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From The State Deputy



My Brothers,
Vivat Jesus!

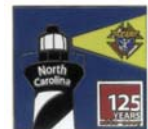


This is a special edition of the Tar Heel Knight to give you up to date information about the upcoming 88th annual North Carolina State Convention. This year we will be up amongst the heavens in Asheville, North Carolina. Tom Greenlee and committee of the mountain men and women have been working for two years on making every Knight and their family welcome. I have been to several of their planning meetings and it should prove to be an exciting time, with traditional, and some unusual events planned. If you have attended any of the State Meetings so far this fraternal year, you have seen updates and changes done to make every event more meaningful and FUN. The State Convention will be the crown jewel! Throughout this newsletter you will see news and insights as to what is to occur and how you and your family can make this a convention that will be one for the record books. My family and I are arriving a day early and staying a day later to enjoy the experience of our western highlands.

Review the checklist, make sure you have turned in your reports, turned in your convention ad, and made your reservation for what will be the finest convention during this "reign of terror" (Okay it's the only convention so far....but work with me on this one....)

C-ya in the Mountains,

State Deputy John Gouldie



Vatican declares Knights of Columbus founder "venerable"

Fr. Michael J. McGivney would be first American-born priest to be declared a saint

New Haven, CT - March 16, 2008 - Pope Benedict XVI Saturday approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The pope's declaration significantly advances the priest's process toward sainthood and gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." If canonized, Fr. McGivney would be the first American born priest to be so honored.

"All of us who are members of the Knights of Columbus are profoundly grateful for this recognition of the holiness of our founder," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "The strength of the Knights of Columbus today is a testament to his timeless vision, his holiness and his ideals."

Worried about the religious faith and financial stability of immigrant families, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with the help of several men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven in 1882 to help strengthen the faith of the men of his parish and to provide financial assistance in the event of their death to the widows and orphans they left behind. He was also known for his tireless work among his parishioners.

www.fathermcgivney.org



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State Advocate's Message

My Brothers All,

The past couple of months our Worthy State Chaplain, Padre Leon, has given each of us special words to help us in our daily activities. For the Mid-Year Meeting our special words were "Be Not Afraid" and in February it was "Courage". Perhaps another one we should all consider is "Preparation".

We should all be in the process of preparing to honor our Brother Knights for this years activities. As Grand Knights you are the CEO's of your Council, responsible for the day to day operations and activities. You know who is out front doing the work, supporting the Knights of Columbus, our Church, Council, Community, Family and Youth. Now is the time to have the courage to stand up and recognize those Brothers for their dedication.

Reports are an integral part of everyday life and we are no different. We need to hear about what you are doing, have done and spread the word of your good deeds. The Convention is about elections, reporting and rewards. Yes, we elect the State Officers, Delegates to the Supreme Convention and at our luncheon and banquet recognize those Councils for outstanding service to our Order.

The old adage, "to win it, you have to be in it", comes to mind. What better way to thank your Brothers for their hard work this past fraternal year than to honor them with the recognition they deserve. And how do I do this you may ask? By having the courage to take the time and prepare the proper forms to document those accomplished deeds and tell all of us about them! At the Mid-Year Meeting there were outstanding accomplishments by Councils across this State and they were recognized and received accolades for their performances.

I look forward to a very busy next couple of weeks documenting, sorting and forwarding reports to the Directors for the award selection process. Computers are a wonderful thing and help to cut down on half the leg work and paperwork that used to be done.

My challenge to you is to have the courage to take the time to honor your Councils and Brothers by dedication and preparation. Padre Leon's words "Be Not Afraid" ring out loud and clear!

On behalf of my family, a Blessed and Happy Easter to you and yours! My continued best wishes for a successful continuation of your term as GK and we look forward to a most successful Convention.

Vivat Jesus!
Jack Murray



Program Advertisement

State Convention Program Advertisement is the only financial means host councils have to provide youth and ladies activities, hospitality rooms and entertainment at the convention.

Councils, council officers, council members and business can easily support the efforts of the convention for as little as \$20 or as much as a whole page advertisement for \$125. This monetary assistance will help to ensure that all attending the convention have a pleasant and fun filled time of celebration.

Please solicit your officers and membership for remainder of March and up till April 5th. The form and contact information is available on the state website (www.kofcnc.org). Please help support the convention planners by acting today.

Thanks and God Bless,
Gregory S. Kent, State Treasurer





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.

DEADLINE: MARCH 15

- [] **ALL RESOLUTIONS:** Must be typed and sent to State Advocate Jack Murray.
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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.





Convention Mass Honor Guard

It has been a tradition in North Carolina that the Fourth Degree members attending the State Convention are asked to bring their regalia and participate in the Honor Guard at the Convention Mass. It is no different this year.

I would also like to extend a personal invitation to all of the members of the Assemblies in the vicinity of Asheville, to also attend the Mass in regalia. It would be my pleasure to have anyone from the local Assemblies supplement the Sir Knights who will be in convention attendance.

Please, give serious consideration to participating in the Honor Guard at the State Convention in Asheville, Saturday, May 3, 2008. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



Thanks and God bless,
District Master Bob Grabasky



Convention Entertainment

We are excited to offer some excellent family entertainment on both Friday and Saturday nights at this year's convention.

We will kick off the Convention Friday night with some home grown talent from your host city of Asheville NC. Bobby and Blue Ridge Tradition is an exciting five-piece bluegrass band that plays a unique mix of traditional and not-so-traditional bluegrass music. The band's style is clearly not your standard run-of-the-mill bluegrass. The band has a knack for developing some great original songs that are built around the group's sound. If you're into the classics, Bobby and Blue Ridge Tradition also performs a heapin' helping of them, from Bill Monroe to the Stanley Brothers to Flatt & Scruggs, in a style that takes the eternal classic bluegrass sound to the next level. The band is fearless when it comes to crossover material, arranging songs from the likes of Hank Williams, Bob Dylan, Chuck Berry, The Flying Burrito Brothers, The Newgrass Revival and many others into the well-defined framework of the band's distinct styling, making each song sound like it was written just for them.

Saturday night, after the banquet you and your family will be entertained by a veteran entertainer and magician from Columbia South Carolina. Mr. Ray Hardee has been performing for over twenty eight years at theaters and clubs in North and South Carolina. He is the house magician for the Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia and a frequent performer on WIS10 TV. He is excited to be appearing at this year's convention and is sure to put on a great show!

So, finalize your plans now! Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy some of the finest entertainment the mountains have to offer. We hope to see you all in May!

George Moody, Entertainment Chairman





SPECIAL NEWS FOR THE LADIES OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

2008 STATE CONVENTION
FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 2-3-4, 2008
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

We are looking forward to your visit to our wonderful part of North Carolina. Plans to make sure you enjoy your weekend in Asheville include :

- Friday Night - Family entertainment will be provided
- Saturday - Our Ladies program begins Saturday morning when breakfast will be served at 9:30 am with our wonderful Breakfast Buffet and a special Fashion show in the Overlook Room on the first floor of the Crowne Plaza. You won't want to miss these original hand designed outfits made by our models.

After breakfast, about 11:00am, you may want to board the buses for several tours we have planned.

- **No. 1** The Asheville Mall.. Department stores and shops for everyone's tastes. You can shop to your hearts content.
- **No. 2** Take a Trolley Tour. A 90 minute narrated tour of old and new Asheville with a stop at the new Visitors Center. It's a great way to see and hear a lot of Asheville sights and history by experienced guides.
- **No.3** Historic Biltmore Village. This area, located just outside the Biltmore Estate, were homes to many of the folks who worked at the Estate and have been converted to unique gift shops and restaurants
- **No.4** The Arboretum The North Carolina Arboretum offers beautiful gardens, a state of the art greenhouse facility and the finest Bonsai collection in the Southeastern United States.

You will be returned to the hotel by bus in plenty of time for you to rest, socialize, and get dressed before mass. Your tickets for the Breakfast/Fashion Show and one of the above tours are included in the price of the Women's Breakfast Registration.

Casual dress and comfortable walking shoes are recommended for the tours.

Saturday Evening; Saturday evening will be a time for us ladies to dress in our finest, be it short or long gown or pant suit, as our men will be at their best in business suits or tuxedo's to attend Mass and Dinner and to enjoy the wonderful entertainment after dinner.

Sunday Morning; Join us in the Dogwood room , while the men are at their meeting, and play white elephant games of bingo. The room will be open from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. There is no charge, so please join us for some fun and social get together.

If you would like to visit the Biltmore Estate , play a round of golf, visit the Grove Park Inn and it's fabulous Spa or spend another day in our beautiful city, we invite you to come a day early or spend a day after the convention.



Sincerely,

Rose Marcaccio
Chairperson, Ladies Entertainment





The 2008 State Convention in Asheville May 2nd through May 4th

The State Convention gives us the opportunity to gather and elect our State Officers, influence state wide programs, honor our distinguish members and councils, and meet fellow Knights and their families from all over the state. It is a forum where you can develop new relationships, share and learn new ideas, go to Mass together, eat together, renew our enthusiasm and just have fun. You do not need to be a delegate or alternate to come and enjoy the State Convention, all Knights and their families are welcome.

A few councils elect their delegates and alternates to the State Convention at their February business meeting; however, the majority of councils elect their delegates and alternates at their March business meeting. As a remainder to these delegates and alternates, the convention registration fee increases by \$10.00 after April 1st. Therefore, you should take the time to register before the end of March to avoid paying this unnecessary extra fee.

We need to support the State Convention not only with our presence, but by purchasing a Convention Program Advertisement. There are program advertisements available to fit everyone's budget, from a Name Line Sponsor for \$ 20.00 to a Full Page Advertisement for \$125.00. This year's State Convention Program will feature the State Officers and State Staff. Hopefully, it will be done well enough to make it a keepsake.

We encourage you to get your Council's and Assembly's State Convention Program advertisement order in during the month of March. Additionally, in the event a Brother owns his own business or a Brother is employed by a company that is a supporter of the Knights, we encourage them to also place an advertisement in the State Convention Program. Remember, the deadline for ordering a convention program advertisement is April 5th.

The income from the sale of convention program advertisements is used to produce the Convention Program and help cover any convention shortfall that might be incurred; such as, entertainment and hospitality suite expenses. In the event there is a profit realized from the State Convention, the funds will be donated to charity.

John Bateson,
DW16



2008 Knights of Columbus Convention Youth Activities

- Bring the children to Convention with you. They will have fun too! Saturday morning while Dad is in the Convention Session and Mom is having breakfast and enjoying a unique Fashion Show, the youth will travel to Asheville's Fun Depot where they will be able to participate in a variety of activities including miniature golf, miniature bowling, arcade games, go-carts and a climbing wall. A pizza lunch will be served at the Fun Depot.
- A trip to the Western North Carolina Nature Center is planned for the afternoon. The youth will return to the hotel in time to prepare for and attend Mass with their family.
- In the evening while the Banquet is being served, the youth will assemble in the Thomas Wolfe Room for an evening meal and then go to the Foxfire room for video games and a movie.
- When the banquet is over, they will be able to rejoin their parents to enjoy the Magic of Mr. Hardee.
- Sunday morning if they wish, they can join in the White Elephant Bingo in the Dogwood room for fun and prizes.

Tom Greenlee, Convention Chairman



AGENDA

**Knights of Columbus - North Carolina State Council
88th Annual State Convention - Asheville, North Carolina**

Friday, May 2, 2008

2:00 pm to 7:30 pm / 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Convention Registration
4:00 pm to 7:30 pm / 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Delegates Registration
8:00 pm to 10:00 pm ??	Bobby and Blue Ridge Tradition
8:00 pm to 1:00 am	Hospitality Suite

Saturday, May 3, 2008

6:00 am to 9:00 am	Convention Registration
6:00 am to 8:00 am	Delegates Registration
8:00 am to 11:30 am	Knight's General Meeting
9:15 am to 9:45 am	Youth Gather for Day's Activities
9:30 am to 10:30 am	Lady's Brunch and Fashion Show
9:45 am to 3:00 pm	Youth Off-site Activities
11:00 am to 2:15 pm	Lady's Off-site Activities
12:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Men's Award Luncheon
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Convention Mass
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Youth Evening Activities
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Banquet (doors open at 7:15pm)
9:30 pm to 10:15 pm ??	Hardee the Magician
10:00 pm to 1:00 am	Hospitality Suite

Sunday, May 4, 2008



8:00 am to 11:00 am	General Meeting
9:30 am to 11:00 am	Lady's Bingo



Hospitality Room Information

Who doesn't like the mingling and fraternizing and camaraderie after the meetings and the banquet? If you do, than we have some great news for you. The Hospitality Room with all the wonderful eats and treats and drinks will be located in ROOMS number 166 & 167.

Hours of operation will be as follows:



FRIDAY evening - 8:00 P.M. until 1:00 A.M.
SATURDAY evening - after the Banquet until 1:00 A.M.



There will be no morning hours.

We hope to see you there.

Joseph & Joan Ference, Father Andrew Graves Council #12233





State Convention Program Advertisement Sales

Once a year, the Councils and Assemblies in State have an opportunity to be recognized as supporters of the State Council by purchasing an Annual State Convention Program advertisement. Each Council and Assembly whose advertisement appears in the State Convention Program is making a positive statement about how they feel about the Order and the State Council.

Other statements can also be made; such as, the district that purchased a full page advertisement that basically consisted of five 1/8 page advertisements of the four councils in the district, plus the assembly that covers the district. This advertisement sends a strong message about the relationship between the councils and the assembly within that district. It is also cost effective; five 1/8 page advertisements would cost \$175, where a full page advertisement cost \$125.

Realizing that funds may be an issue, the State Convention Program advertisements are priced to fit anyone's budget. You can purchase a Name Line Sponsor for as little as \$20 or a Full Page Advertisement for \$125.

We encourage you to solicit State Convention Program advertisements from businesses that want to be recognized as supporters of the Knights of Columbus. Companies that normally do business with the Knights and companies that would like to do business with the Knights. Also Brothers who own their own businesses and Brothers that are employed by companies that support the Knights. Because 400 to 500 State Convention Programs are distributed statewide, this may be a good vehicle for companies to advertise their businesses.

This year's State Convention Program will feature the State Officers and State Staff. Brother Orrin Lundgren has done an excellent job in designing the 2008 State Convention Program. Hopefully, you will have the same opinion, which will make the 88th Annual State Convention Program a keepsake.

We have received State Convention Program advertisement orders from councils, assemblies, businesses and individuals. In January the advertisement order rate was essentially zero. In February advertisement orders started trickling in at a rate of one or two a week. However, since the first of March, the volume has dynamically increased. Remember, the deadline for ordering a State Convention Program advertisement is April 5th. For your convenience a 2008 Convention Program Advertisement Order Form is on the website www.kofcnc.org or Page 10.

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John Bateson,
Program Advertisement Sales Chair.



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**Greetings to all
from the heart of the state and Vivat Jesus!**

I hope this edition of the THK finds each of you well and looking forward to this year's state convention.

Just a little update as far as the Family of the Month program. We as a state are doing pretty good. There has been a couple more councils' worth of participation, but we still haven't knocked the socks off of last year's number of councils participating. Grand Knights, there is still time to recognize a deserving family within your council. District Deputies, as you go to visit your councils, take the time to promote this most worthy program.

Now for the dessert contest. Regional District Deputies and District Deputies, recently I sent out a reminder that you should be conducting your level of the Family Favorite Dessert Contest. Remember that the only hard line requirement is that two family members must participate in the preparation of the dessert. Hopefully, you have a contest scheduled between the remainder of this month and next month. I need the finalist from your regions submitted to me by the 26th of April.

The Regional winners will bring their entries to the convention where they will be judged by the state officers following the entertainment on Friday evening. The winners will be announced at the convention banquet on Saturday.

Peace to each one of you!
Colin Jorsch, State Family Life Director
cojorsch@aol.com



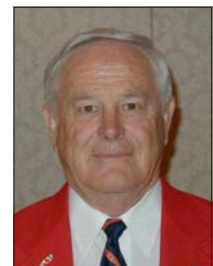
From The Desk of The State Secretary

The responsibility of the State Secretary in regards to the State Convention are many. The first item on his agenda is to make sure that all Grand Knights have a convention check list with due dates for every item on the list. The Secretary is responsible for all of the credentials of the councils that will be sending delegates to the State Convention. The State Secretary prepares all of the score sheets that will be judged by the State Officers for program awards, Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, Golden Knight of the Year and Rookie of the Year. The State Secretary is also responsible for mailing out the state per capita invoices and receiving the payments from the councils. All state per capita must be paid in full before the council delegates can be seated at the convention. The State Secretary also prepares the Necrology with the help of the councils and reads the entire list at the Convention Mass. This list is also published in the Mass program.

The State Secretary works very closely with the Officers, RDD's, DD's, Staff and the Grand Knights of all councils in the state. This can only be accomplished with the help of the Officers, DD's, and the Grand Knights...to make the convention a complete success.

Vivat Jesus,

Dave Jones





North Carolina Knights of Columbus
 88th Annual State Convention
 Program Advertisement
 May 2-4, 2008



Advertiser _____

<p>CONTRACT FOR:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Full Page, 8 ½ x 11 @ \$125.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 Page, 8 ½ x 5 ½ @ \$ 75.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 Page, 5 ½ x 4 ¼ @ \$ 50.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1/8 Page, 2 ¾ x 4 ¼ @ \$ 35.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name Line Sponsor @ \$ 20.00</p>	<p>METHOD OF PAYMENT:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check Attached</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cash Enclosed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mail Invoice – Commercial Only</p> <p>Remarks:</p>
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DEADLINE FOR ALL PROGRAM ADS IS APRIL 5, 2008