



The Tar Heel Knight

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State Deputy's Report

Worthy Brothers All,

Shortly, we will enter the solemn season of Lent, a time for atonement and self reflection in preparation for our Lord's crucifixion and then

His glorious resurrection. During this period, we look into our lives with an opportunity for reflection and prayer beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 21st and culminating Easter Sunday. Let us all not squander this opportunity to become better Catholics, men and women and Knights of Columbus.

During the Lenten season, many councils will be performing Fish Fry's or Lenten meals for their parishes. This is another opportunity to offer membership to those who have not yet joined our ranks as members of our beloved Order. Have membership materials available at these and all events. These gatherings are an excellent time to show others what we do, the fraternity that exists and the fun we have with our Brother Knights and their families. Those that are not yet Knights will have their families with them. You have an opportunity to offer membership to the entire family. If a man's spouse thinks it is a good idea for him to join, he most likely will.

For those that attended the Mid-Year meeting in Charlotte last month, I hope that it was both informative and enjoyable. Council 12654, Huntersville, did an outstanding job in coordinating and operating the meeting. From your comments, the attendees felt that it was a good meeting. Thank you for your attendance. (See related State Meeting Comments article, page 2).

The spring membership "BLITZ" has been scheduled during Lent. Knowing that our pastor's do not like to have these events during this period, I ask that you

hold your Blitz either prior to Ash Wednesday or shortly after Easter. The District Deputies have already been advised of this information.

I have also asked the District Deputies to schedule more Second Degrees and to advise their surrounding brother DD's of the date, time and place. Additionally, those Districts that do not currently have a Second Degree Team have been requested to make a concentrated effort to form a team. If you are interested in degree work, please advise your District Deputy. There is always a need for additional members for all degree teams.

The State Convention is fast approaching. Grand Knight's will have a lot to do between now and April. You will be receiving a Grand Knight's Checklist from State Secretary John Gouldie. If you follow the list, you will complete all requirements that are necessary for your council. Historically, those that have used the document as intended have found it very easy to meet the necessary requirements and dates.

If you haven't visited the State web page recently, www.kofcnc.org there is a new calendar of events. Click on Communications, then State Calendar to view it. Soon, we will have more information entered on the calendar. There is also a listing of Third Degree dates and locations under Communications as well. If you have members requiring a Third Degree, review the schedule and make a strong effort to get them to a convenient location and support the hosting councils.

**Don't forget that special lady in your life.
Wednesday, February 14th, St. Valentine's Day!**

Thank you all for all that you do in the name of the Knights of Columbus.

Bob Grabasky,
State Deputy



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State Meeting Comment Box

If you attend State Meetings, you are aware that we have a comment box available at the end of each meeting. Every comment placed in the box is reviewed by the State Officers immediately after the session is concluded. Below are responses to just several of the comments / suggestions submitted after the State Mid-Year Meeting in January:

Comment: Why isn't the published meeting agenda followed?

Response: An agenda is very much like a budget. It is used for a guide for various topics to be presented. When the agenda is formulated, the placement of topics are set to ensure everything is covered. Sometimes, the time allotted to various presenters is not totally consumed and other time, there is a run over of the allotted time.

It is the responsibility of the State Deputy, with the assistance of the State Officers, to make on the spot adjustments to the schedule. This is not easy, considering all that goes on at a meeting. If we are behind with the time schedule, some presentations require shortening. If we are ahead of schedule, we fill that time gained with presentations which may have been slotted for a later time.

Comment: With the screen placement in a corner of the meeting room, those on the opposite side of the room find it difficult to see the screen. Why don't we have two screens, one in each of the front corners?

Response: The Technology Team is aware of the problem. We have just purchased our own screen at a savings of \$350.00 per meeting in rentals. To set another screen, we will need to purchase a second projector and screen and the connecting cables. The cost of doing so will exceed \$2,000. We are currently looking into making these purchases, but they will not be ready for the State Convention.

Another factor is that our equipment for meetings is constantly growing. The burden of storing and transporting these items falls to the State Warden. In addition to the electronics, he is also responsible for the item for mass (alter, vestments, chalice and ciborium, etc.), flags, and the myriad of printed material that is distributed. This is no easy task.

BACK SLAPPERS!

A huge thank you to Grand Knight Ed Keller, Past Grand Knight Tom McGahey and the Brothers and Ladies of St. Mark Council 12654, Huntersville for a superb job in coordinating and running the 2007 Mid-Year meeting in Charlotte.

Thank you to Field Agent Mike Facciolo for making the Insurance Agency report at the Mid-Year Meeting and to the large number of Field Agents who were present.

Congratulations to St. Ann's Council 11265, Smithfield and Grand Knight Jim Snyder for already having already attained Double STAR Council status. They are well over 200% membership gain for this fraternal year.



Chaplain's Corner – February 2007

On February 21st, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. On that day, we will come to church to receive ashes on our foreheads, and the minister will say, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." That action is a call to become more serious about our spiritual journeys.

Lent comes from the Middle English word, "Lenten" which means "springtime." Lent is the forty days before Easter, exclusive of Sundays. Lent ends with the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. At that Mass, we begin the tiny liturgical season called Triduum.

The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare catechumens (non-baptized persons) for baptism on Holy Saturday evening at the Easter Vigil Mass. The other purpose of Lent is to prepare ourselves to renew our baptism promises at Easter. In other words, Lent is a joyful season, for it is a preparation for Easter. Some people get confused and act as though Lent is designed to prepare us for Good Friday.

During Lent, we are asked to do something special to strengthen our spiritual lives. We can do this by addition or subtraction. For example, we can add something to our lives such as praying a rosary each day, attending weekday Mass once a week, or giving more generously to the church. Or, we can subtract something from our life that we enjoy, such as giving up television, candy, or movies.

Whatever spiritual course we choose, God will be pleased with us. The key to success, though, is to keep it simple.

Father Bob Kus
St. Mary's Parish
Wilmington NC

For These We Pray

It is with great sadness that we report the loss of 2 Catholic Priests who were killed in a traffic accident on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 in Laurinburg. They are Father James Maurice (David) Draim, 63 and Abbott Patrick Shelton, 77. They were Pastors of St. James Catholic Church, Hamlet, NC, Diocese of Charlotte. Both men were Fourth Degree Knights in the Father Dillon Assembly-2069, and Chaplains of St. James Council 10783.

The Membership of North Carolina also keeps all of our Bishops, Priests and Religious in our thoughts and prayers along with all the Knights and their families that are suffering physically or emotionally. Remember to William "Bill" Birmingham, Financial Secretary of Bishop Hafey Council #4507 High Point who passed away on January 22nd. We also ask our Risen Lord to keep all of our servicemen and women throughout the world safe and to help them bring peace to our troubled world.

Mary, Queen of the Knights - Pray For Us!



Something Simple for the One You Love...

The "ICE" idea", is catching on and is a very simple, yet important method of contact for you or a loved one in case of an emergency.

As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is program the number of a contact person and store the name as "ICE".

The idea was conceived by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but he didn't know which numbers to call. He thought it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name to file "next of kin."

A disaster in London launched a national "In Case of Emergency" or (ICE) campaign. The idea is that you store the word "ICE" in your mobile phone and enter the number of the person you want to be contacted "In Case of an Emergency."

In an emergency situation, emergency services personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact your next of kin, by simply dialing the number programmed under "ICE".

For more than one contact name, simply enter ICE1, ICE2, and ICE3 etc.

Contributed by Ron Carney, PSD

Billing notices to be mailed out

Yes, it is that time of year again; billing notices will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks to all Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights in the state. The Supreme Council Roster as of February 1 will be the basis for the billing.

Some of you will be also receiving an update due to the resolution concerning the Liability Insurance. According to the resolution passed at the 2006 State Convention, your council must show proof of liability insurance. Most of you have.

In the Grand Knight's billing package will also be the Convention Checklist. This itemizes the dates and deliverables necessary for attendance to the convention and recognition of your council by both Supreme and State Councils. Please read this document thoroughly.

John Gouldie,
NC State Secretary



Third Degree Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	DEGREE TEAM	CO
02/03/2007	Raleigh - Council 2546	Bishop Begley	John Gouldie
02/17/2007	Fayetteville - Council 9847	Bishop Waters	Stephen Byrnes
02/24/2007	New Bern - Council 3303	Fayetteville Team	Joseph Brunner
03/10/2007	Mint Hill - Council 12832	Triad	Charles McGowan
04/21/2007	Clemmons - Council 9499	Fayetteville	Richard Lewis, Jr.
04/28/2007	Pinehurst - Council 11103	Bishop Waters	Stephen Byrnes
04/28/2007	Arden - Council 8923	Bishop Begley	Joseph Brunner
06/02/2007	Garner - Council 11266	Triad	Richard Lewis, Jr.
06/09/2007	Hickory - Council 6541	Triad	Charles McGowan



PROTOCOL CORNER

SCRAPBOOKS

There are 4 basic types of correspondence: letters, memorandums, e-mails, and bulletins.

In this article, we will discuss the proper use of letters, memorandums and bulletins.

Letters should be typed, when possible, on letterhead stationery. In this day and age, creating stationery on the computer is quite simple, but if the council doesn't have stationery, the name, address, with the proper zip code, and telephone number should be shown in the heading.

If the writer of the letter wishes to present several different subjects, he should deal with them in a general manner in a covering letter and provide full details on separate enclosures. The council's full name and address as well as that of the correspondent should appear on each enclosure. This procedure permits the recipient of the letter to forward the enclosures to the different directors/chairmen/individuals who handle details of the topics under discussion.

Invitations should be in the form of a letter and this will be discussed in next month's article.

Memorandums should also be typed whenever possible. If handwritten, care should be taken that they are legible to the reader. A memo should deal with only one subject. It should be short, specific and informal.

Bulletins deal with many subjects. Each subject should be separated into a paragraph. Enclosures are used when the specific matter referred to is sufficiently important to warrant additional explanation.

Fraternally,

Dave Onofrio,
Immediate Past State Deputy



Okay, let's put aside the need for a scrapbook as part of the requirements for the State Deputy's Award (the highest award that a council can gain in the State). Why does your council need a scrapbook?

A council keeps the minutes of a meeting, noting the activities and financial stuff that are done in the year...but like we all know...its long, illegible (my writing isn't that clear), disjointed, and NO PICTURES! What happens to those pictures, flyers and posters promoting events? They get put in a drawer or a box and put in a closet and forgotten. Months and years later, they are uncovered and a "what's this ????" gets asked. How often do you try to remember, what kind of decorations did we do at the religious appreciation day in 1997? Did Fr. Walsh attend?? That rings a bell, doesn't it? A Scrapbook is a way to keep these memories in a concise format that can be used by historians and members alike to keep up with the growth of your council over the years. The scrapbook also gives you the concrete materials for Golden Knight of the year awards. You can't do that from reading the minute's book (by the way, have you ever tried to read your minutes book? Its kind of like reading the IRS instructions on filling out your taxes.....BORING!. The state council gives you some guidelines on doing a scrapbook, it is in the Council recognition Program guide. The State Council would like your opinion on electronic scrapbooks as well as printed versions. Your recommendations would help us out.

In closing, you never can tell what you can find in the scrapbook, Like: Did you know that the Grand Knight at the time that I transferred to North Carolina is now Past State Deputy George Wahl.....I guess he is to blame for me being here!

John Gouldie, NC State Secretary



Special Olympics

I want to thank Pat (Ski) Wojciechowski for answering the call in starting a new Bocce program for Special Olympics athletes in his area. Here is how Pat describes the way this all came together....He got a call from Brother Mike Durbin. Mike indicated the Station house in Morehead City was in need of someone who could teach the adult population at that facility how to play Bocce. Pat then contacted the Carteret County Parks and Recreation Department which supervises the Special Olympics activities at the Station House. After he met with the residents of the Station house and explained the game of Bocce to them he had to identify changes and upgrades that would be needed to the playing field. Most of that work would be done by the Special Olympics athletes.

Pat had such a great turnout of athletes that they had to split the group of 27 men and women into two classes. They practiced with four person teams, men and women combined, and they even had two participants in wheelchairs. Pat was fortunate to have the assistance of a Parks and Recreation worker and a couple of members of the staff. And the Department made each participant a name tag which they hung around their necks. The athletes were very proud of this recognition and the fact that Pat called them by name.

The final week of the season they had a competition and all participants were awarded medals. Since the program was so successful last year, Pat says "we will begin the season next August and we will be going to the Special Olympics State Games this year".

What a great example of a brother Knight stepping up and taking the initiative to make a worthwhile program happen. Thanks, Pat, for sharing this story and for getting that Bocce program going in Morehead City.

Another terrific example of our brother Knights working with Special Olympics ath-

letes is Special Olympics Guilford/Greensboro accepting the invitation of State Athletic Chairman, Tim Whelan, and Brother Greg Schwarz to enter a team in the K of C bowling tournament on Saturday, March 10, at the Countryside Lanes in Kernersville. Last year a team from Mecklenburg County was invited and came in third.

There are many opportunities for your council to partner with Special Olympics in your area. Everything from athletic events to fund raising activities. You can make a difference in the lives of these athletes. Get in touch with your local Special Olympics coordinator. If you need help locating that person send me an email and I'll check it out and get back to you. Developing lines of communication is a key to our successfully continuing to build our relationship with Special Olympics. And remember to email me examples of your council working with your local Special Olympics program.

Al Tinson
Special Olympics Chairman
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Are you freezin' for a reason this season! We Dare You to come join the fun and take the plunge in one of several Polar Plunges (Forsyth, High Point, Hickory, Huntersville, Morehead City, NC State Univ., Raleigh, Roxboro, Spruce Pine, Wilkesboro) hosted by the Law Enforcement Torch Run happening around the state in February and March. A minimum donation of \$50.00 per plunger is requested.

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Family Recognition

*** Council Corner ***

Vacation Italiano

As Grand Knight, one of your most enjoyable duties is selecting individuals and families for recognition. The Family of the Month/Year is one of those that is one of the easiest. This award given at a council, state, and order-wide level that recognizes a family for their efforts in supporting the church, council and community. Every council has a family that clearly puts forth that extra effort to make the council successful. Last time I checked, the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic family fraternal organization. As Grand Knight you should be anxious to recognize a family that exemplifies the true meaning of our order. Recognition is a snap:

Raffle tickets for a trip to Italy are on sale through the Knights of Columbus Council 2546 Raleigh NC. Tickets cost \$100.00 each and there will be only 125 tickets sold (better odds than powerball!). Tickets may be purchased individually, by 2 couples or by 4 singles. Odds on winning the Grand Prize are 1 in 125 (WOW). The Grand Prize will include: Italian Vacation for four (up to 4 hotel rooms if needed), round trip air fare, upgraded hotel accommodations in 2 cities (Venice & Rome), rail transportation between Venice and Rome, one sight seeing tour in Venice and a sight seeing tour of The Vatican in Rome. Winners will have 2 free days in each city and may purchase other tours at a discounted rate or you may tour on your own. Winners will be able to travel any time this year (2007). Several consolation prizes will be announced the night of the drawing. The drawing will be held as soon as all tickets are sold (date to be announced) and you need not be present to win. All ticket holders are invited to the drawing at Council 2546's hall and buffet style food will be served.

For the Family of the Month, fill out the form send it in to Supreme (as an additional bonus, Supreme randomly selects monthly winners for a special award!)

All taxes and entry fees are the responsibility of the winner (s).

For the State Family of the Year, write a resume. Include as many of the good works that are done by the family as you can in two pages. Besides what each person does, include what the family does together. For detail information about how to put together the resume, study the CRP Manual. Also, check previous year's convention proceedings book (s) for examples of what the winning entry looks like. The facts are what are important, not the literary style! Celebrate the family success by giving them the limelight!

**Please contact
Grand Knight Rich Ferraro:
919-741-2212 or
rich0317koic@bellsouth.net
for ticket information.**

Basic requirements:

- The resume is no longer than two pages, double-spaced. The Knight must have been a member for at least one year.
- The timeframe is April 1-March 31.
- It needs to be to the State Deputy, Bob Grabasky by April 1.

The raffle is open to all members, their families and/or friends.

For the International Family of the Year, do nothing, the state council will take the State family of the year and submit it.

Support your council, Support your members, Support your families. Show that this truly is an *Experience of a Lifetime* !



John Gouldie, NC State Secretary



STATE DIRECTORY NEWS

My Brother Knights of the North Carolina jurisdiction: Vivat Jesus. Greetings from Elizabeth City. Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maximum culpa. To err is human, to forgive divine. In haste to publish our directory last August, your Administrative Assistant omitted Assistant LAMB Director, Frank DeLorenzo, and himself from the directory. The change appears below. If you have any changes to your respective data, please update through our state web site, www.kofcnc.org.

Fraternally,
Gene Tortone

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I Heard It Through The Council Newsletter

G.K John Cassidy and Council #8143 Morehead City will hold their annual St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday March 17th in St. Egbert's Church hall, Morehead City at 7PM. The tickets will cost \$36 per couple or \$20 for singles. This will include hors d'oeuvres, home made soup, dinner, deserts, and coffee (Beer and Wine is also included) The music will be provider by Pete Dinuzzo and his band





Church Director's Report

One of the nicest things about belonging to the Knights of Columbus is being a part of all the things the Order does at the national and international level in addition to all the good things we do at the local level. We are part of an international organization and here are a few things we are a part of.

We have committed 8 million dollars to renovate a building on The Catholic University of America campus. It will be named for Father Michael McGivney and house the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family.

We have committed 3 million dollars to New Haven's Hospital of St. Raphael and its expansion of the Father Michael McGivney Center for Cancer Care.

We have committed 1 million dollars to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC for the creation and installation of a mosaic depicting scenes from the Incarnation.

Over the past 25 years the Orders Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) has provided 34.7 million dollars to recipients.

We should all be proud of being Knights of Columbus.

REMINDER FOR CHARLOTTE DIOCESE COUNCILS

As I stated at the recent mid-year meeting in Charlotte if you need the name of a seminarian to support through the RSVP program contact me, the State Church Director. I have been asked to see that help is distributed to seminarians. Please don't wait until the last minute if you are going to participate. If you know who you are going to support let me know so I don't give that name to another council. I am so proud of all the councils that support our future priests.

Fraternally,

Marc Turkaly, State Church Director
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State Athletic Events

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

I have attached the list of upcoming State Athletic events below and you may go to the State web site for additional information. Please help support the hosting Councils by sending a team to compete in the upcoming events. I also ask that you continue to show your support to our US men and women fighting for us around the globe and please keep them in your prayers.

2007 Upcoming State Athletic Events

Basketball Tournament - February 24th - Winston-Salem Council # 2829

Bowling Tournament - March 10th - Kernersville Council # 8509

Softball Tournament - April 28th - Raleigh Council # 2546

Golf Tournament - September 15th and 16th - Jacksonville Council # 3574

Fraternally,

Tim Whelan
State Council Director
State Athletic Chairman





District Master's Report

Another month has passed, but January did not bring any really big events, other than the January 13, 2007 Raleigh March for Life. At this March for Life, we had a good showing of Sir Knights in regalia to present the Colors and then to lead the March through the streets of downtown Raleigh. Both Bishops were present and took part in the Rally, Bishop Jugis and Bishop Burbidge. There were several Catholic Organizations present at the Rally and participated in the March. My thanks to Assembly #778 Faithful Navigator and Color Corps Commander, Haddon Ware for doing the organizing work for this event. Also a big Thank You to both SK Chuck Evans and SK Terry Miner for directing the entire Rally and March set up.

Other than the March for Life, the District has not been real active in other programs during the month. We have been working on the Mini-Exemplification, which will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2007 in New Bern, at the Council Hall. I would like to convey my appreciation to the SK's who are learning parts for this Exemplification. Some of the regular members of the Exemplification Team are not able to make this mini-exemplification and SK's Mike Durbin, Leo Nieves and Colin Jorsch have agreed to learn the parts and take part in the mini-exemplification.

As is Every Year, the Fraternal Survey is due at the Supreme Office of Fraternal Services on January 31. As of this writing we are still short reports of 17 Assemblies, this being after I have contacted each Assembly to remind them of their obligation. We MUST DO BETTER. Reports are not requested but they are essential to the operation of any Organization. There is NO EXCUSE for not completing Reports and getting them in on time. If I sound disappointed, I am. I wish to thank those Assemblies who reported on time, but admonish those who have not yet reported to get the reports in NOW.

I am requesting each Assembly start NOW in recruiting candidates for the October 20, 2007 Exemplification, to be held at the Concord Mills Embassy Suites, just 10 miles north of Charlotte on I85. Assembly 2208 has volunteered to

host the Hospitality Room for this Exemplification. The response from the wives, at the 2006 Exemplification was in favor of this Concord Mills location, with the Large Shopping Mass only 1/2 mile from the Hotel and with a Shuttle to take them to the Mall. This Embassy Suites is Brand New and is the largest facility we have ever used for an exemplification. There will be no cramping for space. The Suites are 50% larger than the Embassy Suites, in Greensboro and there is a large convention center to hold all of our activities in. We need to have a class of 200 or more to make this a huge success.

**JANUARY 2007
SIR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

The January Sir Knight of the Month goes to a Sir Knight who has been a member of the Fourth Degree for 23 years, a member of the Order for 26 years. From the beginning of his Knightly life, he has been very active in both Council and Assembly activities. He Captains both the First and Second Degree Teams for his Council and often goes to neighboring Councils to assist in their Degrees.

This Sir Knight is the father to three daughters and one son. Today all of the children are either in College or already out of College. One daughter and his son are attending North Carolina State University, planning to become Veterinarians, following in their fathers footsteps. His son is also a Knight of Columbus.

This Sir Knights strongest trait is his willingness to help others. He makes weekly visits to a Brother Sir Knight, who is 85 years old, a World War II veteran, who is now confined to his bed, 24 hours a day. This Sir Knight of the Month, makes sure that his wife can get out of the house for a while each week and also tends to his Brother SK's needs. He also makes himself available to assist any other Brother Knight and his Parish and School with any needs they identify.

I could go on and on about the terrific traits of this Sir Knight but he would only be embarrassed.

The January Sir Knight of the Month honors goes out to Sir Knight Dr. Eugene C. Nemechek, of the Wilson Assembly #1899.

SK Robert J. Singer, PSD
District Master





PRO-LIFE

Brother Knights,

I hope each of you had a blessed Christmas!

There were two excellent Pro-Life activities in January. The North Carolina Right to Life Prayer Breakfast and March in Raleigh, and the National Right to Life March in Washington, D.C. The attendance in Raleigh was wonderful. It was very inspiring to see both Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Raleigh and Bishop Peter J. Jugis of Charlotte participating. There also were a lot of youth at both the Prayer Breakfast and March. This gives me great hope for the future of our nation. I would like to thank all those who marched in Raleigh and/ or Washington DC.



Color Guard at Raleigh Rally for Life



Bishop Michael Burbidge of Raleigh and Bishop Peter Jugis of Charlotte at the Raleigh March For Life

Annual Baby Bottle Program

I have already heard from some Councils that have participated in the Baby Bottle Campaign. Remember April 1st is the deadline to send your money in.

Lent

Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday (Feb. 21) and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying. This Lent let us storm Heaven with our prayers to end abortion. Remember our most powerful weapon against abortion is Prayer, so Pray, Pray, Pray!

Gifts

The two greatest gifts we have ever been given are the gift of God's love and the gift of life! Neither would mean anything without the other. These gifts are closely followed by the gift of his Son who brought with Him the gifts of grace, mercy, forgiveness, hope, healing and redemption. Through the Incarnation, we were all made the children of God. Jesus also gave us His mother to look after us and protect us whenever we ask. As Mary's adopted sons, let us always give thanks for these gifts. Let us also give thanks for the gifts of Faith, Joy, Family, our fellow Knights, and the Church.

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Prayer for the Unborn

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love You very much; I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

By Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Joe Bonomo - a Knight in Service to his Church and his Community

You don't measure a person by his stature but by the size of his heart. Joseph (Joe) B. Bonomo, a charter member of Jack Driscoll Council #8886 at Sacred Heart Parish in Brevard, North Carolina was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1919.

Joe married his childhood sweetheart, Francesca Fontana, in 1940. They have a son, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Joe spent most of his adult life in Brooklyn and North Miami Beach, Florida - working in electronics.

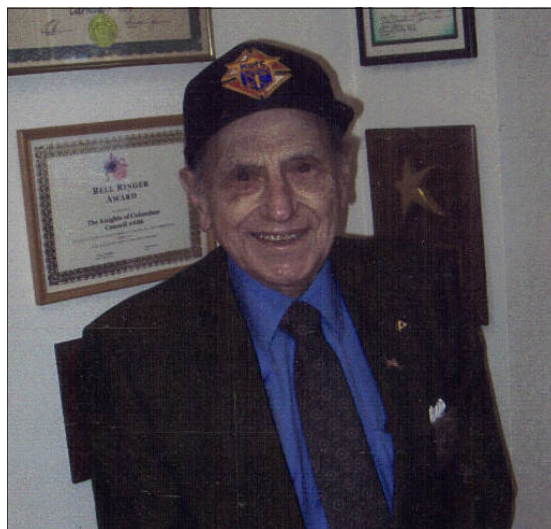
Jack Driscoll Council received its charter on February 18, 1985, with 32 members. Joe, one of those charter members, served as its Grand Knight in 1994-1995. Since then, Joe has been overseeing the Sacred Heart-Red Cross blood drives that are held every 56 days at the church. Under his "watch," 5,973 units of blood have been collected at the parish. This makes Joe a very special person to the Red Cross; not only for the many blood drives but also for the other work he has done there, most recently for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Whenever there is a Knight's project, Joe will be there, no matter how varied or challenging the work might be. In addition to working in the kitchen at the many Knights' breakfast and dinner functions, Joe is one of the first to volunteer for the Tootsie-Roll Drive and he has served as an usher and greeter at Masses, since coming to Brevard in 1985. He also serves as the coordinator of bearers and ushers at all parish funerals. Moreover, at age 87, Joe is still participating in all of these ministries.

Joe is very well known, not only within the council and parish, but throughout the community, and he is truly admired for his service to others. A true Christian and a true Knight of Columbus!

Cindy Bryson,
American Red Cross
Transylvania County Chapter

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Mr. Joseph (Joe) B. Bonomo



State Calendar of Events

Date	Location	Host	Description
February	N/A	N/A	State Per Capita due
02/03/07	Raleigh	2546	3rd Degree
02/15/07	N/A N/A		Deadline Supreme Semi-Annual Audit
02/17/07	Fayetteville	9847	3rd Degree
02/24/07	Winston-Salem	2829	State Basketball Tournament
02/24/07	New Bern	3303	3rd Degree
02/28/07	N/A N/A		Deadline - Articles for THK
03/9-10/07	Kernersville	8509	State Bowling Tournament
03/10/07	Mint Hill	12832	3rd Degree
03/10/07	Burlington	3498	State Free Throw Contest
03/31/07	N/A N/A		Deadline - Articles for THK
04/02/07	N/A N/A		Deadline Third Period Council Reports
04/02/07	N/A N/A		Deadline Golden Knight of the Year - to State Secretary
04/02/07	N/A N/A		Deadline Knight of the Year - to State Secretary
04/02/07	N/A N/A		Deadline Family of the Year - to State Secretary
04/07/07	N/A N/A		Deadline Newsletter Judging - to Tar Heel Knight Editor
04/10/07	N/A N/A		Deadline Scrapbook to a State Officer
04/13-15/07	TBD		State Officer-pre Convention Meeting
04/20/07	Hickory	6451	Chorale Performance
04/21/07	Clemmons	9499	3rd Degree
04/28/07	Pinehurst	11103	3rd Degree
04/28/07	Arden	8923	3rd Degree
04/28/07	New Bern	3303	4th Degree Exemplification
04/28/07	Raleigh	2546	State Softball Tournament
04/30/07	N/A N/A		Deadline - Articles for THK



DD Bob Hack's District 25 celebrated the Exemplification of the Second Degree at 10 AM on January 27th in the cafeteria of St Mary's School, Wilmington NC. Twenty-eight observers witnessed the Second Degree conferred on Forty-three Knights. Father Bob Kus, Council 1074's Chaplain, was the Degree Honoree for this Second Degree.



Chorale Opens Up Membership to All Degrees

In a move to dramatically increase membership in the Chorale, Director Joe Dick at the Mid Year Meeting, announced that any member of the Knights of Columbus can audition and join the Knights of Columbus Chorale. Henceforth, the Chorale will only wear the tuxedo and not wear the social baldric. For the past 15 years, since the formation of the Chorale, membership had been restricted to those who have attained the Fourth Degree. Much has changed since the time when the Chorale only sang at State meetings. Today, the Chorale has extended their reach to sing at Parishes throughout the State and have recorded a CD which has sold over 1000 copies. The Chorale welcomes any Knight who loves to sing and can dedicate a portion of their time to this very rewarding ministry. The only restriction will be at the Fourth Degree Exemplification where the requirement will continue to have to be Fourth Degree members.

The Chorale most recently lent their voices to the Saturday evening Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Charlotte which was the Mass location for the Mid-Year meeting. Sometimes the best of planning and prepara-

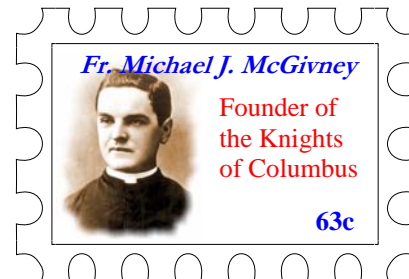
tion go astray. At the Mass, the church audio system failed in the two critical microphones in front of the Chorale just at the beginning of Mass. Like troopers in the annals of stage performances, the Chorale continued on and sang their hearts out, hoping to reach as far as possible into the congregation. Unfortunately, one microphone featuring the piano continued to perform well and the result was piano emphasized and voice minimized. The Chorale took solace in knowing that the Lord understood and perhaps smiled. Walk humbly with God!!!

The KOC Chorale's next engagement will be at St. Aloysius Church in Hickory on April 21 and 22 and on Friday, April 20, sing at the Correctional Facility. Council 6451 is the sponsor. Following Hickory, the next engagement will be at the 2007 State Convention at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in RTP on May 19.

If you would like more information about the Knights of Columbus Chorale of North Carolina, including joining the Chorale, please contact Chorale Public Relations at birdlady@buggs.net Copies of the Chorale CD "Mary's Child" can be purchased from Angelo Gibilaro at angelo@ec.rr.com.



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