



Supplement to the November Tar Heel Knight



Brothers,

Last week your council's Financial Secretary received a Supreme Council special assessment notice. This one time assessment is for a fund to defend the culture of life and the institution of marriage that we as Catholics believe. The funds are collected nation wide and will be used within our nation to take up these two causes of Life and Marriage.

Our Supreme Knight stated that:

Culture of Life Fund

The Supreme Knight addressed the 2008 Annual Supreme Council Meeting saying, "Today we constantly hear about change. We must remember that real change means building a culture of life and a civilization of love." He continued, "We are a non-partisan organization, and Knights belong to a variety of political parties. We do not endorse candidates for public office, although many of our members are elected officials. But we do take a strong interest in certain critical issues that affect our most fundamental values as Catholic Christians and as citizens.... And if we truly hope for a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love, then we must first think, and then act, in new ways." If we are determined in our commitment to build a Culture of Life, considerable resources will be necessary. That is why we are encouraging contributions. The funds will be accumulated by country and used in that country in matters affecting life, family, marriage, and similar priorities in building a Culture of Life.

Please help us through your prayers and donations as we endeavor to build a Culture of Life.

Some of our newly elected candidates may not share the Catholic views of Life and Marriage. Our prayers, activities, and funding should be redoubled to ensure that our voices are heard. Just as www.HeadlineBistro.com and www.CatholicVoiceNC.org gives us information about these and other issues. We all need to help finance the effort to get the word out.

Jack Murray, our State Advocate, researched this assessment to see how it should be handled at a council level and has a report in this bulletin for you. (Page 2)

If you have not seen the letter from Supreme, the one sent to Bob Grabasky, PSD, DM, and Financial Secretary for Council 939 is included as well. (Page 3)

Each document can answer some of the questions you may have.

Please take the time to review these documents, share them with your brother Knights and make a prayerful decision. A special plea by the Supreme Knight was also sent to each individual Knight asking for additional financial support. I am asking that at your next council meeting that you please remind your membership to consider a personal contribution as well..

If you have any questions about this assessment, please contact either Jack Murray or myself.



Vivat Jesus,

State Deputy John Gouldie

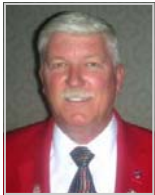




My Brothers All,

Building a Culture of Life – long a commitment by the KofC and support for the teachings of the Catholic Church. Yet we constantly see challenging trends to our beliefs and challenges in the courts to the basic structure of the family. The Supreme Council has taken up the fight in various court cases as “amicus curiae (friend of the court) in order to defend our basic beliefs. To aid in these various challenges a resolution was passed at the Supreme Convention in August approving a \$3.00 assessment per member of the Order to create a fund to be used for these court challenges. This will be a one-time assessment only and all the Council FS’s will receive the assessment bill. This is a “Specific Designation” and authorized by Chapter VII Section 52 of the Supreme By-Laws which reads: “Funds of the Order shall be specifically designated according to the particular purpose for which they are created.” The resolution was unanimously passed by all delegates present at the Supreme Convention in support of the Culture of Life. Where do we go from here?

CONTINUING THE FIGHT TO PRESERVE THE BASIC UNIT OF THE FAMILY!



Fraternally,

State Advocate Jack Murray





Knights of Columbus
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October 1, 2008

ROBERT J. GRABASKY
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Dear Brother Grabasky,

At the 126th Supreme Convention held in Quebec City, August 5-7, 2008, resolution number 302 reaffirming the Order's long-standing commitment to building a culture of life by supporting the teaching of the Catholic Church in matters dealing with life, family, marriage and similar priorities. The delegates unanimously voted and approved the resolution creating a Culture of Life Fund through an assessment of each member of the Order in the amount of \$3.00. Your Council assessment appears on this special assessment statement. The assessment is based on the October 1st Membership of the Council. This assessment can be paid in full by January 31 or in installments due no later than January 31 and July 31, 2009.

The assessment is determined as follows:

- Total Membership of the Council
- (-) minus Honorary members
- (-) minus Honorary Life members
- (-) minus Disability members
- (-) minus Inactive Insurance members
- Equals Membership to be assessed
- \$3.00 times Membership to be assessed equals amount due

The resolution also encourages members, councils, assemblies and state councils throughout the Order to affirm their commitment to marriage, family and the gift of life through additional voluntary contributions to the Culture of Life Fund.

Councils are encouraged to conduct activities which can contribute to support the Culture of Life Fund. These additional donations should be made through a separate check made payable to the Knights of Columbus and in the memo section list "Culture of Life Fund".

The checks should be sent to:

[Knights of Columbus, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326](#)
[Attention: Culture of Life Fund.](#)

Fraternally
Donald R. Kehoe Supreme Secretary