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## From The State Deputy



My Brothers,

Vivat Jesus!

Here we are completing Month Three and haven't slowed down yet. The State Golf Tournament, the Eucharistic Congress in Charlotte, Padre Leon installed as Pastor of Sacred Heart and Our Lady of the Snows, and the major degree cycle has started!

### **BUT THE BEST IS COMING!**

During October we have the Fourth Degree Exemplification, the membership BLITZ, and Columbus Day. Many councils use October as their primary period to do the street collection for L.A.M.B. (I know my council does!) Also, this is usually stewardship time in our parishes. So many things to get involved with, so many things to remember, and so many things that needs to be done. But let's not forget the most important thing, spending some quality time with our Creator. Padre Leon is looking for all of us to take the time for improving our relationship with God. Look for a KNIGHT'S Mass near you, maybe a retreat. These are all things we should be doing in taking care of our soul. As our State Chaplain has told me, his job is to get us to heaven. For some of us that is a tough job, but it is doable! Take a moment out of your day and pray.

Soon, your District Deputies will be meeting with your council officers to review your progress to date. Remember the change in council reporting? Please make sure you give us your feedback on the new process.

Your State Officers are planning the midyear meetings in January. I think you will find them very informative. Mark your calendars, there will be two meetings, Hickory on January 5 and Greenville on January 19 (we will have a special visitor in Greenville....more to come later). Both meetings will cover very important items, L.A.M.B. for 2008, Financial Secretary Training (learn how the IRS is "helping us out!"), and general information for Grand Knights and Program Chairmen. Details will be coming out.

Lastly, consider your BLITZ drives during October as a way of introducing the Knights of Columbus to your fellow parishioners. Every council should share the success of the Knights and ask that family to join us. Only by new blood can we keep the momentum going. Use every opportunity to invite men to join (hey, last Tuesday, I attended a Eucharistic Minister training/refresher session....signed up the coordinator at my own church).

Wear your nametag, wear your smile, and bring that interest form. We can each make a difference. Pray for our soldiers, who keep us free.

Fraternally yours,

John Gouldie, NC State Deputy



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## Getting Closer...



Brothers all,

Vivat Jesus!

The Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) at North Carolina State University has fostered a strong interest in its young men to organize and create a new college council. The group is closing in on the 30 member mark with the addition of three new collegiate Knights to the 1st degree on September 5th at Council 2546. Our business meetings are currently set for the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30pm with a social event tentatively planned for the 4th Monday of the month. Any Knights in the area are welcome to attend and share your experiences and wisdom.

In the short time since the beginning of the fall semester, the Knights at NCSU have participated in Service NC State where they helped others prepare over 300,000 meals for earthquake relief in Peru. We also provided assistance to the Run for Life that benefits BIRTHCHOICE, an organization that gives pregnant women alternatives to abortion.

We are fortunate to have been extended an invitation to attend the College Council Conference held September 28th-30th in New Haven, CT and will be sending Interim Grand Knight Matt Higgins and Interim Chancellor Tony McWilliams to attend. The State council has graciously offered to assist in helping our members reach the conference. This opportunity will allow us to meet other collegiate Knights from around the country to learn from them and apply that knowledge to the formation and operation of our council.

For those families whose son or daughter are considering NCSU as their college of choice and are interested in visiting the campus, we offer our assistance to facilitate the visit. Prospective students can shadow current student Knights to classes and around campus. We also invite those coming to campus to attend Mass at the Doggett Center and discover the opportunities that the Catholic Campus Ministry has to offer. For information on Mass times and locations please visit [www.catholic-ncsu.org](http://www.catholic-ncsu.org), and for families wishing to set up a visit please contact Interim Chancellor Tony McWilliams.

Fraternally,

Tony McWilliams,  
Interim Chancellor  
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## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Eleven athletes and two coaches from North Carolina who are members of Special Olympics Team USA for the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games were given a grand send off celebration on Tuesday afternoon, September 25 in Charlotte at the Heritage Center in the Founders Hall located in the corporate headquarters of Bank of America.

Family members and guests of the athletes joined SONC staff, Board members, Bank of America volunteers, USAirways staff, and staff and student athletes from Queens University of Charlotte during the celebration.

Each Special Olympics athlete and coach was presented a Laurel Wreath award issued by Governor Mike Easley in recognition of their participation in the 2007 World Games to be held in Shanghai, China, October 2-11. The athletes departed from Charlotte September 26 on a flight to Los Angeles donated to Special Olympics North Carolina by USAirways.

The delegation has already arrived safely in Los Angeles, where they will meet up with more than 500 athletes and coaches from across the USA for a SO Team USA send off party followed by departure on chartered flights bound for Beijing, China. Special Olympics Team USA will stay in Beijing for several days to participate in the World Games Host Town program which will allow the delegation to adjust to the time change and enjoy the Chinese culture.

Bank of America is the presenting sponsor of Special Olympics Team USA and has been involved with delegation send off celebrations in many of the states that make up SO Team USA. Sponsors of the North Carolina delegation include USAir, Unifi, McMillan Pate & Company, Crouse & Associates, Baker Roofing, NC Civitans, and Champion Credit Union.

ABC's Good Morning America covered Special Olympics Team USA's departure from Los Angeles on Wednesday morning.

To follow the successes of Special Olympics Team USA, check the SO Team USA web site at <http://www.specialolympicsteamusa.org/>. Currently, SO Pitt County, NC athlete Chris Richards is being featured on the home page!

Enjoy,

Keith L. Fishburne  
Special Olympics North Carolina





## Swansboro, NC 23 September 2007

Competition Champions Announcement  
Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

# YOUTH!

Ten boys and girls from the Swansboro area, ages 10-14, were named local champions of the 2007 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge and have earned the right to compete at the district level. The Fr. Vincent J. Mahoney local 7024 council in Swansboro sponsored the local competition at the Swansboro Municipal Park on Sunday, September 23rd. All youngsters ages 10-14 were eligible to participate and there were a total of 67 participants.

Julie Fisher was the 10-year old girls' champion and Gunner Tootle was the winner of the 10-year old boys' division. In the 11-year olds' bracket, Kierstyn Horton was the girls' champion and Christopher Barnett was the boys' champion. Twelve-year-old winners in the girls' and boys' divisions were Ashley Neal and Chase Beguin. The 13-year-old girls' division was won by Rachel Ferrell and the boys' McCackney Jeffrey. Fourteen-year-old champions were Ali Grass in the girls' bracket and Cameryn Cassell in the boys'. Each of these winners will compete in the district competition to be held in October with an eye toward moving on to the state and international levels.

Here are the names for the picture. From left to right and front to back ...

Kierstyn Horton, Julie Fisher, Gunner Tootle, Christopher Barnett  
Cameryn Cassell, Rachel Ferrell, Ali Grass, Chase Beguin, Ashley Neal  
District Deputy Eugene O'Dea, Harold Yingling

Not shown in the picture is the Boys 13 year old winner McCackney Jeffrey.

SK Lewis McCloud, PGK <><

North Carolina Knights of Columbus State Photographer

McCloud Photography Sales and Gallery

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### KofC State Golf Tournament

# SPORTS!

The High Point Council won the team championship at the 37th annual Knights of Columbus State Golf Tournament held recently in Jacksonville, N.C. Dr. Jim Ragno of the team won the individual crown as low golfer of the tournament. The team included Father Jack Kelly, pastor of Immaculate of Mary parish.

Team members pictured are left to right: Dr. Jim Ragno, Joe Kushner, Joe Hughes, Jim Neely, Rick Boedicker, Joe Dominick, Joe Skee, Joe Deering, Ron Money & Father Kelly.

Fraternally,

Jim Neely  
PSD, FVSM



### BOCCE TOURNAMENT

My Brothers All,

I'm sorry to say that due to the lack of interest this year in the BOCCE Tournament, I am cancelling it. Maybe we can do a little more in promoting it next year and get the interest back, but for this year it's called off.

Fraternally,

Vince Lombardo, Tournament Chairman  
Tim Whelan, NC State Athletics Chairman





**EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME  
BLITZ!**



Brothers All,  
  
Vivat Jesus!


This is the month for holding your membership recruitment drive, THE BLITZ. By this time you should have all of your preparations done, set a date and have contacted all Knights in your council. The BLITZ is the first step in your quest for new members; having an open house for prospects and their families should follow your BLITZ. You should also schedule a 1st Degree exemplification to immediately bring these new members into our Order.

The next most important thing to do is report the results of your recruitment drive. I know that all councils cannot hold the BLITZ during the weekend of October 6-7. If you held your event prior to or after that date, including the last weekend of October, report your numbers to your District Deputy. Please be mindful of the deadlines, which must be met at all levels of reporting. This year the District Deputies will report their numbers to the State Warden, Mike Durbin.

The BLITZ can have many advantages other than recruiting new Knights. One of the advantages is the opportunity to have personal contact with each and every Knight, (OPERATION RESCUE). These contacts can increase and improve membership participation in other council activities. Another advantage is the increase in advertising and promotional information that is being passed to your parishioners and the public at large. This is the time to toot your horn about your outstanding service programs for the church and community.

Good luck with your recruitment drive and keep in mind (I BELIEVE). If you believe in what our organization stands for, and in Father Michael J. McGivney's dream, your BLITZ will be a success.

Fraternally,  
Pat Wojciechowski  
Membership Chairman

 <b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b> <small>IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.</small>	<b>THE MAN WHO STANDS WITH US NEVER STANDS ALONE.</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. <input type="checkbox"/> I desire some information regarding membership in the Knights of Columbus. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a former member interested in rejoining the Knights of Columbus.
Name: _____ Street Address: _____ City: _____ State or Province: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Parish: _____ E-Mail: _____ Best time to contact: _____	
<small>FORM 921A - 10/04</small>	

*Membership  
Begins Here!*





## STATE DIRECTORY

Brother Knights of North Carolina,

Vivat Jesus! Greetings from Elizabeth City.

Again, please review your state directories. If any data needs to be updated, please go to our state web site [www.kofcnc.org](http://www.kofcnc.org), select forms, and submit your change. Changes received through September 29th follow

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Financial Secretary Fred Winner

Change phone to 252-459-4332

Change e-mail to [KE4LXW@touchnc.net](mailto:KE4LXW@touchnc.net)

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Delete Financial Secretary, replace with  
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## Special Olympics Help

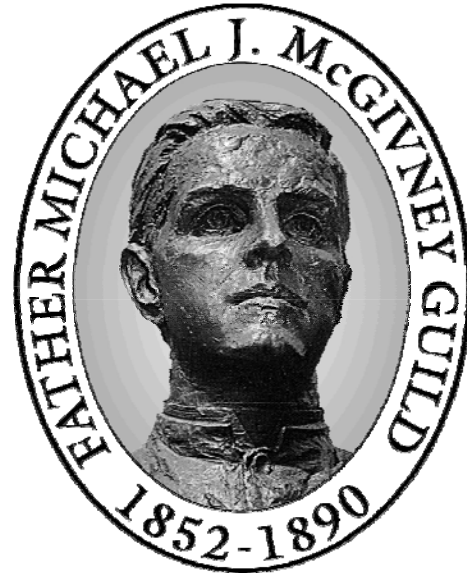
Enroll in Macy's Thanks For Sharing program and Support Special Olympics North Carolina this holiday season, September 19 - December 31, 2007!

For a \$25 fee charged to your Macy's Card you will receive a Macy's gift card worth 10% of the total you spend during the holiday season. For each Thanks for Sharing program member, Macy's donates \$10 to charity.

Macy's Thanks for Sharing Campaign will help support more than 38,000 Special Olympics North Carolina athletes across the state. Thank you for making our athletes' dreams a reality!



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Are You A Member?

If So - Thank You!

If Not - Why?

Contact The  
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Marc Turkaly

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For Even More Information:

[www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org)



## Fr. McGivney Guild

Brothers all,

I want to thank all the Knights who have joined the Father McGivney Guild. Membership continues to grow but there is still a ways to go to reach our goal. When ever I mention the Guild people are glad to join but I can't reach all of you individually so I'm counting on you who read this to go to [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) and sign up. There is no charge to join, and should the day come when our founder is canonized it is going to be very special to be a member of the guild. You will receive a periodic newsletter with the latest information on Father McGivney's cause. As our State Deputy has asked, if there are 14,000 Knights in North Carolina why isn't there 10,000 members in the guild?

Father Gabriel O'Donnell, the Guild Director, stated in the last Guild newsletter that when Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican Secretary of State, was at the Supreme Convention in Nashville he spoke of his recognition that Father McGivney's cause is of important pastoral significance for the Church in North America and for Knights around the world. The cardinal expressed his intention to support the cause in Rome, where it is under review by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. That is certainly good news for all of us.

If you haven't gotten around to joining yet, remember the Nike commercial – JUST DO IT!

Fraternally,  
 Marc Turkaly  
 State Father McGivney Guild Chairman



Congratulations To:

The Family Of  
**James & Sheila Storey**  
 Council 3390 Durham

For Being Selected as  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Supreme Council  
 "Family Of The Month"  
 Awardee for August 2007

Twenty-two Councils in North Carolina submitted "Family of the Month" forms to the Supreme Council for the month of August.



Padre Leon sends his blessings to all!

**DISTRICT****MASTER'S MESSAGE**

Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers All,

The month of September has been extremely busy for this newly appointed District Master. As most of you are aware, for the last eight years, I had been totally immersed in the workings of the Order from the Council level. This past month I have been boning up on the workings of the Assemblies and my duties for this current position. It has been a few years since I was an Assembly officer and a Faithful Navigator.

I have been reading, thinking and asking some questions. I have to say, that everyone I have had contact with has been very helpful and understanding. Most of all, our Vice Supreme Master has been there every step of the way to ensure that I have all of the information I need. The staff members also are only too willing to lend a hand as you will see if you attend the upcoming Exemplification in Concord.

Speaking of the Exemplification, the date is Saturday, October 20th. As of this writing, All Form 4's, along with the correct fees should be sent to the Vice Supreme Master, Bob Singer. Please have the check drawn and sent in as soon as possible. There is a huge amount of work to be done prior to the Exemplification and the sooner we are aware of the names of the candidates, we can begin that phase of the preparations.

I will continue the practice that Bob had started with recognizing a Sir Knight each month. As stated above, I have been a little overwhelmed and quite busy this past month and time has gotten away from me and therefore do not have that person's name for this month. I will entertain any nominations from the assemblies. To do so, please send a bio on the Sir Knight and why you would like him to be recognized as the Sir Knight of the Month. I'm not looking for a history book only a page or two will be sufficient.

I would like to thank the Sir Knights from the Great Smokey Mountain Assembly, No. 3001, in Maggie Valley, the council members, and especially the Faithful Navigator, Dick Hamel and his wife Marion, for their wonderful hospitality on the weekend of the assembly Installation of Officers. The VSM, his wife Marge and I were treated like family and we all felt very much at home. Thank you all.

My thanks also to FDM Ron Carney, for all of his hard work in coordinating the Fourth Degree for the Eucharistic Congress in Charlotte and making it a great success. And to all of the Sir Knights who attended in their regalia. This was a wonderful showing of the "visible arm" of the Order.

If you don't yet have regalia, please consider it again. Borrow some regalia from a Brother Sir Knight and participate in one or two events with the Honor Guard. I think you will be hooked. We do "On The Job Training" plus it is a lot of fun!

As you read this, I will be just returned from my first official Vice Supreme Master's meeting. I'll give a report next month.

Please, keep our military in your prayers. It costs nothing but a few moments of your time, but the rewards are plentiful.

God Bless,

SK Robert J. Grabasky, PSD  
NC District Master





## PRO-LIFE

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

**Remember, October is Pro-Life month!**

From: Alton Pelowski - Managing Editor,  
Columbia/Knightline

“Sept. 26 marked the launch of the nationwide “40 Days for Life” Campaign. Forty-day peaceful prayer vigils have commenced outside abortion facilities in approximately 80 communities in 33 states. Additionally, people throughout the country are encouraged to pray and fast for an end to abortion, and grassroots educational efforts are underway in the sponsoring communities. It is the “largest simultaneous pro-life mobilization in American history,” according to campaign director David Berit. The 40 Days for Life concludes Nov. 4.”

In Charlotte please contact Jason M. Beckert - Campaign Coordinator:

E-mail addresses:

[jason\\_beckert@ml.com](mailto:jason_beckert@ml.com) (Preferred)

Phone numbers:

800-937-0406 (Business)

704-362-3328 (Personal)

Work address:

(SOUTH PARK/CHARLOTTE XAB 571)

Charlotte, NC

### Baby Bottle Campaign

Step by step guide for the Baby Bottle Campaign. If your Council needs a copy, you may download one from the State Council website [www.kofcnc.org](http://www.kofcnc.org) or request one by contacting me by mail or email for a hard copy. If you want a hard copy, be sure to include your name, address, and Council number.

Remember, if your Council wants to receive the Honor Council Award, they must do one of the following:

Participate in a Mass for Life.

Participate as a Council in the Raleigh “March

for Life” in January.

Participate in the Washington “March for Life”, also in January.

This does not mean your Council cannot do more than one, but one is required.

### The Culture of Life News



GK Richard White, St. Matthew Council 10852, is pictured presenting a check for \$5,000 from the St. Matthew Knights of Columbus to Jeannie Wray, Executive Director of Room at the Inn, as part of the North Carolina Knights of Columbus Pro-Life "Baby Bottle" Campaign.

Barbara Holt, Pres. - NC RTL is requesting a special gift from the N. C. Knights of Columbus because their donations have not kept pace with their expenses and they find themselves \$10,000 in debt. They must pay their bills immediately so that they can get busy implementing their plans for their upcoming Prayer Breakfast for Life and the annual Rally and March for Life on January 12, 2008, and for other life-saving and life-affirming projects. In 2008, they will celebrate their 35th anniversary of being a voice for the voiceless and are planning an Anniversary Banquet for April. In 2009, they will be co-hosting the National Right to Life Convention which will take place in June, 2009 in Charlotte at the Blake Hotel”.

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

John Wigger, Pro-Life Chairman

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**KofC CHORALE LEND THEIR VOICES TO A KNIGHT'S CELEBRATION AT NEWTON GROVE**



**Knights in song at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church established in 1872**



**Newest Chorale Members Matthew White, attending Elon College, and Joe Culkin of Wilson joined in the celebration.**



**District Friar Navy Capt. Wm. Lesak of Cherry Point, here greeted by Director Joe Dick, demonstrates the close ties between our Priests, our Knights and our Troops.**

**Father Ned Shlesinger, Diocese Director of Vocations, former Pastor and Assembly Friar celebrated the Mass with Father Lesak as concelebrant.**

**Join the Chorale at Mass at IHM, High Point on October 6 and 7; the Fourth Degree Exemplification, Concord Mills on October 20 and St. Bernadette, Fuquay-Varina on December 1.**



### The Wheelchair Foundation

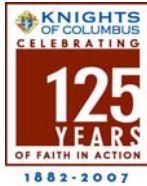
The Knights of Columbus have joined the Wheelchair Foundation in providing free wheelchairs to children, teens and adults worldwide who are without mobility and cannot afford a wheelchair. Hope, Mobility, Freedom and Independence are being given to people deprived of mobility by war, disease, accident, natural disaster and advanced age.

For a donation of \$150.00, councils, assemblies and circles are invited to join this organization that has distributed over 580,034 wheelchairs since June 2000 to over 150 countries and geographical locations.

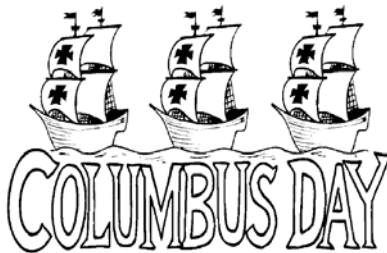
If you want more information go to [www.wheelchairfoundation.org](http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org) or just call me for information. I have DVD's, pamphlets, newsletters and other materials to help you decide to make a difference in this world. The program was also featured in the March 2006 edition of "Columbia".

Thank you!

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