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From The State Deputy

Brothers, Vivat Jesus!

This is the last Tar Heel Knight of the fraternal year.....where has it gone? There has been so much done this year, so much not done this year, so much that was good, some things not so good, things that I am very proud of, and some not so proud of.

Each and every Knight should be proud of the accomplishments this year. We have grown to over 14,000 men; we have added council 14422, the youngest in existence and in average age in the state. We have seen our Pope visit our country and we have seen our Bishops visit our state meetings. You have seen your state officers at more events and councils than ever before, you have had more activities reported than ever before. We have all done so well!

We do have challenges for the upcoming year. With your help these will be addressed. Your state officers and I are determined to improve our reporting system, determined to improve communications, and determined to excel in spreading the word of Columbianism throughout our great state.

What's next? Every council should be completing their Columbian Report (SP-7). Every council has done at least four items in each of our programs, so report it, and get that Supreme Council recognition! This is the simplest award there is. Your District Deputies are available to assist you in filling out the form.

The Organizational meeting is coming up. This is your jumpstart for the upcoming fraternal year. Informative and instructional sessions will be had for every Knight regardless of tenure and position. At that meeting we will also have the relics of the Mexican Martyrs arrive in North Carolina. These five inspirational men, Knights and Priests are an example of commitment to our faith and our order. These relics will be "on tour" throughout our state to various parishes. Look for the schedule coming out soon.

What can you do? Get involved in your family, in your community, and in the Knights. There is always a need for leaders at the local and state level. Make yourself available to help guide your brother Knights by word and example.

Call me for opportunities!

Fraternally,

John Gouldie,
State Deputy



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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING NEWS

The Organizational Meeting is coming up. The tentative meeting schedule is:

Friday, July 11

7:00 pm State Officers, DDs and Staff meeting
8:30 pm 2nd Degree at the Hotel

Saturday, July 12

8:30am General meeting and breakout sessions for State Officers, DDs, Staff, Council members
5:30pm Mass
7:30pm Banquet

Sunday July 13

8:00am General meeting and instructional breakout sessions for State officers, DDs, Staff, Council members

OUT BY NOON!

June 17 is the cutoff date for hotel registration. Hadon Ware and the Knights of Council 9709 are planning big events for this training session. They are planning events for the family for their entertainment while we get to work.

Look to the website www.kofcnc.org for details about this important meeting.

Communication tools

Have you used the “FORMS” portion of the North Carolina State Council Website? Just a way that you can do to spread the word:

Use the Calendar Input to get your council event added to the State Calendar. How about identifying those degrees, that charity fundraiser, that sporting event so others can join in. Fill the form, it will be added.

Use the Good of the Order to request a Sympathy, Get Well, or Congratulations card to be sent from the State Council.

In both of the above cases, please give us a couple of days to take care of your request!

ATTENTION ALL -

There is an error on the information sheet for the Organization meeting. It states that a lunch will be available on 13 July. 13 July is Sunday. It should read Saturday 12 July. There is no subsidized lunch on Sunday.

Thanks for helping us spread the word.

State Warden Mike Durbin





State Photographer Reminder....

Vivat Jesus!

Thanks for the year in pictures to all those councils and individuals who sent pictures for the slide convention slide shows, Now that a new fraternal year is beginning lets make sure this is one agenda item you keep in mind and when you have events, send those pictures to the state photographer, to the THK editor and to the State Webmaster. Lets make next years slide show representative of the entire state! Thanks again
Brother Knights!

SK Lewis McCloud, PGK
North Carolina Knights
of Columbus
State Photographer



various local community events have ensured a continuing strong bond between the Knights of Columbus these organizations who in turn care for and aid those who are the "least amount my brothers".

It has been my privilege and honor to have served as the State Community program director for this past year. I want to thank all of the State Officers and my fellow State program directors for their advice, help, and patience. It has been a humbling experience to witness the time and effort that these men expend throughout the year to fulfill the requirements of their positions. All brother Knights in North Carolina should be proud and appreciative of our State officers.

Thank you to all who I've met or corresponded with throughout the year. Sharing in your council's and individual's activities is an experience that will always stay with me.

Community Program Director

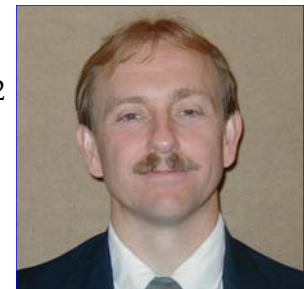
Worthy Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus !

This past fraternal year has seen many notable achievements made by the various North Carolina councils under the banner of "Community Programs". From rebuilding housing in the hurricane ravaged Gulf Coast to hosting an entire towns' Christmas parade, councils throughout this great State can be proud of the events they've sponsored and supported.

As always, our brother Knights who contributed countless hours collecting money for our Order's Operation L.A.M.B. distributions are to be especially recognized for their efforts. Organizations from the Special Olympics and local schools to individuals with special needs have all greatly benefited from your efforts. Thank you all for your efforts. Those who went the extra mile and volunteered to help at Special Olympic events or at other

Best regards,
Fred Myers
St. James Council 7152
Statesville
Past State Community
Program Director



2009 State Convention

The 2009 State Convention Committee met with the Sheraton people and the New Bern Convention Center people on May 29, 2008. All plans are currently in order and there will be plenty of room for us during all of our activities. All of the sub-committee's are working together and everything is going well, all the way down to babysitting. I will have a more in-depth report next month.

Danny Gennantonio, PGK
2009 State Convention Committee
Spokesman for District 2



Knights of Columbus
Bishop Greco Council #9499
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May 29 2008

Open Letter to All Councils:

Bishop Greco Council #9499 will be hosting the 2008 K of C State Bocce Tournament. We will be joined by Our Lady of Mercy Council #10504 and Santa Maria Council #2829. It will be held on September 27, 2008 at Miller Park in Winston Salem, NC.

I would like to take this time to invite all councils who wish to participate in this year's tournament to apply using the registration forms which were handed out at the State Convention on the back of the flyer. I would suggest that you reply as soon as you are able to do so as the tournament is limited to 32 teams this year.

Councils are limited to a maximum of two (2) teams per council if you wish to enter more than one. As stated on the flyer, all registrations must be in by 15 July 2008. If by the deadline we have not reached the required number of teams councils who wish to enter more than two (2) teams may do so. A notice of this will be sent to all the councils who have registered.

For those of you who have to travel a good distance we are contacting area hotels to negotiate a block rate for one night coming in on Friday night September 26th. If you wish to stay longer you will have to make the arrangements with the hotel.

Guests and family are welcome to come and watch and enjoy the day. Lunch will be provided on site but it is suggested that you bring some type of folding chairs to sit on and possibly a small folding table as there are none at the playing area. The entry fee provides a meal for the players but any guests or family will have to pay for their meal. The cost will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. If players are bringing guests or family we will need to have a head count in order to arrange for enough food.

A packet of all the pertinent information, instructions, maps and rules of play will be sent to the respective councils who have teams entered. As stated on the flyer this will be a double elimination tournament. Each match will consist of 3 games with 2 out of 3 winning the match.

Fraternally yours,

Bob Smith, GK Elect
Council #9499

Bocce Tournament





Membership Chairman Report

My Brother Knights,

VIVAT JESUS!

It has been a pleasure to serve all of you during this past fraternal year. As your Membership Chairman I have had the privilege of talking with and meeting with many of you. For those of you whom I have not talked with or met, I can only say your Council, District or Region is doing its job with regards to recruitment. This is our final month in this fraternal year, let's make it our goal to bring in at least ONE (1) new Knight to our Order. This would honor our founder, Father McGivney in this the 125th year of our Order.

I have talked with many of you and have found that one on one contact is the only way to get things done well, e-mails are OK but talking to a brother Knight has a personal touch and gets all the questions answered. Operation Rescue is that personal touch and is a great program which keeps all of our Knights in the loop. All of you know why we loose men, it is our duty as Knights to keep in contact with our brother Knights. Grand Knights, you are at the top of the pyramid; you have a great deal of help below you, all you have to do is ask and those men who stood in your shoes before you will help. I love the Knights of Columbus and all it stands for. That love needs to be passed on to every brother Knight and his family as well as every Catholic man and his family.

At the last State Convention I was impressed with the participation and enthusiasm that was expressed by all participants. I hope that you pass this enthusiasm on to the next Grand Knight and with your support he will have a great year. Remember that when he takes over the reins' he becomes the CEO and it is your responsibility to support his way of doing things and his new and improved ideas. The next meeting will be the organizational meeting where the new Grand Knight will learn how to organize his year. Remember how overwhelmed you were at that meeting? With your guidance he will overcome that feeling. I ask you now to give him your full support and cooperation.

I leave my office as Membership Chairman with mixed emotions and a hope that I have helped you in some small way. However, I will not be far away from you all and I will be glad to continue to help you in anyway I can. You can call me on my cell phone at 252-725-0091. My reason for not taking another position is because now Gem and I are spending 6 months of the year in Florida and 6 months in North Carolina. My heart remains in NC. Have a wonderful fraternal year and always do your best to retain your members and keep on recruiting new men. God bless all of you and your families.

Fraternally,

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Pasquale A. Wojciechowski,
Membership Chairman
PGK, PFN, FDD & FRDD



**Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Military Knights In Action

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Joey Koomen of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Circle 4457 in Charlotte NC, interviews Steve Farraro (left) and Chuck Alberto during a circle history project. Squires interviewed members of St. John Neumann Council 7343 who served during World War II, recording their stories for future generations. The circle also provided food for the five veterans who participated.

Former Charter Council Chaplain Fr Aidan Logan Cmdr, CHC, USN is in the news again.

Fr. Logan was the Council Chaplain for the Fr. Aloysius H. Schmitt Council No. 13220 at MCB Camp Lejuene, NC when it was chartered on November 25 2002.

(Editor)



Members of the newly chartered Commodore John Barry Council 14534 at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, stand with District Deputy Guilford Boisvert, State Deputy Edgar D. Haynes and Cmdr. Aidan Logan, CHC, USN, council chaplain. The council at the Naval Academy joins other military college councils already established at the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Military Academy and The Citadel.



Church Director Reports...



As we reach the end of our Fraternal Year I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every council that spent countless hours to initiate new programs, maintain old proven programs and constantly strived to make our Church Programs the vital part of our endeavors that they deserve to be.

We "Support our Bishops and Priests" and nothing better demonstrates this than the successful conduct of the multitude of Church programs that you have reported over the period of the year.

I want to congratulate you on your endeavors and for those Grand Knights finishing their terms a hearty "Well Done". For those of you getting ready to start your second year in office, I'm sure that your first year was a real challenge that you accepted and can really ratchet up the action with the lessons that you learned during your first year. For those of you who are getting ready to step into the breach for the first time, so to speak, always remember that there is a tremendous pool of talent available to you that can assist you in your endeavors. Past Grand Knights, and your District Deputy are great sources of wisdom. Use them.

Thanks again for all of your efforts and I wish you continued success in the forthcoming year.

Fraternally,

Dave McGuire
State Church Director



CHARTER PRESENTATION

The Charter for the St. Bernadette Council No. 14276, Butner NC, was recently presented to the council by State Deputy John Gouldie. District Deputy Rick Seekins, District 21, and Immediate Past State Deputy Bob Grabasky were also in attendance for this special occasion.





State Family Life Director

Vivat Jesus!

Greetings from Fayetteville. I truly hope this edition of the Tar Heel Knight finds all of you well in your corner of this great state!



It has been my pleasure to serve as your State Family Life Director for the 2007-2008 Fraternal Year. I have certainly enjoyed the growing and learning experience from reading the councils' reports of their events. So many councils across North Carolina have run numerous outstanding Family Life Programs.

Some of the smaller councils have reported conducting Marriage Covenant renewals, sponsoring a ladies' night out, family trips to all sorts of sporting venues, and providing needy families with food and gifts during the Christmas Season.

Our mid and large sized councils have hosted family Christmas parties, conducted dinners to honor the widows of former members of their councils, and sponsored a free bus ride for families to the Right-to-Life March in Raleigh.

It is my pleasure to announce that the First Annual Family Favorite Dessert Competition was held throughout the state, the Regional winners were treated to the banquet, and the winner chosen at this year's North Carolina Convention.

Finally, I am pleased to report that, to date, forty-six different councils in this great state honored families in their council by participating in the Supreme Family of the Month Program. Each month of this fraternal year at least one family has been chosen by the Supreme Council as a Supreme Council Family of the Month.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve as the State Council's Family Life Director. I look forward to serving again next year!

Colin Jorsch,
State Family Life Director

Congratulations to the following families for being selected as Supreme Families of the Month for April 2008!

James & Terri Piasecki
Council 7186, Apex

George & Mary Jo Moody
Council 8923, Arden

Robert & Janet Hack
Council 9039, Shallotte





State Directory

Council Director

Brother Knights,
Vivat Jesus!

Greetings from Elizabeth City. It's that time of the year again. We're in the throes of publishing our 2008-2009 State Directory. If you have not already done so, please submit your inputs ASAP. It's as easy as going to our state web site, www.kofcnc.org select "Forms", complete the Co. Directory form, print the form for your records, then hit the SEND button. Your form will be on its way to your State Secretary and Administrative Assistant

As of May 27th we have only received inputs from 20 or so councils. Looking forward to receiving your 2008-2009 inputs!

We plan on getting the directory to the printer by end July and publishing the directories mid-August.

The final changes to be published for the 2007-2008 Directory follow:

Page 10 – Council 939

Delete Financial Secretary Gottschalk, replace with:

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Fraternally,

Gene Tortone,
Administrative Assistant



The past year has been an outstanding; you have done a lot of amazing things that has changed people's lives. To the out going Grand Knights, thank you for your hard work and time you took to make North Carolina the best state in the order.

To the incoming or reelected Grand Knight it's time to look at ways to make this year better than last year. Here are a few ways that might help you as you sit down and plan next year's events.

1. Submit your officer's report on time.
2. Make a budget for the coming year.
3. Create a planning calendar of events. (This is a living document.)
4. Seek advice from Past Grand Knights, State Staff and Officers
5. Ask members to serve as chairmen. And let them do the job you asked them to do.
6. Be the CEO of your council; direct and guide the chairmen and you will have an enjoyable year as Grand Knight.
7. Make sure your council is represented at the State Organization meeting in July.

Remember that elected positions of the Order are referred to as "Past" and appointed positions are referred to as "Former" when their terms are completed.

For information on council activities it can be found in the "Surge with Service" book provided to each officer of your council. (Your FS received the Surge with Service books in the middle of May.)

You can also email me at waynekeven@earthlink.net any questions or comments that you might have.

Fraternally,

Wayne Kleven,
Council Director





NEWS FROM THE CHORALE

"The (NC) Hills were Alive with the Sound of Music"

The KofC Chorale celebrated The Ascension of The Lord in Asheville, NC, at the 2008 State Convention in May. The surrounding flowers and trees were dressed in their Spring finery in celebration as well.



A Great Weekend !!!

At Mass, the Chorale introduced the beautiful song "BE STILL" by David Kauffman for meditation. This song was sung at Virginia Tech at the memorial for those who lost their lives at the recent on campus shooting.

At the Banquet that evening, after the presentation of the colors, the Chorale paid tribute to all the armed forces with a medley of songs of each military service.

Join the Chorale at Mass at Blessed Sacrament , Burlington on June 14 and 15; and at the 2008 State Organizational Meeting at the North Raleigh Hilton on July 12.



Pro-Life Report

Brother Knights,

The feast of Corpus Christi was last Sunday; it is one of our Lord's

greatest gifts to us. We need to thank him for the gifts of His love, the gift of life, and that of His body and blood in the Eucharist. I'm sorry I could not be with you at the convention, but it conflicted with plans my wife and I had made last year for celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary.

During our Audience with Pope Benedict XVI, he blessed us, our loved ones and all we hold dear. With the blessing he granted a plenary indulgence. Because I thought of all the Knights in NC, as ones I hold dear, that includes you. July we are starting a new year for the State Council. With the new year you will be getting a new State Pro-Life Chairman (Ed Rogosich will replace me). I hope you give him the support and prayers that I have received over the last 5 years. May God bless you all!



Annual Baby Bottle Campaign – The Campaign for the 2007-2008 year has ended. The 2008-2009 Campaign will begin in July. Hopefully each Council will participate.

40 Days News – I would like to remind the Councils that with the elections this fall, the 40 Days Fall Campaign will be more important than ever; both in Raleigh and Charlotte. Council 10852 will support the one in Charlotte. I hope we can get the help of a few more Councils. Remember “Jesus was not condemned by the power of wicked people. He was condemned because of the silence of good people. Silence always helps the oppressor, never the victim. Let us pray that we may never be silent about abortion”. Speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Prayer - Remember our most powerful weapon against abortion is Prayer, so Pray, Pray, Pray!

Pray also for Peace in the world.

I would like to share the following reflections with you from Mother Teresa:

“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus... will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.” There will never be peace on earth as long as there is abortion. So while you are there with Jesus, pray for an end to abortion.

“Saying that there are too many children in the world is like saying there are too many flowers in the world”. When we look at all the diversity there exists in the flowers God created, it is no surprise He would also create the same diversity in his people. This starts with the unborn.

Please pray for them!



Thank you,

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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



2008 ORGANIZATION MEETING TO BE HELD IN RALEIGH JULY 11 – 13

This year's North Carolina Organization meeting will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton in Raleigh; Friday, July 11 through Sunday, July 13. Council #9709, All Saints Council of St. Francis of Assisi's parish, is proud to be this year's host council. This promises to be a great meeting so please register early to guarantee a room at the hotel. Brothers, you need to register for the Org. meeting no later than July 1. For all the people who are in town Friday night...join us for a good old fashion night at the Ball Park. Tickets are available to attend the Durham Bulls versus Rochester Red Wings game at 7:00 at the Durham Bulls Ball Park. Tickets must be ordered at the time of registration, at only \$9.00 each. Great for a family night out.

The Registration desk will be opened Friday from 4 until 9pm and Saturday from 7 until 9 am. (Meetings start Saturday at 8:30.) All tickets and information will be distributed at this time.

Get you raffle and 50/50 money ready – with over TEN different choices you will want to purchase many raffle tickets. How does a 10 Day Mountain furnished mountain home vacation sound? This air-conditioned, well furnished home sleeps 8-10 people. What a great prize to win. We will have 2 chances for you to win a 50/50 – one Friday and another Saturday. Drawings will be held in the Hospitality Room at 11:00 each night.

Lunch tickets for only \$10.00 per person are available in advance for Brother Knights and their families. Lunch tickets must be ordered when you register for the Org. Meeting.

Children and the ladies also have many fun activities planned beginning at 10:30am highlighted with an opportunity to hear and meet our wonderful Chaplain, Padre Leon. At 1:00 we have a real treat for the wives – a tour and film of Birthchoice in Raleigh. Lite refreshments will be served. This will be a memorable experience for the wives and older children. Birthchoice appreciates all that the Knights do for them; let's take this opportunity to thank them for all they do save the unborn child. Less than a mile away is Raleigh's pride – North Hills Mall for those who have the shopping urge. A pizza and pool party for the children will be available from 11:30 to 1:30. (We will provide the lifeguards.) A children's activity room with fun and games will be open from 1:30 until 10:00 on Saturday.

Fourth Degree Knights please bring your regalia to participate in the Honor Guard for the 4:00 Saturday Mass.

Look forward to seeing you at this year's terrific Org. Meeting. If you have any questions please get in touch with DD#9 Hadon Ware at skhewsr@yahoo.com.

Organizational Meeting Information



We Will See You In Raleigh!



Athletic Programs Chairman

Brother Knights and Families,

Vivat Jesus!

Summer is upon us and our 2008 State Athletic Programs are well underway. Congratulations to the Father Thomas Price Council #2546 in Raleigh which took first place in the 2008 State Softball Tournament which was held on April 26th. State Advocate Jack Murray was present and oversaw the action as the "Raleigh Blue Team" now has won the tournament three years in a row. The remaining 2008 State Athletic schedule is listed below. Please support our State Athletics and we encourage you to participate in these great upcoming events. Special thanks to the Host Councils that have stepped up this year. If your Council may be interested in hosting an event this year or in 2009, please free to contact me.

2008 "The Neely Cup" State Golf Tournament

September 20-21, 2008

Host: Sacred Heart Council #11103

Course: Country Club of Whispering Pines

2 Day 36 Holes Stroke Play w/Handicapped Flights

Mass: Saturday after 1st Round

Cost: \$130 or \$500 Team

Includes: Green fees, cart, lunch Saturday and

Sunday and Banquet Dinner on Saturday Evening

Pinehurst, NC 28374

Chairman: Brother Ray Gatti

E-mail: regatt@earthlink.net

Phone: 910-949-3715



2008 State Bocce Ball Tournament

September 27, 2008

Host: Bishop Greco Council #9499, Clemmons

Our Lady of Mercy Council #10504, Winston-Salem

Santa Maria Council #2829, Winston-Salem

Event: Miller Park, Queen St. Winston-Salem

4 Player Teams Double Elimination

Cost: \$10 per Player or \$40 Team

Includes: Picnic Lunch

Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Chairmen: Brothers Bob Smith & DGK Greg Harrison

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Bocce
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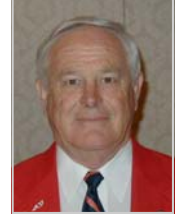
Fraternally!

Tim Whelan,
State Athletics Chairman

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From the Desk of the State Secretary



Vivat Jesus!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the State Officers, Regional District Deputies, District Deputies, Staff, Grand Knights and all of my Brother Knights for their support and help in making my first year as your State Secretary a year to remember.

The fraternal year of '07-'08 was an outstanding year in every respect. The way that every Brother Knight in this state handled the changes in programs, meetings, and break out sessions shows that change can make us better and expands our knowledge of the order.

The manner in which the Staff, RDD's and DD's preformed their duties deserve a big thank you from all of our Brother Knights. The Grand Knights and all of the members of our councils throughout this state did an outstanding job in reporting programs and charities for both Church and Community. Every council should be proud of our increase in membership and should never let status quo be a part of your thinking.

And finally, I must thank every Brother Knight in this state for maintaining the high ideals of our order and making this year a year for the record books.

Fraternally,

State Secretary Dave Jones

Squires Corner

Vivat Jesus!

Some council are starting to realize that a Squires circle can be a source of new knights. A squire circle is run almost the same as a Knights council. So a squire can become a knight for the sponsoring council when he reaches 18 years of age with all the experience he learned in the squires, he can just fit in to any office or any Job to help the council. A squire who has a Dad that is not a Knight can encourage his Dad to become a knight so that is another way to recruit new Knights. All it takes is to have a couple of Knights agree to be councilors to a circle. I am glad to see the new interest in sponsoring Squires circles and will help in any way I can. This is also one way to help our young boys learn the right way to live in this world without joining gangs or shooting up schools. Some times it takes both parents working just to stay afloat in this time. So parents need the Knights to help teach the young the proper way to live. It is a very rewarding job counseling a group of young men on how to live according to GODS plan and not the worlds plan.

I also would like the following councils to pay up their Christmas card debt or send me proof that they have paid so I can close my books on last years season. We are about to start a new season for Christmas Cards and I would like to clear my books so we can start clean.

Council #2254, Council #7343 and Assembly #1899.



ESTO DIGNUS

Joseph R Zegan,
State Squire Chairman





District Master's Report

Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers All,



It is my pleasure to inform you all that on April 21st, 2008, the Supreme Committee on Charters approved the establishment of our newest Assembly in North Carolina, Our Lady of La Sallette Assembly No. 3115 in Shallotte. Hearty congratulations to Sir Knight Robert Hack for spearheading this initiative and to Sir Knight Jerry Siegmund who assisted by gathering and completing the necessary paperwork for submission to the Vice Supreme Master.

I also extend my thank you to Sir Knight and Color Corps Commander of Bishop McGuinness Assembly No. 778, Raleigh, Sir Knight Haden E. Ware. In the last several weeks I have asked Sir Knight Ware to assist with the Honor Guard at the State Convention, lead an Honor Guard for the charter presentation at Council 14276 in Butner and gather and lead an Honor Guard for the opening ceremonies of Special Olympics. Each and every request was answered with a thank you and a message advising his pleasure and willingness to serve, Sir Knight Ware is an exemplary Sir Knight in my book. Know also that this man also serves as District Deputy #9 for the State Deputy. Sir Knight and Brother Haden, Thank You!

Forms, forms, forms . . . please be aware that we are fast approaching the deadline for the RSVP/ Plaque, Civic Award Applications and To Be A Patriot entry forms are all due June 30th. The Report of Officers chosen for the new Fraternal Year are due July 1st. Thank you to all who have already submitted some or all of these requirements.

I know this is only June, but I would like to remind all, that plans are currently being formulated for the **2008 Wounded Warrior Leave Program**. Please get this item on you meeting agenda and into your budget for this coming Fraternal Year. As in the past, the monies collected and submitted to the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter in North Carolina are used exclusively for wounded veterans who are hospitalized in North Carolina, in any branch of the military. Please, make plans now to support these brave men and women. Please don't let them down. They were there for us, now we must be there for them! Funds will have to be in Raleigh in late September or early October to secure the proper transportation arrangements.

For those of you who are making donations to Supreme for the Incarnation Dome, the checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus Supreme Council with the notation "Incarnation Dome" in the memo area. These checks should be mailed directly to the Supreme Secretary, Donald Kehoe, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06507-0901. An email to the Vice Supreme Master, Robert Singer, and myself advising the amount your Assembly has donated will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, in the next few weeks I will have the information out as to the cost for the 2008 Fourth Degree Exemplification for the banquet and ladies luncheon. Cost for candidates remains at \$70.00. The candidate fee includes one banquet ticket, the dress baldric, Fourth Degree lapel pin and Certificate.

If you have not contacted me concerning Assembly Officer Installation, please go to the NC State web site. There is a calendar available denoting dates that have already been assigned. If you choose a date that is taken, I will make every effort to have either the Vice Supreme Master or a Former VSM or Master perform the ceremony, depending upon their availability.

God bless you all and God bless America!

Robert J. (Bob) Grabasky,
District Master



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Message from the Vice Supreme Master



May has been a rather quiet month. Many Assemblies held great Memorial Day Programs, honoring our veterans. When I hear of these it makes me very proud to be a Sir Knight of Columbus.

The New Assembly report for the Order came out in May showing the DeSoto Province with a goal of 5 new Assemblies and an actual new Assemblies count of 8. I can add to this that since this report I have received notice from the Supreme Masters Office of 2 more new Assemblies being approved, one in Florida and the other in North Carolina. This makes us at 200% for the Fraternal Year. I am a believer that our membership will grow if we make it easier for members to be able to participate in near to home Assemblies. It will be hard for any other Province to beat our 200% record with only June remaining.

I have been receiving many copies of the Officer Reports, Civic Award Reports and To Be A Patriot Award Reports. I appreciate those who have completed these reports. I want to remind EVERY ASSEMBLY that your Officers Report is **DUE** by July 1, 2008. This report is Mandatory. There is no way that Supreme can send information to an Assembly if they have no record of who the officers are. First of all this is the responsibility of each Assembly. Secondly I expect each District Master to follow this very closely and stay on those Assemblies who have not yet sent in their reports.

Now is the time for Masters to start scheduling their Exemplifications for the upcoming Fraternal Year. Each District will have a mandatory goal of a minimum of TWO (2) Exemplifications each year. I can assure you that with the economy being what it is, you may have to schedule some smaller exemplifications, to be held in Council homes or Church halls. This will keep the cost down for the candidates and still allow the Master to make ends meet.

I will be on vacation for the first 2 ½ weeks of June, traveling to Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and Utah. I want to see these beautiful mountains once again. I will have my cell phone with me, but the reception in these mountains can be poor at times.

Wishing each of you the best for the remainder of the summer. Don't forget to keep your Assemblies alive and active during the summer months.

Fraternally,

SK Robert J. "Bob" Singer, PSD, FDM
Vice Supreme Master, DeSoto Province

Sir Knights in Regalia
The Visible Arm of the KofC





From the State Advocate

Worthy Brothers All,

Vivat Jesus!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you for continuing to put North Carolina on top! The support that we have received is overwhelming and we shall continue to support you as well!



To the State Directors and Chairmen, thank you for all your help and support for the Councils and State Council this past year. You were there when called upon and responded. We had asked the Directors and Chairmen for some new ideas and programs to enhance the system and they responded. Family Director Colin Jorsch stands out for his innovative Family Program of the dessert bakeoff. He was able to get a family to submit an entry from all 4 Regions and just watching the judges work together (I should say eat together) to select a winner was a hoot! I was fortunate to be present at an award presentation to a kindergarten student for her poster contest winning submission. The smile on her face, as she was handed the award plaque, said it all!

I would also like to express thanks to all of the Grand Knights, Officers and Councils for an outstanding year in accomplishing their goals. Padre Leon challenged us all with his "Be Not Afraid" and the "Courage" to take action and move forward. This was obvious by the many awards at the Convention.

However, I would like to point out that there is still one more month for you to work on your programs. Yes, you may be a Lame Duck Grand Knight after the election, but what better way to guide the incoming Grand Knight then by continuing to work towards your Council goals. If you are to be a 2nd year GK, congratulations are in order and you are well aware that any programs supported now will be credited towards the 1st reporting period that will end in the Fall.

Thank you for continuing to support the Knights of Columbus in North Carolina and God Bless you and your families.

Fraternally,

Jack Murray,
NC State Advocate



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Third Degree Schedule

June 7 - Garner 11266 - Fayetteville Team - CO Lewis



*Venerable Servant of God
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