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November 14, 2007

Dear Brother Knights,

I write to you on the joyous occasion of the 125th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus. It is a time for all of us to celebrate what the Lord has done both through our faithful and humble founder, Father McGivney, and through the dedication of so many brother Knights who, like Father McGivney, have said “yes” to Christ by their dedicated commitment to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

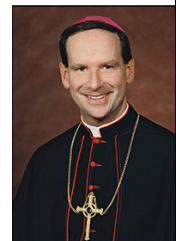
In his address to the Supreme Council, His Eminence Tarciscio Cardinal Bertone, S.D.B., Secretary of State of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, said that Father McGivney clearly understood that “the complete and total ‘yes’ to Christ was in no way exclusive to those who received Holy Orders or had taken religious vows. On the contrary, it is a ‘yes’ required of every man and every woman.”

Please know of my sincere gratitude for the tremendous support provided by the Knights of Columbus in the Diocese of Raleigh. Your financial assistance to both our seminarians preparing for Priesthood and lay people who are pursuing education for leadership in parish ministries is of special value to the Church in North Carolina. Your faithful “yes” in works of service, preserving the family and honoring the Priesthood stand as hallmarks of your service in our State.

Be assured of my prayers as I join you in celebrating this special anniversary and of my gratitude for your loyal service to the Church. May Mary Our Mother keep you in her care and lead you always closer to her Son.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Raleigh





From The

State Deputy

My Brothers,

Vivat Jesus!

The year is drawing to an end, the days are getting shorter. Sometimes we get all worked up with the material side of the season. Sometimes we overlook the real meaning of this time of the year. Christmas is a time that all of us should get with family and friends and celebrate the coming of our Lord. Kathy and I wish you all a wonderful and peaceful Christmas season. Hope you all get a chance to enjoy the companionship of those who are dear to you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MID YEAR MEETING:

Every Grand Knight should have received a note from me concerning the upcoming mid year meeting. Take a moment during the next two weeks and contact David Jones State Secretary with the names of those from your council who will be attending.

YOU MUST LET DAVID KNOW BY DECEMBER 15.

It is important that we know your attendance to adequately plan this check point meeting. In case you forgot, our Midyear meetings are:

- January 5 we will have a meeting at the Holiday Inn Select in Hickory.
- January 19 we will have a meeting at the Hilton in Greenville.

You only need to attend the one meeting nearest you. I cannot emphasize how important that every council is represented, and each send FOUR representatives. (no doubling up).

- Grand Knight
- Deputy Grand Knight (or your program Chairman)
- Financial Secretary
- LAMB Chairman

We will have State, Supreme, and external leaders to share critical information that will be necessary for your council to complete this successful year. It's only one day so mark the date!

Fraternally yours,

John Gouldie,
NC State Deputy



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Knights of Columbus State Council Office of the Chaplain

Five months ago, an immigrant priest was installed as your chaplain, with much fear in his heart to the new environment that was assigned to him without much knowledge. New council with a new chaplain it was a new beginning for all of us. Five months later, the chaplain became more familiar with this responsibility and the fear became love for his ministry. This month as we celebrated Thanksgiving Day and with great solemnity Christ the King of the Universe, as the incense rises into Heaven, our gratitude to God Almighty doesn't stop. And yet our hearts still are burning with love for forgiveness as we worship our God. As your chaplain I want to thank God and to all of you for your support and dedication to build stronger and with dignity the Knights of Columbus councils in North Carolina.

This is the last month of the liturgical calendar and we are entering into a new season, the season of Advent. This is the waiting season for the coming of Jesus and we, as a community of believers, will celebrate with great joy the new born King in our midst. This season is an opportunity that we must use to Keep Christ in CHRISTmas. With your help, as you write your greeting cards and email to your family and friends, do not be afraid ALWAYS to include MERRY CHRISTMAS instead of "happy holidays."

As always, with my priestly blessing,

Padre Leon



STATE FUND RAISER

Now is the time for each Council to make their plans for conducting a terrific Fund Raiser for both their Council and the State Council. At the January Mid-Year Meetings, I will be giving out the Raffle Tickets for the State Fund Raiser, to each Council.

This is a chance for EVERY COUNCIL to sell these Raffle Tickets and help support the State Council as well as make a profit of \$2.50 for their Council for each ticket they sell.

The Prizes for the 2008 Raffle will be the same as previous Years: FIRST PRIZE is a 10 Day Alaskan Vacation, for two, with \$700 spending money. SECOND PRIZE is a 7 Day Hawaiian Vacation for two with \$500 spending money. Third through Seventh Place Prizes are \$200 cash each.

Tickets sell for \$5.00 each, with the Council keeping \$2.50 and the State Council getting \$2.50. The State Council pays for all prizes so the Councils can realize a very good amount of money for their budget, by getting all members to participate in selling these tickets.

Last year there were a few Councils who did not take advantage of this Fund Raising Project. I hope this year EVERY COUNCIL will participate and make this the best year every for the Project.

The Drawing for the Prizes will be at the 2008 State Convention.

Fraternally,
Bob Singer, PSD
State Fund Raiser Chairman





Retention



Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

I hope this message finds you all in great spirits and looking forward to the Birthday celebration of Jesus.

We are now heading into the second-third of the fraternal year. I expect that each council held a successful membership campaign and your council has already held a first degree or you are planning one for this month. Has there been a mentor assigned to each new member? The new brothers are excited about joining your council as you and I were at our humble beginning. Welcome the new members and show them how important they are for the continued growth of the council. Explain the "Shining Armor" Award to them and how easy it is for them to achieve this award. Let the new members know: The Supreme Council welcomes them into the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world and you are happy they are now an important part of the organization with you.

Does your council Financial Secretary have Member Interest forms on hand? Give one to each new member and while you have them in hand why not update the interests of all your members. Times change and so do the wants and needs of all of us. Each council should have an interest form for every member on file, and don't forget to check them every couple months.

As the State Retention Chairman, I've seen a good number of suspension forms sent through. As our State Deputy has said, "we don't hold them back." Unfortunately, there are times to lose some of the membership. Whether it's due to someone moving away, a death, or they just have their reasons.... But, the process must be done properly. Now is the time to update your council files. Get as much information as you can to get in touch with members for whatever reason, maybe a number of a close relative or good friend, just in case of an emergency. Get some alternative contact information. With the new members, as excited as they are now, I'm sure they won't hesitate to offer the additional information. Talk to the current members, get their extra contact information. Jobs and, especially, the Military are the biggest reasons for relocation. So before you get caught behind the eight ball, ask now.

I congratulate those councils that have already achieved their membership goals for this year, and encourage the rest to strive to make the same commitment. The State Council is growing, despite the suspensions, what is disappointing is those councils that have not grown over the past several years, continue to send in notices to suspend Brother Knights. Maybe some just need encouragement and friendship.....Even though I cannot get in touch with the majority, for lack of information, some are possibly eligible for Life Membership. This is very sad. Your retention committee needs to ask all members for current updates to see if addresses, phone numbers are correct and current. It just may save you a member. *Someday, it may be you we are trying to locate.....*

I want to stress again....**Every council needs growth, new ideas, new blood and new directions.**

I encourage every council officer to attend the degrees in your area, even if your council doesn't have a new candidate. The lessons of our order are described in the exemplifications of the degrees. We all need to get back to the basics, renew the pledges we took in the First, Second and Third Degree. As you recite these pledges you will find yourself becoming a better Knight, a better Catholic, and a better man.



Fraternally,

Paul Pozzi,
State Retention Chairman



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



Council Activities

Brothers All,

Vivat Jesus!

Council activities need to be entertaining, enjoyable and beneficial. Many of the activities of the Knights of Columbus sound demanding, and certainly many of them are, but that does not mean that others can't be just for fun. Programs and activities that come under the council activities section are unlimited; golf, softball, soccer, bowling, any event that is for the members, are examples. Public relations also fall under council activities.

Council meeting are also a council activities. This month let's touch on the council meetings.

1. Are most of your members attending?

A. Yes keep up what you are doing.

B. No.

1a. Use the buddy system outlined at the org meeting.

2b. Don't hold the same meeting twice a month. One should be a planning meeting where you line things up for the next 3 months and the other should be a social meeting.

2. Meeting last more than one hour.

A. Yes, hold all discussions to one pro and one con. Keep it moving along.

B. No, keep up the good work

3. All council meeting should be conducted in a professional manner. Start on time and finish on time. Busy people respect things done right.

For more information on council activities, they can be found in the "Surge with Service Booklet" provided to each officer of your council. Or you can email me at waynekleven@earthlink.net

All questions or comments will be appreciated.



Fraternally,

Wayne Kleven,
Council Director



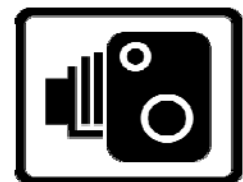
State Photographer Request

Do you have pictures of your events this year? Do you want them in the slide show at the convention? If so, get them to the State Photographer ASAP. If by e-mail, pictures must be no larger than 800 pixels on longest side and no more than 150 kb. You can also send a disc to McCloud Photography Sales, P.O. Box 1618, Swansboro, NC 28584. Slide show will start being made in APRIL!!!!



SK Lewis McCloud, PGK <><
North Carolina Knights of Columbus
State Photographer
McCloud Photography Sales and Gallery

<http://www.mccloudphotosales.com>





The Knights of Columbus Chorale Launches:



The 2008 Membership Drive

Eight Reasons to Join the Knight's Chorale

1. *Singing in the Presence of the Lord*
2. *Spreading the Mission of the Knights*
3. *Participating in a Ministry of our Church*
4. *Joining a Music Family*
5. *Touching Catholic Parishes*
6. *Enhancing Solidarity with our Priests*
7. *Achieving Real Personal Satisfaction*
8. *Having your voice on a CD recording*



We Want You !

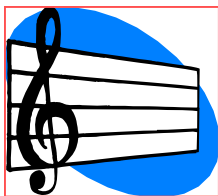
Great Rewards !!

Interested ? Email: raymar@buggs.net

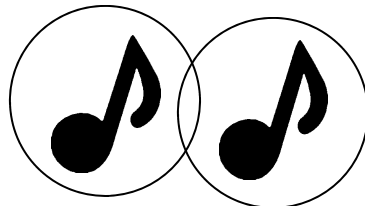


And A New CD Recording

Final List of Songs For Recording 2007-2008



Practice, Practice with Recordings of each harmony part 2008



A Two-Disk Set of Religious And Patriotic Songs 2009

"Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to Men of Good Will"



2008 State Convention

The 2008 State Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville, starting on Friday, May 2nd and ending on Sunday, May 4th.

The Crowne Plaza Resort is located on the top of a hill on the Westside, just minutes from downtown Asheville's unique shops, restaurants, galleries, cultural activities, and night life. The Crowne Plaza Resort has 268 guest rooms, 4 suites and 30 cottages sprinkled in the wooded area beside an 18-hole par 70 regulation golf course. On the resort's 125 acres there are also Golf pro-shop, 4 outdoor clay tennis courts, a heated outdoor swimming pool, soccer fields and a fitness center.



Asheville has grown from a small pioneering town into a flourishing metropolis of approximately 72,000 people, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Buncombe County at the convergence of the Swannanoa and French Broad Rivers. Asheville's average elevation is 2,165 feet above sea level with surrounding mountain elevations of up to 6,685 feet with Mount Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Mississippi River. Because of this broad range of elevations and corresponding mild year around climates and plant growth, the area is one of the most diversified in the United States.

Asheville is known for its love of the arts, bountiful attractions; such as the George Vanderbilt's mansion at Biltmore Estate, and passion for the great outdoors. Couple these attributes with its beautiful natural surroundings, makes Asheville one of the Southeast's most popular tourist destinations. Perfect for sightseeing, fishing, and hiking all year round. Maybe having the 2008 State Convention in Asheville gives you an opportunity to plan a family vacation in the mountains.

2008 State Convention information packs will be distributed to the Grand Knights at the January mid-year organizational meetings.

John Bateson,
#16DW



Third Degree Exemplification Schedule

Date -	Host Council -	Degree Team -	C.O. -
02/09/08	Raleigh / 2546	Triad	Joe Brunner
02/??/08	Havelock / 6648	Fayetteville	Steve Byrnes
02/23/08	Fayetteville / 2838	Bishop Waters	Steve Byrnes
03/01/08	Charlotte / 10852 (2nd/3rd)	Triad	Joe Brunner
04/19/08	Clemmons / 9499	Bishop Begley	Charles McGowan
06/02/08	Garner / 11266	Amos Small	Rick Lewis

Fraternally,

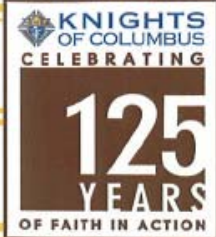
Joe Brunner,
Ceremonials Chairman





In Solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI

The Knights of Columbus Special Incentive Program
commemorating the 2008 Papal visit to the United States
April 15 - 20, 2008



1882-2007

During this 125th anniversary year of the Knights of Columbus, let us recommit ourselves as Knights to growing our Order in service to the Church and our communities. Let us also realize that as we prepare for Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States in April of 2008, the growth of the Order will be a fitting tribute to our Holy Father. You can be a part of that tribute as we live the dream of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, by expanding our membership.

"Let us pray that the Holy Spirit illuminates, inspires and guides our work and pushes us to charity and the service of others."

Pope Benedict XVI

First Degree Exemplifications

All First Degree exemplifications through the end of the 2007-2008 fraternal year will be held in honor of Pope Benedict XVI.

New or Readmitted Members

Every new or readmitted member proposed into the Order between December 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008, will be presented with a limited edition certificate commemorating the fact that they became a knight during the celebration of our 125th anniversary year.

Likewise, each new Knight recruited between December 1, 2007 - April 20, 2008 will have his name listed in a special book that Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson will present to Pope Benedict XVI.

Recruiters

For every new or readmitted member brought into the Order between December 1, 2007 - April 20, 2008, the recruiter will be presented with a specially minted medallion commemorating their efforts towards growing the Order during our 125th anniversary year.

Special
Bonus

Grand Knights & District Deputies

Each year, grand knights that attain Star Council Status are annually entered into a drawing for 1 of 3 trips to New Haven and District Deputies that attain Star District Status are also entered into a drawing for 3 trips.

In honor of our 125th anniversary year — grand knights that attain Double Star Council status for the 2007 - 2008 fraternal year will be entered into a drawing for 3 additional trips and district deputies that attain All-Star District will be entered into a drawing for 3 additional trips to the city where our Order was founded.



SOCCER!

The Soccer Challenge was held at Springwood Park in Burlington, NC on Saturday 11/17/07.

State Champions for 2007-08 are:

NAME	AGE	TOWN
Boys:		
Gunner Tootle	10	Hubert, NC
Christopher Barnett	11	Hubert, NC
Connor Lynch	12	Mebane, NC
Zane Williams	13	Raleigh, NC
Cameryn Cassell	14	Hubert, NC
Girls:		
Julia Fischer	10	Swansboro, NC
Becky Burns	12	Swansboro, NC
Francis Olave	13	Durham, NC
Ali Grass	14	Hubert, NC



Knights in Picture from left to right: Dave Lynch, Event Chairman Council 3498, Dave Tamayo, Grand Knight Council 3498 and Jack Murray, SA and General Program Director





District Master Report

Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers All,



Once again "Tis the Season" to **Keep Christ In CHRISTmas**. Let's not be afraid to wish others a "**Merry Christmas**"! Forget politically correct. We know what the season is about and let us all show others that we know the true meaning of the season.

I see by the number of emails and newsletter that many of the Assemblies are participating in Christmas parades and that the Councils are joining them. This is GREAT! That's what we are all about, UNITY. We are one Order.

Worthy Faithful Navigators, there is a separate notice in this publication (The Masters Plume) concerning the filing of your Fraternal Activity Report, due no later than January 31st, 2008. I expect nothing less than 100% from the North Carolina District. There are no excuses for not filing this report. Please, get the ball rolling and don't wait until the end of January. Remember to send a copy to both the Vice Supreme Master Bob Singer and myself.

There are some upcoming events that need to be penciled into your calendars. We will be having a District meeting in the spring (either Late March or early April) in the central part of the state. The purpose of this meeting will be to nominate three men for the position of District Master. As you know, my appointment was to complete the remaining year of our VSM's term. That appointment will end on August 31, 2008.

The Fourth Degree Exemplification for 2008 will be held at the Embassy Suite Hotel Greensboro Airport on Saturday, October 25, 2008. More information will be issued at a later date. Start your recruiting NOW!

We, the Fourth Degree, have been asked by the State Deputy John Gouldie to supply Honor Guards at both State Council Mid-Year meetings. This is a special request, as the attendees will not have the time to change into regalia due to the intenseness of the meeting program. I will be asking the Msgr. Eugene Livelsberger Assembly #1713 to coordinate this for the January 5, 2008 meeting in Hickory. For the January 19, 2008 meeting in Greenville, I will contact the Coastal Plains Assembly #1899 to coordinate for this meeting.

At both meetings, there will be a special celebrant for the mass and I would like to see a large turnout for both of these occasions. Members of any assembly may participate at these masses. We will only be needed for the Honor Guard at mass. More in January.

A word about the VAVS Program and Volunteer Recognition. The new VHA Handbook, item 1620.03, has been published. Volunteer will finally be recognized for their efforts, something that has long been a dream. I direct you to the following web address so you can read the directive itself: <http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/> and read the information supplied for 1620.03 of the handbook.

Finally, I extend the good wishes of my family to each of you Sir Knights and your family members for a very Holy and Merry Christmas and for a healthy and successful New Year!

**Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!**

God Bless you All,
Bob Grabasky, PSD
NC District Master





PRO-LIFE

Brother Knights,

I would like to take this time to wish each and every one of you a Blessed and Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Last week my wife and I saw the movie "Bella". It is a great movie which has won an award at the Toronto Film Fest. It is rated PG-13. Please log on to the website www.bellathemovie.com to see when it will be in your neighborhood. It is one of the best movies I have seen in a long time.

January 2008 Pro-Life events:

1/5/2008 Mid-Year Meeting in Hickory at the Holiday Inn Select &

1/19/2008 - Mid-Year Meeting in Greenville at the Hilton.

1/12/2008 – Right to Life March in Raleigh.

This is on a Saturday, so everyone should be able to march!

Also plan to attend the Prayer Breakfast for Life. The cost is only \$15.00 per person. It starts at 10AM at the Brownstone Holiday Inn, 1707 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC.

1/18/2008 Charlotte March for Life, this is on Friday at 12:00pm..

1/22/2008 – Right to Life March in Washington DC. This is on a Monday this year.

Annual Baby Bottle Program – I propose that each Council take the lead in their parish to distribute baby bottles (with their pastor's permission) after Mass. Have the parishioners take the bottles home to put change, bills, checks in them and return in a couple of weeks. The money will be turned in to the K of C State Secretary and deposited in an account for K of C Pro-Life Programs; include a letter letting us know how the Council would like the funds to be distributed. The Councils will need to buy the bottles the first year only, then they will have them for each succeeding year. You may have to replace any lost bottles. The top five Councils will be awarded the "Mary, Mother of the Life Within"

Award (statue). It will be awarded at the Annual State K of C Convention. So check with your pastor today and put the dates on your calendars. Then put in your orders with Wal-Mart for your baby bottles. For more details and tips, order the "K of C Baby Bottle Campaign" step by step guide from me (no charge), or check our website (www.kofcnc.org), and download a copy. Each of the District Deputies has received a copy, so that they may provide guidance as well.

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

I look forward to seeing you at the Mid-Year meeting and the other Pro-Life events in the new year.

Yours in Christ,

John Wigger
Pro-Life Chairman
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Charlotte, NC 28277
Phone: (704) 752-3645
wwwcjwigger@bellsouth.net



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



General Program Director:

Vivat Jesus!

From my house to your house – wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year!! If you are traveling this Christmas Holiday, please be alert and drive defensively. When I was teaching my teens how to drive, I kept telling them that I was not worried about them, as far as their driving was concerned - it was the other guy on the road, the crazy or inattentive. Please be careful!!

Soccer Challenge: The State Soccer Challenge was held at Burlington's Springwood Park on Saturday November 17, 2007 with Pius X Council 3498 the gracious hosts (on very short notice). Approx. 14 youth turned out to participate with a state champion in all but one age bracket. The winners and a picture are included in this newsletter. Many thanks to the brothers of Council 3498 for assisting to make the challenge a nice event for the youth. It is just too bad that there is so much going on in their lives that we could not have more contestants. We will work harder for next year's event!

Essay – Poem – Poster Contest: All the titles, dates, etc. have been forwarded to the District Deputies and all of you should be working with the schools to insure all youth have a chance to participate. The information is also published on the website.

Activity Reporting: I would like to thank all of you who have taken the time to forward your activity utilizing the new reporting system. This is a new system to shorten the time for all of you reporting your Council activities. To make it even better, a District Deputy was to meet with a Grand Knight, and complete a form by filling in blanks. The DD was then to forward the form thereby guaranteeing that all Councils would report activities. To request further recognition of outstanding programs, the GK's were then to submit their activity request on the Supreme Form: State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form. I would like to thank all the DD's for insuring that their Councils were reported and all those Councils submitting forms for recognition.

However, we have some work to do! As in all new programs, adjustments are made to enhance progress. This reporting program will be discussed at the Mid Year meeting to get your input and suggestions necessary to make it a success. Anytime you can create a program, utilizing one piece of paper instead of 35, you are thinking progressively. We shall work together to make this reporting program work for all!!

God Bless you and your families and we look forward to seeing you at the Mid Year Meeting.

Fraternally,
Jack Murray,
NC State Advocate



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF FAITH IN ACTION



**STATE DIRECTORY**

Brother Knights of North Carolina:

Vivat Jesus!

For those councils with newly appointed Financial Secretaries, the Supreme Council only provides us with the appointee's name and mailing address. You need to provide us with the appointee's phone, e-mail and spouses name, if applicable.

.Again, please review your state directories. If any data needs to be updated, please go to our state web site www.kofcnc.org, select *forms*, and submit your change. Changes received through November 29th follow

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Replace with Donald R. Kehoe

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Page 15 - Council 6451

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Change business meeting to 1st Tues

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May you all have a Merry and Blessed Christmas.

Fraternally,

Gene Tortone
Administrative Assistant
252-331-2338
tortone@roadrunner.com

Family Director message -

Greetings to all in your corner of North Carolina and Vivat Jesus!

It is with much hope that each one of you is well, especially going into this most joyous season of Christmas.

Congratulations and thank-you to all who have entered deserving families in the Supreme Council's Family of the Month Program. We continue to have good success with this program. If your council is not participating, I ask that you make it a New Year's resolution to do so.

I am truly looking forward to seeing all of you at the Mid-year meetings next month. The new format sounds promising, and I am sure most worthwhile of spending a Saturday with your Brother Knights.

As we gather together with our families and friends, let us all please take a moment to remember those service men and women who are separated from their families during this Christmas Season. Please say a special prayer for them and their families, and ask God that he watch over them all.

Peace to each of you, I truly hope you have a Blessed Christmas!

Colin Jorsch,
State Family Life Director



Squires Corner

A Calendar Schedule of State Sponsored Events and Council Anniversaries

We have been in the time of Christmas Cards since the beginning of September. There are many new councils ordering the Christmas Cards this year, and that is good. To spread the word "Christmas" instead of "Happy Holidays" is one of our duties. What is bad is that some of the old councils have not reordered Christmas Cards this year to give their fellow parishioners the chance to spread the word of Christ around this year, and that is sad.

Why do we let the little percentage of dissenters remove God from our world? Is it because we do not care? Are we just ignoring the fact that is happening? Let someone else do it is not an option or is it? It is not in my life, that is why I work to send the message of CHRISTmas out to all. Sure I sell Christmas Cards to get money for projects for the Squires but that is not my real reason. We should not allow the removal of God from our world. It is becoming the law of the land to take all reference of God from our view. Why do we stand for it?

Do something, if it is only to send or giveaway cards that say CHRISTMAS. Let every one know how you really feel and keep professing that God exist in your life. If he does? I have been close to death many times because of my heart. Each time that I survive, I ask why am I still here? To help our youth learn the right way to live and to spread the word of God. I do the best I can, the Lord knows that.

Fraternally,
Joe Zegan



December 7-9 - Pre Mid-Year Officers Meeting

December 7 - Council #12119 Fuquay-Varina 10th Anniversary

December 17 - Council #6574 Jacksonville 55th Anniversary

December 31 - Poster contest...deadline to submit to Youth Director

January 5 - Mid-Year Meeting for the West in Hickory

January 6 - Council #9709 Raleigh 20th Anniversary

January 12 - State Right to Life March in Raleigh

January 19 - Mid-Year Meeting for the East in Greenville

January 22 - National Right to Life March in Washington, D.C.

January 22 - Council #7024 Swansboro 30th Anniversary

January 31 - Essay contest...deadline to submit to Youth Director

February 7 - Council #9722 Sylva 20th Anniversary

February 9 - 3rd Degree Raleigh Council #2546

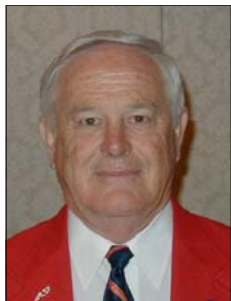
February ?? - 3rd Degree Havelock Council #6648

February 23 - 3rd Degree Fayetteville Council #2838

Fraternally,

Dave Jones,
State Secretary





From the Desk of the State Secretary

Brothers All:

I would like to take this time to wish all my Brothers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

For those councils that have not paid their first half per capita, it is now past due...please send your check to the State Secretary ASAP. The councils that have not sent prove of liability insurance to the State Secretary, please do so ASAP. Both dioceses require that councils have liability insurance if they use the parish facilities at any time for any purpose. The state council offers liability insurance to all councils at a cost of \$1.00 per member per year. Again thank you for your prompt attention to both of these concerns.

For the Grand Knights the first half of the year is coming to an end...now is the time to start planning for the second half of your year. If you need help in planning for the next six months...ask your District Deputy to assist you in accomplishing all of the goals of your council. Anything you've missed in the last six months should be planned for completion within the next six months.

A second reminder to all councils that have Brothers deployed in the service to send their names to the State Secretary for your per capita rebate. I want to close out the first half before the end of December.

The insurance certificates have been sent to me by our insurance company and you will be receiving yours for all councils that are participating in the state council liability insurance. If you have any questions regarding your state per capita invoice or the insurance invoice, please contact Dave Jones at (704) 535-6599 or e-mail at icilamp@bellsouth.net.

Merry Christmas,

Dave Jones, NC State Secretary

RSVP News

Brothers, I have exciting news to share about the RSVP program. I don't have the figures on the Raleigh Diocese but in the Charlotte Diocese all seventeen seminarians have received commitments of support. This is the first time all have been assured of support this early in the fraternal year. Now, if your council has not supported a seminarian don't think that the need has been filled. Some seminarians still need help. Seminarians know they will receive support from the Knights of Columbus, and what better thing can your council do that support a future priest.

Remember, if you want the name of a seminarian in the Charlotte Diocese contact me at Mturkaly@aol.com or in the Raleigh Diocese contact Father Ned at Shlesinger@raldioc.org.

Lets make this a record year for our seminarians!

This month's Seminary of the month is Pontifical College Josephinum located in Columbus, Ohio. Eight men from the Charlotte Diocese attend there. The web site is www.pcj.edu. For more than 100 years, the Pontifical College Josephinum has prepared men for the Catholic priesthood who are ready to serve in any country, anywhere in the world.

Fraternally,
Marc Turkaly, State RSVP Chairman

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**
Vocations Are Everybody's Business



We are growing up!

On November 15 the North Carolina Knights of Columbus surpassed a milestone in membership. Following the latest blitz, we had our 14,000th member take his first degree. Where did this happen, and who is this notable man? It occurred at Council 7186 in Apex at a first degree earlier in the month. This notable member is one of the men listed below.....

CAN YOU IDENTIFY HIM?????

Membership Update – John Sherland JSherland@itsco.com

The last membership blitz and ministry fair proven to be very successful with the addition of six new members. I would like to welcome our new members to our council. I encourage my fellow brother knights to introduce yourself and welcome our new members.

The new members are from left to right, Dick Leinbach, Ken Leahy, Bob Judge, Brain Gurganus, Frank Degeorge and Joe Mills.



Please welcome our new 1st degree Knights



I can, and you will too....Come to the Midyear meeting to find out which one is our record setting member. The above article and picture was from the December issue of NEWS of the KNIGHTS the Fr. H. Charles Mulholland Council #7186 newsletter, Patrick Caporale, Editor.
SD John



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Wounded Warrior Update



Brothers, on behalf of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), I would like to thank you for your generosity and support for such a wonderful project. Every donation is important and every penny counts towards the end goal of sending our entire North Carolina delegation of wounded warriors home for Christmas. Warriors from both Camp Lejeune and Fort Bragg will receive assistance through this program. Speaking with a National Officer of the MOPH, and Brother Knight, Jim Casti, he assures me every warrior will go home for Christmas.

Our brothers from one of our newest assemblies in NC, The Great Smoky Mountain Assembly 3001, donated \$1000 towards the cause. At the same time, winner of the 50/50 raffle at the 4th degree exemplification, one of our newest Sir Knights, Stephen Kelly, from the Father Stanley Grubitz Assembly 2379 in Elizabeth City donated all of his winnings as well as a little more for a total of a \$250 donation to the Wounded Warriors. In Raleigh, Assembly 2446 donated \$1200 towards the effort. Brothers from the St Thomas More community raised a tremendous total of \$3,616 towards the effort. At the time of the writing of this article an email from Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778 in Raleigh stated they raised \$1,550.00 for the effort and the check was on the way. These donations represent the charity of many people and brother knights supporting those who have given so much for us. I can not express in words our gratitude for everyone's generosity. Many of these grand totals represent large personal donations. Large and small, we are grateful for your charity and every gift that you give.

Warden Update

Vivat Jesus!!!!

Brothers, Advent is upon us and so is the Christmas spirit. To all, I hope your Thanksgiving was one of cherished moments with family and friends and my wish is for a very Blessed and Merry Christmas as we enter into the Advent season. Please take time to slow down, and reflect on the true meaning of the season as we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the commercialism that can over take us during this time of year. Then as we move through Christmas and head towards our new year, lets take time to reflect on previous accomplishments and new goals. With new goals comes a time to set new standards and new directions. Plan the rest of year for new development, improving your council processes and finding better ways to serve your Church, Community, Family, Youth, and Council, not to mention your country through your patriotic programs.

Plan your time well. Use the upcoming mid-year meeting in your region as a time to set goals and align your council with state goals. Part of my responsibility is to ensure that the state reports 100% for our fraternal activity report 1728 due by the end of January. We are going to ask for a copy of your report at the midyear. If you need help filling this form out –I am here for you –all you have to do is call and ask. The fraternal report of activity illustrates our charity and is extremely important for the order to maintain its non-profit status.

Please take the time to make sure you file this report.

Fraternally,
Mike Durbin,
NC State Warden





The Wheelchair Foundation

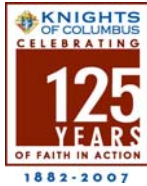
The Knights of Columbus have joined the Wheelchair Foundation in providing free wheelchairs to children, teens and adults worldwide who are without mobility and cannot afford a wheelchair. Hope, Mobility, Freedom and Independence are being given to people deprived of mobility by war, disease, accident,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