



The Tar Heel Knight

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State Deputy's Report

Worthy Brothers All,
Vivat Jesus!

I take this opportunity to wish each of you and your loved ones a most Holy and Happy Easter. Please make every effort to prepare for a new beginning, just as our faith sees a new beginning in the risen Christ. Next Sunday we celebrate one of the most joyous mysteries of our religion. God bless all of you.

Well, it's almost here. State Convention. By now you should have everything submitted that was on your Grand Knight's Checklist. Scrapbooks still have a few more days for submission. This convention presents another opportunity for your council delegates to select State Officers for the new fraternal year. Please take this task seriously. When you vote, think about the future of our great state. Each candidate is the potential State Deputy of the future. Think of that when casting your ballot.

We have three month's remaining in the current fraternal year. Please remember, terms of office are not over after election, we all serve until June 30th and are responsible for our current duties until that time.

The current State Officers have some surprises in store for the next fraternal year. Be sure to include money in your budget for the attendance of council officers to the July Organizational Meeting. We have come up with a rework of the Council Recognition Program, which you will hear a little about at convention and the program will be rolled out in July. Greg Kent, current State General Program Director, has worked long and hard to improve the program. We believe it will be a great improvement over the current program and hope you will agree.

You will see at convention testimony that we do read

all of your comments you make at the end of state meetings. We have added another screen to be utilized during the meeting. This was a suggestion that several of you made and we agreed. Hopefully, now everyone will be able to see a screen without field glasses or having to move around the room.

Worthy Grand Knights, every year at convention there are a number of committees that need to be staffed by Grand Knights. If you have been selected to serve on such a committee, you will be receiving a letter from me in the near future. Please view this assignment as a positive one. Having been in this position in the past, I always considered it an honor to serve. If you are unable to fulfill the duties assigned, there will be instructions for you to follow to notify me of your inability to serve.

Since there will not be a newsletter in May, I take this opportunity to start thanking all of you for providing me with an "Opportunity of a Lifetime". I have been truly proud to be your State Deputy during these past 21 months and to represent all of you that are Knights of Columbus in North Carolina. I have learned a great deal during this experience and thank all of you for your warm receptions to both me and my family.

To the men who made up the State Staff, thank you. I could not have done anything without your help and willingness to serve. The District Deputies and Regional District Deputies have all served without complaint. They have been my right arm and I will always be indebted to each and every one of them.

In the June issue I will continue with the thanks to others, but for now, Thank You all for your support and friendship, even when there were differences of opinion. I have thoroughly enjoyed my term of office thus far and see no reason why it will not continue. I BELIEVE!

God Bless,

Bob Grabasky,
NC State Deputy



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North Carolina Knights of Columbus 87th Annual State Convention May 18 – 20, 2007

Deadlines are fast approaching.

*Have you submitted your Ad
And Made your Hotel Reservations?*

*(All necessary forms are on the
web page www.kofcnc.org)*

*Deadline for All Ads
April 21, 2007*

*Deadline for
Hotel Reservations
April 27, 2007*





Directory Updates

My Brother Knights of the North Carolina jurisdiction: Vivat Jesus. Again, greetings from Elizabeth City. If you have any changes to your respective data, particularly in the case of councils, a new Financial Secretary, please update through our state web site, www.kofcnc.org.

Fraternally,
Gene Tortone

STATE DIRECTORY CHANGES THROUGH 3/31/07

Page 5 – DD 21 Rick Seekins
Change Address to
147 Sherwood Rd.
Henderson, NC 27536-4052
Change phone to 252-438-8712
Add FAX – 252-436-2055
Change e-mail to rasofkoc@embarqmail.com

Page 14 – Council 4507
Add new Financial Secretary
Stephen E. Bienhoff
5706 Wolf Ridge Ct.
Oak Ridge, NC 27310-9686

Page 29 – Council 9709, GK Dave Vogelpohl
Change E-mail to dvogelpohl@verizon.net

Page 41 – Council 12025, FS Bob Povlock
Change address to
10330 Crestgate TER Apt. 205
Raleigh, NC 27617-1805

Page 43 – Council 12281
Delete Financial Secretary, replace with
Italo P. Rasteli
218 Hickory Ln.
Hampstead NC 28443-2531

Back Slappers

To the large number of observers that have attended Third Degrees. It makes a difference and demonstrates that You BELIEVE!

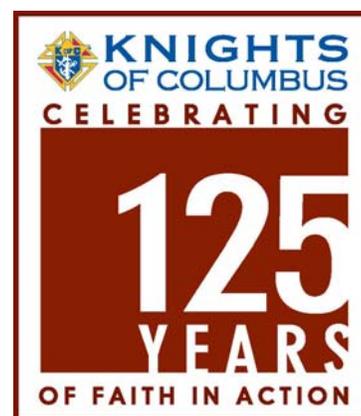
Holy Cross Council 4507, Kernersville, for a Great State Bowling Tournament.

Pope Pius X Council, Burlington and District Deputy #10, Pat Love, for another outstanding State Free Throw competition.

To all my Brother Knights for everything you do for the Order

SD Bob

Thank
You



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PROTOCOL CORNER

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

In my last correspondence article, we will discuss the proper use of *e-mails*.

In this day and age, it is certainly recognized that e-mails are a vital and important method of instant communications. However, they can be, and are misused.

Meeting notices and reminders, sending council newsletters and meeting minutes, notifying members of upcoming events and functions, and the normal day to day communications, using e-mails is certainly proper. However, the sender must be aware that some brothers do not have computers and/or e-mail addresses. Therefore, communicating with these brothers must be done using the old fashion "phone" or "snail mail" method. If using the phone, *do not just leave a message and consider your mission complete*. You must talk to the brother or his wife to ensure he gets the information he needs.

If there is a problem or situation, involving the brother, e-mail is not to be used. Pick up the phone and talk directly with him. Another method is to set up an appointment with the brother and sit down with him. The only way to properly communicate a problem or situation is "**One on One**". For many, this is the most difficult method of communicating an issue, but out of respect for the person, is the only proper way.

Many councils are trying to communicate with brothers who have not been very active in the council, whether attending meetings or various functions. I congratulate you for taking on this activity and letting all our brothers know how important they are to us and the Order. However, the first few times you communicate must be done "**One on One**". Once you have established a bond with the brother, e-mails can be used to stay in touch, but don't forget to pick up the phone once in a while.

Councils hosting a 3rd Degree: Do not send out the initial notice for the degree via e-mail. A letter invitation must be your first means of communications. However, following up can be done using e-mail.

As always, if there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally,

Dave Onofrio,
Immediate Past State Deputy

Church Director's Message

Brothers, this year as our Order celebrates the 125th anniversary of its founding by Father McGivney we highlight again our resolve as Knights to remain "In Solidarity with Our Priests." One of the best ways to show our solidarity is to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

This month on April 29th is the church's observance of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Annually, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter the Holy Father calls all the faithful to gather in prayer for vocations.

Grand Knights have received a Vocations Resource Folder from Supreme to help Councils prepare for this important event. Work with your pastor to help with the World Day of Prayer observance. Included in your Resource Folder is a beautiful full color poster and a Vocations Materials Order Form. There is no charge for most of the items offered. Your council may also want to sponsor a Mass or a rosary service for vocations.

Let us all look within our own families, to our sons, daughters, nieces and nephews for possible priestly or religious vocations. Let us lead the call to serve the Church in this worthy endeavor.

Fraternally,
Marc Turkaly
State Church Director





A Busy Season

Spring is an especially active season for Special Olympics local programs all over the state.

Here's a quick rundown of the counties where Spring Games will be held in April along with the dates, locations, sports, and the contact person. Please look over the list and make contact with the local Special Olympics people and get your council involved.

YOUR COUNCIL may make the difference for the athletes in these counties as volunteers are critical to the Spring Games success. **AND** isn't this a great time of the year to be outdoors doing something worthwhile in your community?

Robeson ...4/4...Athletics, Bocce, Tennis, Motor Activities, Softball... Swett High...
Lumberton...4/19...Softball...Parkview Recreation Center, Lumberton...
Betty Bridgers 910-735-2468

Cumberland...4/18...Aquatics, Athletics, Powerlifting, Gymnastics, Softball, Volleyball...
Methodist University, Fayetteville...Jamie Scruggins

Wake...4/18 & 19...Athletics...Ravenscroft School, Raleigh, Brian Philpott 919-807-8378

New Hanover...4/18&19...UNCW, Wilmington...Jonathan Batts 910-341-5876

Sampson...4/19...Athletics...Clinton High School...Dottie Mc Cullen 910-533-3450

Alamance...4/19...Athletics...Elon University...Amanda Powell 336-570-6760 X18

Onslow...4/20...Aquatics, Athletics, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Softball, Volleyball...location
TBA...Dot Hochstrasser 910-388-1462

Gaston...4/20...Athletics...Rudsill Stadium, Cherryville...Kathie Anthony 704-748-9311

Mecklenburg...4/23-25...Greg Morrill 704-358-1935

4/23...Opening Ceremonies...Marshall Park, Charlotte
4/24...Athletics, Softball, Motor Activities. Middle, High, Adults. Charlotte Country Day
4/25...Aquatics...Mecklenburg County Aquatics Center, Charlotte
4/25...Athletics, Softball, Motor and Play Activities Elementary...Charlotte Country Day

Brunswick...4/27...Athletics...South Brunswick High...Cynthia Waldon 910-371-1261

Greensboro...4/27...American Hebrew Academy, Greensboro...Charyl Clark 336-544-0578

Al Tinson
Special Olympics Chairman
ajtinson@earthlink.net





N.C. STATE FUND RAISER

With the weather getting better, are you starting to think about VACATION. So are your friends. Why not offer them the opportunity to win a terrific vacation, A trip to Alaska or Hawaii.

You still have two months to sell the best raffle opportunity in the state to your friends and relatives. To date sales seem to be going real good. I have had several requests for more tickets and received information that some Councils have already sold over 100 more tickets than they did last year.

This is the best fund raiser your Council can participate in. The Council has no expense and yet they can offer a wonderful opportunity to people to win a great vacation.

If you need more tickets, please contact me.

Bob Singer, PSD
State Fund Raiser Chairman
rjskofc@nc.rr.com
(252) 237-8007



APRIL IS SQUIRES MONTH !

Congratulations to:

St. Francis of Assisi Circle No. 4466
Charlotte, NC

Top Recruiting Circle in North
Carolina for the Fraternal Year
2006-2007 with 11 new members!



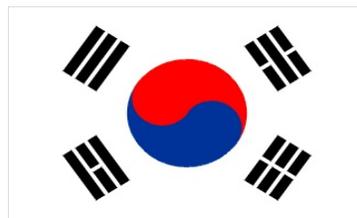
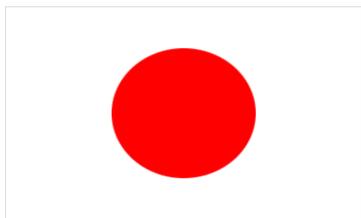
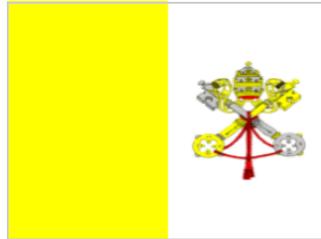
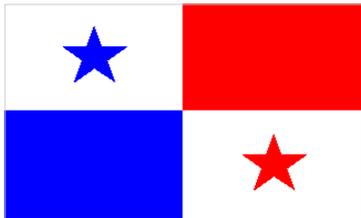
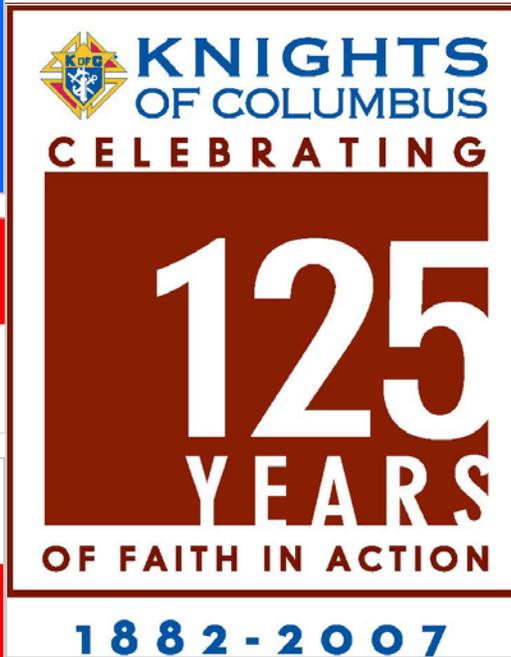
Thank You To:

Holy Cross Circle No. 4713
Mocksville, NC

For Supporting A Seminarian
Through The RSVP Program!

- As Reported in the
Knights of Columbus
Supreme Council
Squires Newsletter
March 2007 -

Thank You Fr. McGioney





District Master's Message

The April 28, 2007 Mini-Exemplification is coming along very well. It appears that we will have a nice size

class as several of the Assemblies in the eastern area of the state have advised me of up to 16 candidates from an Assembly. The Team Members are coming along well and I expect a very good Exemplification. My special thanks to the New Bern Assembly for agreeing to host this mini-exemplification.

I have sent, via e-mail and snail mail detailed information about the October 20, 2007 Exemplification to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel at Concord Mills. I encourage each Assembly to recruit from all of the Councils served by your Assembly. I would like to see a class of 200 Candidates for this exemplification. We have a First Class facility and will have one of the best exemplifications ever held in North Carolina.

As you know, election of Assembly officers is coming up very soon. Get your nominating committee to work and do your best to have an excellent group of nominees for this next year. You will also want to start thinking of a date to have your Officers installed. This can be anytime from June election to fall. I already have scheduled one Assembly installation and have had several queries as to available dates. I will be in Oklahoma from May 24 – June 1. Then from August 22 until September 4 I will be in Iowa and Missouri... I am sure that a former Master would be glad to serve your Assembly if you must use dates during this time.

I had the privilege to visit one of our newer Assemblies on Sunday, March 25. I attended Mass with the Chapel Hill Assembly then we had a very formal Brunch at the University Tower Restaurant, a private club, in

Durham. We had 38 Sir Knights and wives present and everyone had a wonderful time. I was able to present the Chapel Hill Assembly with their Charter and learn about their many activities they have gotten involved with. I can say that they are one of the most active Assemblies in North Carolina. My thanks to FN Lee Heavlin and the Chapel Hill Assembly for inviting me to this gala event.

On February 24, 2007, I was invited to attend the South Carolina Exemplification in Columbia, South Carolina. I was very impressed with their District Assembly and their Fourth Degree Team. They had a class of 132 candidates. South Carolina uses a different time table for their exemplification with Mass on Saturday morning, followed by the Exemplification and Banquet in the Afternoon. Then they have another Mass on Sunday morning before everyone leaves for home. On Friday evening each Assembly in the State hosts a Hospitality Room and they really have a social evening time. This was a learning experience for me and I thank S.C. Master, Roosevelt Cummings for this invitation and they S.C. hospitality.

March Sir Knight of the Month: Sir Knight of the month honors for March 2007 goes to a Sir Knight who has put in a lot of work to assist with getting the April Mini-Exemplification ready to go. Without the dedication of SK Ignacio G. "Budd" Rancautore, making all of the preparations for the Hall and Dinner, this Exemplification could not take place. SK Budd has made all of the plans for the location and the set up of the Hall. I want to give my special Thanks to SK Budd, for this dedication. I know it can become stressful at times, but SK Budd has kept everything in order and we will have a very successful Mini-Exemplification because of his work.

Robert J. Singer, PSD
North Carolina District Master





Family of the Month

Congratulations To:

The Family Of
Arthur & Patricia Collins
Council 3390 Durham

And

The Family Of
Dennis & Cathy Scheon
Council 7343 Charlotte

For Being Selected as
Knights of Columbus
Supreme Council
“Family Of The Month”
Awardees for January 2007

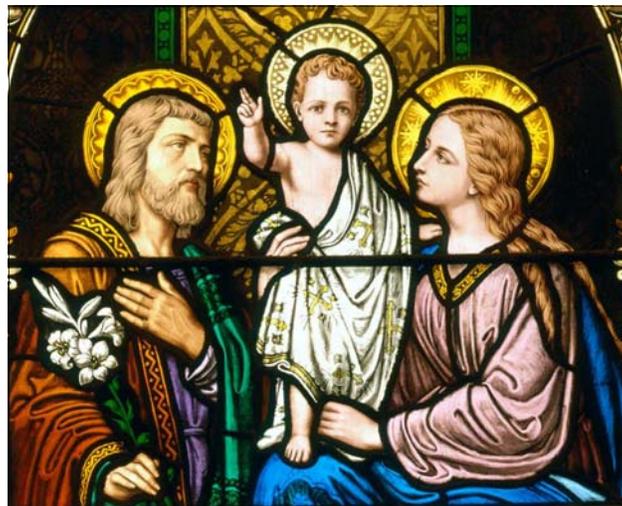
Chorale News

The Knights of Columbus Chorale wish all the Knights of North Carolina and their families a very Blessed Easter as we rejoice in celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

There is no greater joy than singing in the presence of our Lord at Mass. Perhaps you would like to join the Chorale as they offer their praises throughout North Carolina. An email will start the ball rolling.

Their next engagement is to join the membership drive of their Brothers of Council 6451 in Hickory over the weekend of April 20 and 21. They shall sing at Mass on Saturday evening and first Mass on Sunday at St. Aloysius Church. On Saturday afternoon they will give a concert for the retirement community at Abernethy Laurels.

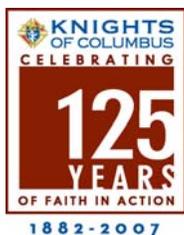
If you would like more information about the Knights of Columbus Chorale of North Carolina, including joining the Chorale, please contact Chorale Public Relations at bird-lady@buggs.net Copies of the Chorale CD “Mary’s Child” can be purchased from Angelo Gibilaro at angelo@ec.rr.com.



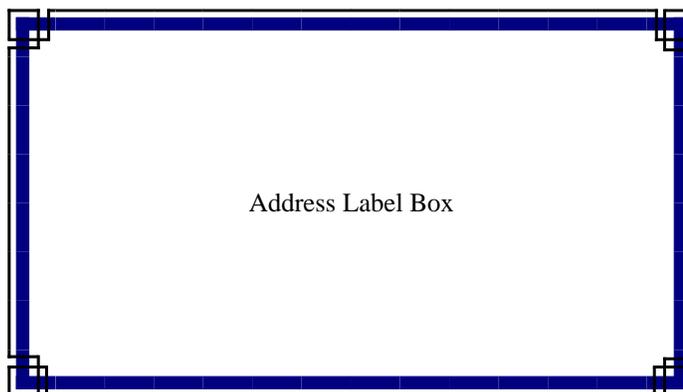


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