know that you will keep up the faith as we go forward. The convention is really coming up fast and I look forward to seeing all of you again.

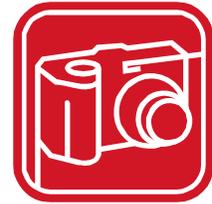
Fraternally,
Dave McGuire,
State Church Director





Worthy Brother Knights,

As May draws ever closer and convention time nears, I review the pictures I have received and wonder how we can represent the entire state of North Carolina with so few pictures received from councils throughout the state. Please send me some pictures of your council activities for the Slide Show that will be played during the convention showing the different activities we do throughout the year. I need all of this by April 1st, 2008. Pictures that are received by regular mail will be returned to the person mailing them at convention time. E-mail them to me at lew.mccloud@gmail.com or by snail mail to P.O. Box 1618, Swansboro, NC 28584. Let this be a Knights in Action show to represent all councils throughout North Carolina. Vivat Jesus!



Lewis McCloud, State Photographer

STATE DIRECTORY

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

Recent changes received through 2/28/08 follow. Please review your directories. If any data needs to be updated, please go to our state web site, www.kofcnc.org, select *forms*, and submit your change. If you are not sure you have received all changes to date, please e-mail your Admin. Asst. and he will gladly e-mail a cumulative list of changes to you.

Fraternally, Gene Tortone

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New Address

Angelo Gibilaro

1020 Bellerby Cove

Leland, NC 28451

Tel. No. 910-339-7882

Cell No. 910-448-1049

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College Council Coordinator

SK Anthony J. McWilliams

701 Chappell Dr

Raleigh, NC 27606-3224

senseiajm@hotmail.com

H-865-207-3559

Page 12 – Council 2838

Delete FS Joe Palmisano replace with Karl J. Kumm

3528 Thamesford RD

Fayetteville, NC 28311-2684

Page 28 - Council 9549

Delete FS Coveyou, replace with Ronald P. Kellett Sr

3318 Gibbs LN

Hillsborough, NC 27278-9437

Page 32 – Council 10615

ADD new FS

Mark A. Harmon

2302 Balkcum RD

Lancaster, SC 27920=9319

Page 47 – Council 13038

Change GK Tranberger e-mail to nursegene@embarqmail.com

Change FS Crochet e-mail to crockett3@suddenlink.net

Page 64 – PSD George Wahl

Change address to

29 Crosswinds Estates Dr

Pittsboro, NC 27312-8459

Change phone to

H-919-542-3358



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Worthy Sir Knights All,

Vivat Jesus!

In a few short weeks we will be celebrating the Risen Lord! A new start for us all. It is still not too late to do something special as a Lenten offering for our salvation. Last month I suggested some ideas for Lenten sacrifice. If you have slipped and or forgotten, there are three weeks remaining to prepare for His resurrection.



In an effort to be less wordy, I have decided to use bullet point items rather than paragraphs. Let me know if this works better.

- Please remember that we will have a **District meeting on Saturday, April 12th**, starting at 10:00 am at Council 2546's home, 1820 Columbus Road (New Hope Road), Raleigh. Please advise me of the number of attendees prior to April 1st to enable our host, Bishop McGuinness Assembly #778 to have enough food for lunch.
- This year's major Exemplification will be held on Saturday, October 25th, at the Embassy Suites Hotel Greensboro Airport. Details will be forthcoming in April. Please start to invite all eligible Third Degree members to join our ranks.
- Bishop Burbidge has requested that we supply an Honor Guard on Saturday, April 12th, for a mass to be celebrated at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. The Bishop is leading a pilgrimage that day and will celebrate mass at 3:00 PM. Knowing there are several other commitments for that date, I would encourage any Fourth Degree member interested, to attend in regalia. Please get up with the assemblies in your area and make an effort to fulfill the Bishop's request. I would ask the Faithful Navigators to advise me of the number of Sir Knight's who will be attending. More information is available at [Pilg brochure FINAL English 1 Rev 1.pdf](#)
- Saturday, May 3rd, 2008 – the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization of Memphis, TN is organizing a prayerful event with a goal of one million rosaries to be said for Unborn Babies across the nation. In the eastern time zone, they request that you participate between 9 and 10 am. More information available at their website www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org Please consider getting yourselves and others to participate. GREAT Assembly project!
- Last month I requested input from all Faithful Navigators by submitting nominations for Sir Knights of the month. Thank you to the two Sir Knights who responded. QUESTION! Where are the rest of you? I am sure that there are many Sir Knights in our state who qualify for this honor and yet, I have received only two responses.
- Look at the upgraded State Council website and specifically the Fourth Degree button. If you find anything incorrect or have ideas of what you would like to see, please notify me.
- Thank you to all Assemblies who took the time to complete Form 1728, Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. All but six Assemblies responded and I completed a report for those six who could not be bothered. The tax free status of the Order depends on submission of the mandatory report. We now have the distinction of being the only jurisdiction in the DeSoto Province with 100% compliance!

Finally, I take this opportunity to express my wishes to each of you and your loved ones for a very

Holy and Happy Easter

God Bless all of you and keep up your good work,

SK Robert J. "Bob" Grabasky, PSD
North Carolina District Master





From the Coast

Hello Brothers,

By the time you get to this article, which I am sure is towards the end of the newsletter; you may have picked up on a theme from your other state officers. If you haven't that is OK too. My article this month deals with our first principle of Charity. I think our 4th degree principle of Patriotism is the easiest of all four principles to live each day so I would like to focus on our first of three. Our principles can be truly "difficult" at times to live in our daily lives.

With the understanding that Charity is a much broader ideal than just alms giving, are you truly charitable in your daily life? I love the quote, *"If you were accused of being a Catholic in a court of law, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"* In a predominantly protestant state and an even more secular society, it can be detrimental and difficult in many ways for people to know you are a Catholic. Are you proud to be a pro-life Catholic in the Knights of Columbus? Does your community know who the Knights of Columbus are and what we stand for? Is there a Catholic presence in your community? More importantly, does our theme "Be Not Afraid" come to mind?

Time, talent and treasure are all gifts of charity. As leaders we motivate others to do great things. You ARE a leader. Have you provided opportunities for your council to be charitable? Every man joins our Order for a reason. Have you given him an opportunity to stay? Have you made the time to get to know him and what his interests are or do we forget him after his first degree? Buddy programs, mentoring programs, OPERATION RESCUE are all great ideas and opportunities for members in your council to live their first principle of Charity and for you to live yours by getting to know the people in your council. If every man joins with an expectation of doing something or being a part of something, then why does our state drop 200-500 men every year? What happened and more importantly how can we fix it?

I do believe in the power of membership and its direct correlation to a growing and successful council. I have seen an active membership program and a couple of real strong programs resurrect a dying council. What is your legacy of leadership to the council? Are you prepared to leave it in better or worse shape than when it was given to you? Are you the GK of a council that has little participation, a decreasing membership base, and the same members doing all the work? **We can help** if you want it!! "Be Not Afraid," ask for help if you want it. We still have 4 months left in this fraternal year and a team that wants to help.....

There are 118 potential STAR councils out there – Are you going to be one?????????

God Bless and Good Luck,

Mike Durbin,
NC State Warden





3rd Degree Schedule

March 8	Fayetteville	2838	Bishop Begley	CO Byrnes
March 15	Charlotte	10852	Triad	CO McGowan
April 19	Clemmons	9499	Bishop Begley	CO Brunner
April 26	South Port	12537	Fayetteville	CO Lewis
May 17	Chapel Hill	10910	Amos Small	CO Lewis
May	Kill Devil Hills	Deferred until	Fall	
May 31	Hendersonville	8759	Bishop Begley	CO McGowan
June 7	Garner	11266	Fayetteville	CO Lewis

[Joe Brunner, Ceremonials Chairman](#)

State Advocate/General Program Director

Brothers All,

That time of the Season: Stations of the Cross, Lenten Services, fish fries, etc. All for us to prepare for Easter? No - for the Holiest Days of the Liturgical Year!! Lest we forget! Let us take time from all the hustle and bustle of preparation and serving meals to remember why we do what we do and for who. Courage - This word comes to mind as we attend these services and events - do we have the courage to profess our Faith and remain in the forefront, leading our fellow parishioners! I think we do. And you must be congratulated for being the leaders!

Next for your consideration is the reporting process. I have received numerous phone calls about the process, who is supposed to do the reporting, etc. All the guidelines are in the Council Recognition Program Manual for 2007-2008 and has a Yellow Cover. Page 8 lists the reporting and recognition process. At the top is listed the "Recognizing Councils Overall Service Programs" guidelines. This reporting is to be accomplished with a meeting between the GK, DGK and/or Program Director with the District Deputy.

Recognizing the BEST Service Programs: Please refer to page 8 again and follow the guidelines - awards for the top programs (5 winners in each program category) will be awarded at the Convention.

Your State Officers continue to meet to discuss all facets of the State Council and are already preparing for the Convention and Organization meeting. We are always open to suggestions and would like to hear from you. Yes, we heard from you at the MidYear Meetings and thank you for your input. Please continue to keep us informed!

Vivat Jesus!
Jack Murray,
NC KofC State Advocate





WORDS FROM YOUR FUND RAISER CHAIRMAN

Each Council has now had their 2008 Raffle Tickets for 1 ½ months. What have you accomplished so far? This is an opportunity for every council to make a lot of money, for their Council and for the State Council. For each ticket sold, your council keeps \$2.50. How much easier can you make money for your Council Programs? For many Councils this is their major fund raiser for the year.

The State Council looks forward to a very successful Fund Raiser as the income for the State from this project basically runs the state council activities. If it were not for the Fund Raiser, State Per-Capita would have to be increased by \$5.00 per member.

The Raffle Tickets are easy to sell with such terrific prizes: First Prize – 10 Day Vacation Cruise to Alaska, for two, with \$700 spending money. Second Prize – Seven Day Hawaiian Vacation, for two, with \$500 spending money. Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Prizes - \$200 each.

Each member of your council should be able to sell a number of these Raffle Tickets, to their families, co-workers and friends. The tickets MUST be put in the hands of the membership for sales to happen. Don't wait for a member to ask for tickets, send them each 5 or 10 tickets to sell.

If you have any questions about the Fund Raiser, please contact me or any state officer. ALL TICKETS MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF YOUR DISTRICT DEPUTY PRIOR TO APRIL 24, 2008. On April 26, 2008 tickets will be picked up across the state by volunteers. These Knights travel several hundred miles on that date picking up all the tickets, sold and un-sold, as well as the Council Checks for all Sold Tickets. Then during the week between pick-up and the State Convention, all tickets must be reconciled, money checked to make sure it matches sold tickets and reports made out. You can see this is a very busy week, so it is mandatory that you get your tickets in on time. Any tickets received after April 26, 2008 must be accompanied with \$5.00 (full price of ticket) for each ticket turned in late.

In case you do have sold tickets and they have not been turned in previously, I will accept tickets and Council Checks up to 4:00 PM on Friday, May 2, 2008, at the Convention.

SELL, SELL, SELL, SELL, SELL

Bob Singer, PSD, FDM, VSM
Fund Raiser Chairman



REMINDER TO VETERANS

The NC State website has a tab for VA information. As important information is received, it is added to the site. Please check often to see what is new. This includes information for our younger vets as well.

Thank you all for serving!

Bob Grabasky, DM





North Carolina

Knights of Columbus Family Favorite Dessert Contest

What is it?? Families (Parish – Wide) are encouraged to bake, cook, mix, etc. their favorite dessert. Only one stipulation: at least two members of the family must participate in the preparation of the dessert. Mom can't do it all herself.

How to do it!! The first round will be held at the District Level. DDs will coordinate with the councils and find an appropriate date to conduct this event. All entries will be judged and a winner chosen. The winning entry from the District will then be judged on the Regional level. The RDD will then select one dessert to be entered into the state level competition. The four entries from the regions will be judged during the state convention in May.

The State Deputy has offered to pay the Convention Banquet costs for the four entrants (Dad and Mom) from the Regions. Councils should consider helping to defray the hotel costs of your entrants.

Who Benefits?? If open to your entire Parish, membership could be bolstered. If a Knight's family wins, he gets to experience a State Convention.

Fraternally,

Colin Jorsch, Family Life Director



Squires Corner

I am still trying to collect monies from Christmas card sales. I have sent out bills and the council's that have not paid, please do. We try to give you every opportunity to pass on to your brothers and sisters the word of Christ. We only have the monies from the cards to run squire activities.

This year due to some health problems I have not been able to travel like I use to. This will change I hope next week and I will be able to again give support to the squire circles. So far we have brought four circles to active status. There are ones that are interested and I will work with all of you.

This world we live in is so anti-GOD that people are leaving the faith and that is not good. We have an opportunity to help our young men to learn about GOD through the squires' Let us not pass it up because as the world is in denial, and there is little chance that with all the shootings in our schools, in the malls and the drugs, our young will not learn the right way to live as they grow. Some families have both parents working to make a living. This leaves the teaching of their young to our debunked society which is denying GOD. We as KofC have an obligation to help them learn the right way to live and grow up in our faith. Just read the news, listen to the TV and disagree with me if you think all is right. There were once 18 squire circles in NC. I am trying to make it 40+ if the good Lord will keep me going. All councils interested contact me. I am in the book and I will come and help, send you information or what ever you want BUT do not pass this up.

The Squires' motto ESTO DIGNUS [Be Worthy]

Joseph R Zegan,
State Squires Chairman



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Youth Organization.



Community Director

Worthy Brother Knights,

From supporting local Special Olympics programs in the East, to organizing hurricane relief efforts in the West, the councils across the state of North Carolina have demonstrated their community involvement. The reports that I had the privilege of reading of the various councils' efforts during the first half of this fraternal year were both inspiring and humbling. For those individuals and groups of Knights who step out of their comfort zones of family, Church, and council and go out into the community performing these works, show the commitment and the courage of each of you to our Order's fundamental principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

For many of you, your council has been busy giving out the Operation L.A.M.B. checks to the various organizations in your areas. This is the fruit of the efforts of your council's collections throughout the previous year. Whether the checks were large or small, I know that they are gratefully accepted. Your efforts have profound ripple effects both locally and in ever widening circles. As the speakers and guests at the mid-year meetings attested to, our State donations over the years have improved the lives of countless individuals and families who are the "least among my brothers." Even further the Supreme council has allocated funds to groups, organizations, and the Pope which impacts around the world.

Please continue the good work that you are doing, submit your reports to allow other councils to know what activities are happening throughout the State, and never back down from demonstrating our Orders principles to the community at large.

Best regards,
Fred Myers,
State Community Director



Courage to Confront Change

Councils should take comfort in the fact some councils have already successfully navigated through the IRS tax law changes. The changes affect all councils, but you can live through it!

Financial Secretaries, who attended the Mid Year Meeting, were briefed on the impact of the changes and steps they needed to take. As a reminder those steps are to first find out what the council or assemblies tax payer identification number (TIN) is. Council may find out that they do not have a TIN, those council must apply for such a number. You may do so from IRS website. Once a TIN is in hand you then may go to the IRS and file the Form 990. Again this may be done from the IRS Website, a very simplified form (electronic postcard) is what councils making less than \$25,000 have to file. Other versions of 990 will apply to those making over \$25,000. Some council who had a TIN may find out their has expired due to inactivity, they must simply reapply for a new TIN. Email me if you need help.

The above was to serve as a reminder to those Financial Secretaries who attend the training at the Mid Year Meeting. I encourage all FS's who did not attend the training session to contact me for the entire information package conveyed at the sessions.

Finally, I have requested that all council forward to me their TIN's, a thanks you goes out to all of you that have already done so, if you have not please do so over the next several weeks.

Greg Kent, State Treasurer





State Athletic Report

Brother Knights and Families: With spring just around the corner, we are excited to announce our 2008 State Athletic Schedule which is listed below. Please support our State Athletics and we encourage you to participate in these great upcoming events. Special thanks to the Host Councils that have stepped up this year. If your Council may be interested in hosting an event this year or in 2009, please free to contact me.

2008 State Basketball Tournament

March 1, 2008
 Host: Santa Maria Council # 2829
 Court: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
 4 on 4 – Half Court
 Cost: \$95 Team and \$65 Additional Team
 335 Springdale Ave.
 Winston-Salem, NC 27104
 Chairman: Brother Mark Cavanaugh
 E-mail: mcavanaugh@wsfcs.k12.nc.us

2008 State Softball Tournament

April 26, 2008
 Host: Fr. Thomas Price Council #2546
 Field: PGK Ken Growney Field @ Council #
 2546 Home
 10 Man Team Bracket, SSA Rules, Double Elimination
 Council, Combined Councils, or District Teams
 Invited
 Cost: \$225 Team
 Includes: Famous Traditional Chicken Barbeque
 1830 New Hope Rd.
 Raleigh, NC 27105
 Chairman: Brother Dick Pollard
 Phone: 919-872-7524

2008 "The Neely Cup" State Golf Tournament

September 20-21, 2008
 Host: Sacred Heart Council #11103
 Course: Country Club of Whispering Pines
 2 Day 36 Holes Stroke Play w/Handicapped
 Flights
 Mass: Saturday after 1st Round
 Cost: \$130 or \$500 Team
 Includes: Green fees, cart, lunch Saturday and
 Sunday and Banquet Dinner on Saturday Evening
 Pinehurst, NC 28374
 Chairman: Brother Ray Gatti
 E-mail: regatt@earthlink.net
 Phone: 910-949-3715

2008 State Bocce Ball Tournament

September 27, 2008
 Host: Bishop Greco Council #9499, Clemmons
 Our Lady of Mercy Council #10504,
 Winston-Salem
 Santa Maria Council #2829, Winston-Salem
 Event: Miller Park, Queen St. Winston-Salem
 4 Player Teams Double Elimination
 Cost: \$10 per Player or \$40 Team
 Includes: Picnic Lunch
 Winston-Salem, NC 27102
 Chairmen: Brothers Bob Smith & DGK Greg
 Harrison
 E-mail: Cechief26@Alltel.net
 Phone: 336-972-0499

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Whelan
 State Athletics Chairman
 E-mail: Tim.Whelan@Yahoo.com





Recognition Challenge

Many of us have been very involved in our Order for a number of years. Our involvement extends to all levels of the Order: State, Region, District and Council and many of us go the extra mile and become involved in our Fourth Degree. Then some of us take another step and become part of the Honor Guard. As you can see there are many meetings and affairs that take many nights away from our families.

One of the things that I have observed over my years with the Order is that most of the successful and involved Knights have a VERY understanding spouse. A wife who usually takes the attitude of I will do whatever you think is best. A wife who is willing to spend many nights (and at times days) alone while her husband is out doing the business of the Knights. A wife and children who attends events with their Knight, at all levels of the Order, become part of the Knights of Columbus family. I have seen where a spouse will arrange her family and employment calendar to be with her husband at State and other meetings.

Unfortunately I, and most of you have also, have seen the other side of the coin where spouses have hampered an otherwise successful Knight in becoming more involved with his council. Sometimes forcing the Knight to abandon his involvement or membership in our Order. I also understand that due to extreme circumstances of family, health and employment matters, an otherwise concerned wife cannot do all that she would like to do.

I would like to recommend that each council perform some form of recognition to honor the wives of their council. This recognition can be a dinner (keep her out of the kitchen), a show or anything else that you can think of that will provide the recognition our wives should be afforded.

I for one thank my wife, Annette, for her understanding during the past 30 years.

Do you have the courage to honor the wives in your council?

Vince Cerullo
RDD 3



JOIN



TODAY!



Kudos from February

Thanks to the Kannapolis Council for hosting a successful third degree. It was their First!

Thanks to Raleigh Council 2546 for hosting a HUGE third degree class (over 60 men)!

Thanks to Jason Martin and District 3 who conducted the first (that I know of) Family Dessert competition. They coordinated it with a Blood Drive! GOOD JOB!

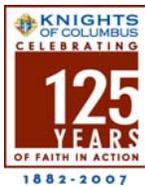
Thanks again to Raleigh Council 2546 and a host of others for the beautiful Grotto to our Blessed Mother that was dedicated on February 24.

SD John Gouldie

CLASSIFIED -

Do you feel left out? Have you felt like there is something more to life? Have you felt the need the need to move and shake the world? Can you make a difference? Sure you can. Contact your State Deputy at kofcgouldie@earthlink.net for an exciting career as a member of the Knights of Columbus State Council Staff. It is the best job you could ever volunteer for! The pay is great! (okay it's not that good :-() But the gratification is great! The need is great!

Don't wait. Job openings are in areas near you. WE WANT YOU ON THE TEAM!



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