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## From The State Deputy



Brothers,

Welcome to July, the start of a brand new fraternal year! Just like in Bingo we clear the board and start all over again to make a new winner. Your leadership team is committed to helping to make this year one of the best in your council's history. Your State Officers are prepared to assist you in making the goals you have set for yourself and your council. Bishop Burbidge has given Padre Leon permission to serve us again as State Chaplain, to give us the spiritual guidance that we all can use to make us better Catholics, better Knights, and better servants to our family and community.

You will notice some new and old faces in the District Deputy ranks and in the staff. I am excited about the membership/retention tag team of Vincent Lombardo and Bob Hack, who are available to you both in the Western and Eastern side of the state to assist you in building a strategy of offering the opportunity of Knighthood to all eligible Catholic men. Look for increased presence at colleges in our state as our College Council Coordinator Tony McWilliams reaches out to these young men to join our order and become better Catholics as a result.

This year I am looking forward to many changes in our State. To name a few, we will be correcting the issues surrounding council reporting. The council recognition program is now more efficient but we can look at making it a more effective tool so we can all use it to better manage the activities within the state. We will be having the relics of the Mexican Martyrs tour the state starting at the organizational meeting. We are also continuing the fine work started having the ICONS of Our Lady of Charity tour the individual councils. A new emphasis on joining the McGivney Guild to show our support for the canonization of our founder. We will have an outreach program to the immigrants in our state, to get their families more involved in the church and community.

Look for yet another opportunity for recognition, Padre Leon is initiating a State Chaplain's award. Look for more details at the upcoming Organizational meeting July 11.

With your commitment to the Knights, I truly believe that this will be an exciting year for all of us. I am getting ready, how about you....?

Fraternally,

John Gouldie,  
State Deputy



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# *Congratulations Padre Leon!*



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June 9, 2008

Mr. John C. Gouldie  
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Knights of Columbus  
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Dear Mr. Gouldie:

Thank you for your letter of May 30, 2008 concerning Father Marcos Leon. I am grateful for the Priestly assistance that Father Leon has offered to the Knights of Columbus throughout North Carolina during the past year. I confirm the reappointment of Father Marcos Leon as State Chaplain for 2008 – 2009.

Please be assured of my gratitude for the apostolic work of the Knights of Columbus in the Diocese of Raleigh and my continued prayers. May Our Lord Jesus bless you and Mary, Mother of the Church, watch over you always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Raleigh

cc: Reverend Marcos Leon-Angulo, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Whiteville



# NC Knights of Columbus Family of the Year FY 2007-2008

## The Thoms Family Wallace NC Council 12921



Left to right: SD John Gouldie, GK Tom Wilders, ST Greg Kent, Honoree William (Bill) Thoms, Billy Thoms (son of Honorees), SW Mike Durbin, Honoree Alma Thoms, Andrea Thoms (daughter of Honorees), DD Denis Carter and RDD Art Schneider.





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARD FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS  
TO GRADUATING SOUTH BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

On May 15th, the Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 12537, Southport awarded five scholarships to SBHS graduating seniors. The recipients of the three-academic/service scholarships were Lacey Levin, Yolanda Ray and Elizabeth Campanello (Not pictured). Recipients of the JROTC scholarships were James Kurth and Kyle Mulligan. Grand Knight Joe Kinzer made the presentations and congratulated each recipient at the SBHS Awards Day celebration.



**Special Olympics and the Knights of Columbus June 6 2008**

4th Degree Knights of Columbus Honor Guard Opens the Event

Assembly 2254 Burlington with SK Joe Dick, PSD, FDM

SK Jack Murray, State Advocate





**STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**September 20 - 21, 2008**  
**Information Sheet**

The Brothers of Sacred Heart Council want to welcome you to the GOLF CAPITAL of the World - the Sandhills of North Carolina. We hope you will have the minimum number of swings and maximum enjoyment from your time with us this year.

**CHARITY SUPPORT:** All "TEE" sponsorships will go to OPERATION L.A.M.B. Councils, Brothers or businesses are invited to sponsor a hole for \$100 (Tax deductible - make checks payable to "LAMB Foundation of North Carolina, Inc." Employer ID # 56-2139696). Council donations will be credited to your council L.A.M.B. program, if you desire. Appropriate signage (yours or ours) will be posted on hole sponsored.

**FACILITIES:** We will play both of the Country Club of Whispering Pines Courses, rotating from Saturday to Sunday. If we register 140+ golfers prior to September 10th, we will use both courses daily. The CCWP Club House will host our Saturday evening dinner and Saturday and Sunday lunches.

**Giant Raffle Drawings**  
**\$1,000 DONATION WILL BE MADE TO**  
**POPE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
**SO BE GENEROUS IN BUYING GIANT RAFFLE TICKETS! - \$5per. 3 for \$10!**

Golf Package (\$130) includes: Two rounds of Golf (Green fees and Cart), Saturday and Sunday Lunch and Saturday night Dinner and eligibility for prizes. Non-playing Guests; Dinner only \$20.00, Sunday Lunch only \$10.00.

**Eligibility:** Knights of Columbus, Spouses and Guests are eligible to play. Only Knights may participate in Council Championship and Flight Awards. Special awards, gift bags, raffle prizes, closest to pins and "Hole in One" awards are available to all players.

Seniors (65+) may play from Yellow Tee's if noted on registration form, Ladies (separate flight if we have 8 or more players) from Red Tee's.

**Cancellation Policy:** Prior to ten days in advance. Funds may not be returned if cancellation is made after that date due to commitments with CCWP.

**Motel / Hotel accommodations:** We have many motel and hotel facilities in the Pinehurst / Southern Pines area. Villas of Whispering Pines (located next to CCWP Club House) - \$75.00 double - including continental breakfast. Rooms can be reserved (mention Knights) on a first come - first served basis. Rooms not reserved by September 1st. will be released. Call Lisa at Tel: (910) 949-3000 ext 370

For information and/or suggestions Contact:

Ray Gatti, Tournament Chairman,

3492 Niagara Road, Whispering Pines 28327

Tel: (910) 949-3715 or

e-mail: [ray&vandy@embarqmail.com](mailto:ray&vandy@embarqmail.com) or [vandy@embarqmail.com](mailto:vandy@embarqmail.com)



May you all experience the Golfers Dream:  
 A long, long walk to the Green with a putter in your Hand





## District Master's Message

Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers All,

June has been a month that has very busy for many Assemblies across the state. We have had Veterans Day and flag destruction ceremonies, parades, Special Olympics, the passing of Monsignor James Jones, a 100<sup>th</sup> church anniversary and a number of Assembly Officer Installations. To all who have participated, Thank You! You have taken the time to show others that the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree is alive and well in North Carolina, and express your Catholicity and Patriotism.



As of this date, June 28<sup>th</sup>, a number of Assemblies have not yet submitted their Form 186, Officers Chosen For The Term, to the Vice Supreme Master and myself. I have to believe as well, that they have not been submitted to Supreme either. The due date for this submission was Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Without this form being completed, the Faithful Navigator will not be receiving his communications from Supreme nor will the Assembly be credited with having held elections. It is not difficult! It can be filed electronically from the Supreme web site and copies sent to both the VSM and DM at the same time.

Speaking about new officers for Assemblies, many of you have not yet planned your installations. There is a calendar on the State Council website, enter the Fourth Degree button, showing dates that have been confirmed for this purpose. It is not necessary for you to pick a date that I am available for installations since there are a number of Former Vice Supreme Masters and Masters who are willing to assist with installation ceremonies. Select a date, notify me of the details and I will arrange for someone to be there. Also, when arranging for an installation of officers, please remember, that I will also be bringing the District Marshal or one of the Assistant District Marshals to assist.

In some cases, it may be beneficial for more than one Assembly to join together for their installation. This is a great form of fraternalism since it gives the spouses an opportunity to visit with other Sir Knight wives as well. We often work with members of neighboring Assemblies but it's not often that the wives are included. Something to think about.

Are you having difficulty getting enough men in regalia for an event? Did the Color Corps Commander invite neighboring Assemblies to assist? Let me know what the event is and I will see if I can help get additional men to augment your Honor Guard. We recently had such a situation in Henderson for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. James parish. Please see the note I received from the Faithful Navigator of Assembly 778, SK Tom Dupree.

Communication is so important to the success of our organization. If there is something going on in your area, the Bishop is going to be at your parish, the anniversary of a member of the clergy, etc., please let me know. If I, the VSM or another FVSM or FDM is available, maybe we could have some presence to show our support for the Fourth Degree. We can't attend if we are unaware that something is going on.

Are you recruiting for the Fourth Degree Exemplification to be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Embassy Suites Hotel Greensboro Airport? There should be further information contained in this month's publication. The cost for a candidate is still \$70.00. For this fee, the candidate receives his social baldric, the Fourth Degree emblem lapel pin and one (1) banquet ticket. Please remind all candidates that the tuxedo shirt must have a standard collar.

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### District Master's Report continued

Please mark your calendars for the Charlotte Diocese Eucharistic Congress to be held October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Charlotte Convention Center. We will need as many Sir Knights in regalia as possible. We are assigned a position in the procession immediately preceding the Eucharist, which is carried by Bishop Peter Jugis, Bishop of Charlotte, through the streets of Charlotte. Please, make plans to attend. Former District Master Ron Carney once again agreed to chair this great event. I'm sure you will be seeing more information from FDM Ron in the near future.

Finally, The Veterans Administration has announced that they will be opening 44 new Outpatient Clinics across the country within the next 15 months. Two of these new facilities will be opened in North Carolina. Robeson and Rutherford County's are designated for these new clinics. No opening dates have been published as of this time.

For all traveling during the month of July, be safe!

God bless,  
SK Bob Grabasky, District Master



### From the Desk of State Secretary

Worthy Grand Knights and Brothers All,

Vivat Jesus!

As the new year begins, we start with a clean slate whether you are an old or new Grand Knight, now is the time to form a plan for the next six months. Each of you should have appointed your Directors for the upcoming year. You should be preparing for your first officer's meeting of the new year. This will allow you to have a face to face meeting with each of your Directors: Church, Community, Council, Youth, Family and Membership. You should also prepare your plan of action with each Director for the next six months. The Membership Chairman should

have a strategy for the upcoming blitz and an ongoing plan for personal recruitment that

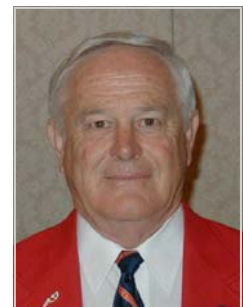
involves every member of your council. The upcoming organizational meeting will give your Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight many new ideas for programs and membership. This will give you new information to share with your Directors and Brother Knights. We are again this year going to have break out sessions on both Saturday and Sunday that will give you the opportunity to ask questions and participate in small group discussions. This will provide new ways you can improve, motivate and train your officers and directors. This training at the organizational meeting will prepare you to be a better Grand Knight and will give you the confidence you need to have a successful council.

You will have the opportunity to meet other Grand Knights at the organizational meeting that have the same objectives and goals. This networking with your Brother Grand Knights will give you new methods to add to your council programs.

We, the State Officers and Staff, look forward to meeting all of the new Grand Knights and reaffirming our friendships with the second year Grand Knights and all of our Brother Knights. The success of the organizational meeting will depend upon your participation...and enthusiasm.

Fraternally,

Dave Jones,  
NC State Secretary



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



## Squires!

It is with a heavy heart that I write my last Squires' corner as I am resigning the Squire chairmanship. I want to thank you all for the help you have given the Squires of N.C. by supporting the KCIC program. The benefit was 2 fold. You allowed the Squires' to have the money to fund their convention and other programs. Most of all you carried the true meaning of Christmas to our brothers and sisters. They did not have to send Santa and his reindeer, the snow man and the other non-Christian cards to family and friends at Christmas time. It is bad enough that society turned Christmas into a commercial holiday instead of a Christ-mass holiday. I know that I may have come on strong at times and sometimes weak when I addressed my brothers at the state meetings. But I believe that everyone has a purpose in this life and the Squires are mine. I can not do the job as it needs to be done because of health reasons. This may be the way the Lord said it is time to back off. I will not be out of the Squires completely because we will start a Squire program here at my council. When I took over the Squire chairmanship we were in debt and were loosing circles. Things have turned around we are out of debt and the councils are realizing the importance of having a Squire circle. They see the good the program does for the young men and as a source of new young Knights. I did not openly discuss the fact that I am being kept alive by a computer installed in my chest to run my heart. With out it I would not be here today. I sometimes have problems with that but so be it.

Chris Headley will take over as Squire chairman. I hope you give him the same cooperation that you all gave to me. I again want to thank all of you.

Joe Zegan



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## Supreme Director's Message

Brothers,

In April, the Supreme Council Board of Directors and many family members were honored with an invitation to the Papal Welcoming program at the White House, Papal Mass, and Congressional Catholic Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC. One word described the week – AWESOME. The Mass marked the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the expansion of Catholicism in the US from one diocese to five dioceses. The theme of the Mass was “Make All New in Christ Our Hope” and was very clearly defined throughout the Holy Father’s homily. An excerpt is as follows:



“I pray, then, that this significant anniversary in the life of the Church in the United States, and the presence of the Successor of Peter in your midst, will be an occasion for all Catholics to reaffirm their unity in the apostolic faith, to offer their contemporaries a convincing account of the hope which inspires them (cf. 1 Pet 3:15), and to be renewed in missionary zeal for the extension of God's Kingdom. The world needs this witness! Who can deny that the present moment is a crossroads, not only for the Church in America but also for society as a whole? It is a time of great promise, as we see the human family in many ways drawing closer together and becoming ever more interdependent. Yet at the same time we see clear signs of a disturbing breakdown in the very foundations of society: signs of alienation, anger and polarization on the part of many of our contemporaries; increased violence; a weakening of the moral sense; a coarsening of social relations; and a growing forgetfulness of Christ and God.”

Christ Our Hope!! The message is clear. As Catholics (as well as all Christians) we must be people of hope. We must spread hope to all that we meet. In our world, in the United States, and right here in North Carolina, there are people drowning themselves in hopelessness. Most of the problems that we have in our world are the result of hopelessness -- murder, gangs, drugs, robbery, abortion, immorality, suicide, euthanasia, terrorism, child abuse, etc. People give in to these sins because they have been persuaded to believe that there is no hope. The Holy Father stated (many times) that we are to be people of hope and that our hope is in Christ our Lord. Without faith in Jesus, hopelessness will prevail. The hope of being with our Lord in heaven keeps us focused on the ultimate goal of serving Him, loving one another, and distancing ourselves from selfish and evil ways. We must be people of hope. The world needs this witness. We must take Our Lord's message of hope to others. We must nourish our faith with prayer, study, and a dedication to serving others. It is only through this hope that we can love one another.

In his recently released bestseller book, “A Civilization of Love”, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson addresses this issue of hope and love in Christ. The parallel to the Holy Father’s challenge is striking. Our Supreme Knight quotes Princeton historian Bernard Lewis “There are times in the long history of the human adventure when we have a real turning point, a major change – the end of an era, the beginning of a new era.” Supreme Knight Anderson states that this turning point is the opportunity to build something great: to build a civilization of love on the basis that we are all “God’s offspring”.

My brother Knights, it is easy to share with you the message of Pope Benedict XVI and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the vision of the Knights of Columbus. It is easy because the message is the same. We are consistent with the Holy Father. Christ is our Hope. As followers of Christ, we must bring this hope to others.



Supreme Director's Message continued...

As Knights of Columbus, we are especially challenged to be the providers of hope. Our founder, the Venerable Servant of God Fr. Michael McGivney, desired an organization that could be a provider of hope for the family and Church. For 126 years, it has done this. The Church and people in the 1880's were also at a crossroads. Catholics were burdened with prejudice, attacks on their faith, the hardest and most dangerous jobs, and a lack of financial support in the case of the death of the breadwinner. Many Catholics were losing hope and were leaving the Church. Father McGivney knew that this was indeed a turning point. He conceived of an organization that could provide hope – a hope in Christ and His Church. And what a turning point it was.

From the very beginning to today, the Knights of Columbus provides hope through its insurance program. It provides hope to others through our many service programs. Our organization provides hope for ourselves, families, and others through the many programs we foster and support. We make knights better Catholics by providing hope for one another. When we stand "In Solidarity with Our Priests", we help our priests to become more hopeful.

However, in the words of our Supreme Knight and Pope Benedict XVI, there is much more that we can do. Be not afraid! We must be courageous and take this message to our members, families, and others. Christ is our Hope!!

John Harrison, PSD  
Supreme Director

## THE RELICS OF THE MEXICAN MARTYR'S



### Tentative Schedule -

- 7/11 Relics arrive
- 7/12 Organizational Meeting, Raleigh (State Council)  
North Raleigh Hilton
- 7/13 Siler City, St. Julia, Fr. James Fukes  
919-742-5584 (Dave Sampson)
- 7/14 Booneville, Divine Redeemer Fr. Christopher Davis  
336-367-7067 (Arturo Hernandez)
- 7/15 Hickory, St. Aloysius, Fr. Bob Ferris,  
828-327-2341 (Jim Rand)
- 7/16 Kannapolis, St. Joseph, Fr. Al Requelme  
704-932-4607 (Pete Devlin)
- 7/17 Charlotte Cathedral Need to contact Fr. Roux
- 7/18 Whiteville, Sacred Heart, Padre Leon,  
910-642-3895 (John Castillo)
- 7/19 Fuquay Varina, St Bernadette's, Fr. Mark Betti,  
919-552-8758 (Tim Hughes)
- 7/20 Cathedral, Raleigh -- need to contact  
(Bishop will preside) (Hadon Ware)
- 7/21 Relics depart



## The State Advocate Says....

My Brothers,

July 1 – a new beginning for us all! Congratulations to all the new Grand Knights and Council Officers. You have been chosen by your peers to lead your Councils for the Fraternal Year 2008-09. We (State Officers and Staff) look forward to working with and for you to attain your goals for the year. A little more about goals later on.



The State Officers have been planning the Organization Meeting since February and hopefully will have some very informative breakout sessions. We are utilizing successful past Grand Knights, District Deputies and State Staff to present interesting topics relative to you, the CEO & Leader of your Council. Why are we doing these training (breakout) sessions – because we listen and have heard your requests. Yes, there are some speakers and presentations that are required, but the gist of the Organization meeting has always been about training. What kind of support structure is available to me and how can I contact these people? – these are the things that will be introduced to you.

The S.O.'s have reviewed the Recognition Program and look forward to your semi-annual submissions and reports. Specifically, on Friday night the DD's and Staff get their directions from the SO's regarding what is expected of them this year and it will be relayed to you during your deliberations.

Communications has to be the key word here – and it will be all year. When you call – we will respond! It may not be a State Officer, but the person we feel can answer your question (s).

About those goals – everyone has a goal, whether we realize it or not. As the Grand Knight you should already have one goal in sight – Star Council. From there your programs should be in line to attain that goal – but you must let your brothers in the council know your goals. Communicate – communicate and communicate again until all are involved and understand your programs and goals. You will hear it again and again – **YOU CANNOT GO IT ALONE!**

Please remember, we are here to help in any way, shape, manner, etc. Please feel free to call or e-mail and we will respond. The State Directory is full of telephone numbers – please use them!

Good luck and God Bless you and yours.

Vivat Jesus!

Jack Murray,  
NC State Advocate



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Venerable Servant of God  
Fr. Michael J. McGibney



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Independence Day!  
July 4 2008

