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My Brothers All,

Crunch time is upon us! What Final Four – we have our Final Seven! Seven Program areas for you to submit the best event your Council held this Fraternal Year for each of the seven programs. With all the hard work all of our Brothers have done this year – reporting should be a snap. We have had 2 reporting periods and the winning events submitted were outstanding programs. We continue to say "thank you" for all your support of the KofC in NC, your Church and Community.

Our Membership continues to grow with 125 new Brothers taking their First Degree in the month of March. With the membership drives held across the State in March, there should be a group of First Degrees for April. For those Councils unable to conduct membership drives due to the Lenten Season, please strive to hold them in April. We must continue to offer Catholic men the opportunity to become a Knight and enjoy the benefits of our Brotherhood.

We also saw a first for NC – an all Hispanic 3rd Degree Exemplification with 42 Hispanic Brothers taking the Degree. The Hispanic 3rd Degree Team led by Brother Richard Horton performed in an exemplary manner taking our State to new heights. There will also be a Hispanic First & Second Degree hosted by Council 2546 in Raleigh. Please check the website for the date and time.

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STATE OFFICERS

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STATE DEPUTY (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

All our efforts are leading us to the State Convention, hosted by Council 3303 in New Bern, NC on Saturday / Sunday May 16 & 17. The Convention Committee continues to meet to insure all their proposed events for our Brothers and their families will be successful. Just a reminder – the Convention Journal is a great place for every Council to show their support for the Host Council by submitting their Council information in the form of an ad page. Your help will be very much appreciated by our hosts.

Speaking of hosts – the NC State Council will have the privilege of hosting our Supreme Secretary, Charles E. Maurer Jr. and his wife Tonya, at the State Convention, as they will be representing the Supreme Council. We will show them some good old Southern hospitality!

Supreme has many current incentives to reward Councils and District Deputies for meeting their goals. One goal that should be paramount for every Council is "STAR Council". The incentive to have the Supreme Per Capita waived effective July 1, 2015 for attaining STAR Council for Fraternal Year 2014 – 15 is a fantastic reward! This incentive is equivalent to a major Council fund raiser without all the labor and work. To attain STAR Council requires meeting membership and insurance goals set by Supreme.

Attaining the membership goal is under your control, how you recruit new Brothers, etc. The Insurance goal must be attained by working with our Brother Knights / Insurance Agents from the Mahoney Agency. We have been meeting with the General Agent monthly to keep both the Agency and the State Council abreast of each other's needs and goals. Please keep in mind as you get closer to your Council goals, the insurance needs of all our Brothers. PLEASE invite the agent to any Degree the Council or District holds. And if an Agent is not assigned to your District, please call the Agency and one will be assigned to attend.

The General Agent is also looking for Brother Knights to become Insurance Agents as there are positions open in the Agency. But most of all please make sure that all our new Brothers have the opportunity to speak with an Agent as well as Council Brothers. I have met with an Agent twice this past month to review my insurance and financial status with the Knights of Columbus. Please be open to meet with your Agent when he calls.

We mourn the passing of Past State Deputy and Former Vice Supreme Master John Organ, State Deputy from 1981–83 and Master of the DeSoto Province from 1985–87. Also Former District Master Salvatore Festa , a 74 year Knight, serving as District Master for North Carolina 1972-76.

Thank you both for a job well done – rest in peace.

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers, our Brother Knights and their families, who may be suffering from illnesses. We all know the power or prayer – it works!

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all our Military Service men and women, wherever they may be.

Jo and I would like to wish all our Brothers and families a Happy and Blessed Easter!

Vivat Jesus,
Jack

Congratulations and Welcome to Our Newest Knights!

On behalf of all of your fellow Knights of Columbus, I wish to welcome the following men who have joined the Order by taking their First Degree. I would ask that you waste no time in taking your Second and Third degrees as well as becoming active members in your Council.

Jack Murray

John J. (Jack) Murray

Joined in February 2015

Neil E. Gonsalves	770	Charlotte
Michael J. Loiacono	770	Charlotte
Kevin P. Hubbard	2546	Raleigh
Dave S. Trettel	2546	Raleigh
John L. Beeler	2829	Winston-Salem
Joseph A. Rose	2829	Winston-Salem
William L. Tate	3390	Durham
Paulo D. Marquez	6451	Hickory
Jorge S. Sanchez	6451	Hickory
Vincente S. Sanchez	6451	Hickory
Hector M. Suarez	6451	Hickory
Michael Zendejas	6528	Southern Pines
Emilio O. Mayor	7406	Mooresville
James P. Reilly	7406	Mooresville
Frank J. Szendrey	7406	Mooresville
Eric M. Shortt	8509	Kernersville
Kevin D. Braswell	9579	Morganton
Edson M. Jimenez	9579	Morganton
Teofilo Pedro-Mateo	9579	Morganton
Philip L. Godbolt	9880	Raleigh
Raymond Martinez	9880	Raleigh
Stephen R. Sconfitto	9880	Raleigh

Domingo Garcia	10891	Asheboro
Gutierrez C. Candalario	10892	Wendell
Villavicencio B. Saavedra	10892	Wendell
Michael L. Crist	11234	Wake Forest
Garet L. Feldpausch	11234	Wake Forest
Matthew Gautier	11234	Wake Forest
Jose R. Gonzalez	11234	Wake Forest
Joseph A. Palko	11234	Wake Forest
Mario Zamora Ceja	11234	Wake Forest
Mario Zamara	11234	Wake Forest
Vincent J. Florio	12119	Fuquay-Varina
Ronald L. Wilger	12119	Fuquay-Varina
Andrew J. Gerstemeier	12267	King
Christopher J. Morea	12455	Raleigh
Peter A. Wagner	12455	Raleigh
Zahran M. Holt	12640	Fayetteville
Leroy R. Lehman	12832	Charlotte
Rafael J. Torres	12832	Charlotte
Michael A. Jackson	13016	Swannanoa
Rev. Mr. Michael J. Martin	13236	Greensboro
Terry A. Rafinski	15265	Candler
Kevin D. Diehl	15551	Raleigh

Joshua B. Lonnecker	15551	Raleigh

State Deputy, North Carolina

STATE SECRETARY

Happy Easter!! Gina and I wish you the best during this most Holy Season!!

I would just like to send out a few reminders as we approach the State Convention in New Bern.

We so look forward to seeing you at the State Convention so that we can celebrate all of your successes throughout the year!!

- If you have not paid your state per capita, you won't be able to have a say as delegates
- By the time of publication, I hope that all have taken the time to recognize some most worthy brothers in your council by submitting them for the State Knight of the Year, Golden Knight of the Year, Family of the Year and Rookie of the Year.
- Please have your credentials submitted -- if you missed the deadline, send them now and we will see what we can do.

The Fraternal year is not over. I am sure that most, if not all of you by now have been informed by the Supreme Council of their incentive for membership. I personally think it is really awesome that the Supreme Council will waive your per capita and Catholic advertising for the first half of the next fraternal year for all of those councils that achieve the STAR Council award. That to me is amazing.

So let me close by praying that you will spend some time getting deeper into the season. The Triduum is a great place to start. Celebrating the last supper and the institution of the Eucharist, Christ's death and Resurrection truly grounds me in our faith. Please take some time to celebrate this season and the gift of grace that God freely gives us through Jesus' sacrifice.

May the Peace of Christ be with each of you!!

Colin Jorsch
State Secretary

STATE TREASURER

Is your Council doing Pass Through Charitable Fundraising? Are you doing it correctly? It is extremely important that your Council is doing everything as spelled out by the IRS. Below are some guidelines from the Supreme Advocate's office to follow. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Ward or myself.

Pass-Through Charitable Fundraising

Monetary donations to subordinate units of the Knights of Columbus (councils, assemblies, and chapters) are not ordinarily tax-deductible. However, the Internal Revenue Service permits a narrow exception to this general rule, which is codified at Section 170(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Pursuant to Section 170(c)(4), a council, assembly, or chapter may collect multiple individual donations, deposit them into a dedicated bank account, and then send a check for the cumulative amount to a charitable entity that is recognized by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3). This is known as "pass-through charitable fundraising".
Donations made in this manner may be tax-deductible by the individual donors as charitable contributions under certain conditions and restrictions, including the following:

- The subordinate unit collects the donations and deposits them in a separate bank account, insuring that the funds are totally segregated from any and all other funds of the council or assembly.
- The subordinate unit passes the accumulated donations directly to an entity that is recognized as a charity under Section 501(c)(3).
- The funds are not used in any manner for any social or fraternal purposes, including payment of expenses incurred in hosting the fundraising event.
- Only individual taxpayers, not non-person taxpayers (such as corporations or partnerships), are eligible to claim a tax deduction.

Councils, assemblies, and chapters may not issue receipts for donors who have made monetary contributions to a charitable entity. Rather, the council, assembly, or chapter should provide the charitable entity that received the donations with a list of all donors' names and addresses, along with the amount of their respective donations; the charitable entity may then issue receipts and letters of acknowledgment that the donors may retain for tax purposes.

Subordinate units that wish to utilize pass-through charitable fundraising should refer to Guidelines For Charitable Fundraisers on the Officers' Desk Reference.

Subordinate units that wish to utilize pass-through charitable fundraising should also establish a separate bank account, which may be designated as "[Council/Assembly] [No. xxxx] Charity Account".

Finally, we strongly advise councils and assemblies to retain the services of a competent accountant to ensure compliance with Section 170(c)(4). Rev. March 2012

Fraternally yours in Christ,
John Nussbaum
NC State Treasurer

STATE WARDEN

Brothers,

I hope and pray that as you and your families prepare for Easter - the centerpiece of the Christian faith, the greatest miracle, the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his death by crucifixion, that your Lent was one of fasting, prayer and reconciliation. During a recent daily meditation, I stumbled across a short prayer, which I thought was so appropriate for whom we are as Knights of Columbus; "Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. I ask you into my life and heart to be my Lord and Savior. I want to serve you always."

It has truly been an honor and a pleasure for Manon and I to see so many of you during our travels throughout the state. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your hospitality. It never ceases to amaze me, fraternalism is alive and well in North Carolina.

I want to congratulate and thank all of you, for your efforts in assisting the State with 100% Forms compliance. I can personally attest to the fact that, with the exception of about eight (8) Council Audits - Form 1295's and one (1) Form 365 Service Program Personnel Report, North Carolina is again 100% compliant in ALL forms. There is still work to be done relevant to the outstanding 1295's, but I anticipate 100% compliance soon. Again, thank you!

As we approach the State Convention in New Bern May 15-17, 2015, I want to take this opportunity to remind you that the Columbian Award Application - Form SP-7 is due to me at the State Convention. It is certainly NOT too early to start gathering your information and filling out the form. I agree that Supreme doesn't require you to submit the form until June 30, however, as you know, historically we collect the form at the Convention, please plan ahead and be prepared, particularly and specifically if you are in contention to be a Star Council.

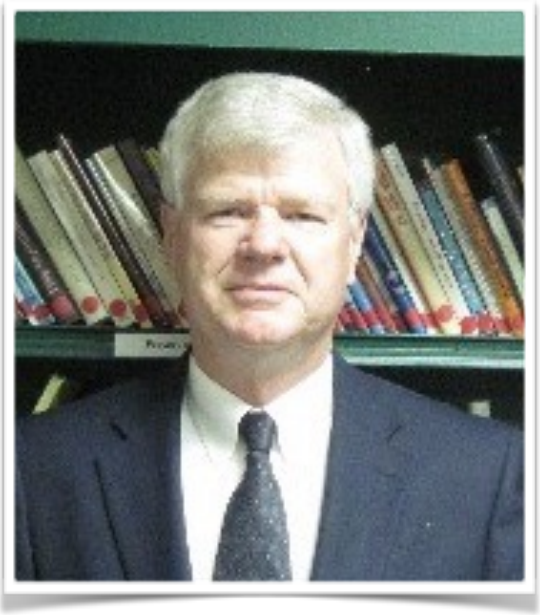
Please review your Convention checklists, as there are important dates / deadlines to keep in mind.

In anticipation of seeing many of you, may this Easter bring you new aspirations and hope. Go out and remind everybody that Christ is alive! Manon and I wish you and your families a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Vivat Jesus!

JC Reiher
State Warden

GENERAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR



Spring has arrived and our Lenten period of preparing for the events of Holy Week has come and gone. We can all rejoice in the fact that Jesus has risen from the grave and opened up heaven for us all.

As Knights of Columbus we have someone who has provided us with a path of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism to help us achieve what our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ provided for us. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. Please continue to support the Canonization of Fr. McGivney. If you are not a member of the McGivney Guild please go to the Supreme Web page and fill in the form. There is no cost and the rewards are great.

I want to thank all of you for all of your hard work over the past reporting period. From reading the programs that have been submitted, it is apparent that every Council has had a very busy past six months. Additionally the "Of the Year" awards are always something that provides the State Officers with a challenge to select a winner.

As each Council prepares for the upcoming spring and summer events, please keep in mind to note these programs and submit them for the next reporting period shortly after completion.

One of the upcoming items that each Council needs to be aware of is the SP-7, which will be collected at the Convention, May 15-17 in New Bern. This is the form where each council list four events that were sponsored by the Council in each of the six programs. It is one of the requirements for Star Council and provides information on what a council has completed the past year. If you have not registered for the Convention yet, please do so. Just visit the State Web page at www.kofcnc.org to see what is going on throughout the State related to the Knights and the register.

Vivat Jesus,
Paul Spire, GPD

VAVS - VETERANS AFFAIR VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Greeting GK, FN and Brothers All,

As we continue our journey through Lent, please take a few minutes of your valuable time to remember our Veterans and their families. They have made many sacrifices for us and in defense of our Country.

National Veterans Wheel Chair Games: June 21-26 , 2015 Games will be in Dallas, Texas. This year all VA Medical Centers will be sending teams. Fayetteville will be sending 12 Veterans, Salisbury will be sending 17 Veterans, Durham will be sending 8 and Asheville will be sending 6 Veterans. Funds are needed to provide air transportation roundtrip and hotel accommodations. Hotel accommodations are are around $1,800 for seven nights with 2 Veterans sharing a room. Airfare to Dallas is approximately $500. The Chiefs, of Voluntary Services for each VA Medical Center has requested the support of the Knights of Columbus in providing funding to assist these Veterans in attending this year's games.

Please consider supporting these special Veterans by making a contribution. Every dollar is critical in reaching this goal. For more information contact me at twdupree@aol.com Why is it important to help send these Veterans? This helps each Veteran demonstrate the therapeutic value of sports and competition by improving the quality of life for Veterans with disabilities and fostering better health through sports competition. The events also provide opportunities for newly injured Veterans to gain sports skills and be exposed to other athletes who use wheel chairs. Benefits to the mind: It provides Veterans with physical disabilities and introductory experiences to a variety of wheel chairs sports, and expose them to the numerous organized wheel chair sports and recreational activities available nationwide.

Budget 2015-16: FN, GK and Trustees, as you prepare your budget for the coming year, please consider making a line item in your budget for the following: 1) Wheel Chair Games 2) USO 3) Winter Coats for Veterans (new) 4) Wounded Warriors. Gift cards, from grocery stores, restaurants and movies can always be used by the Medical Centers in support of the Veterans. Volunteers are always needed at the VA Medical Centers, USO and retirement communities. Go Volunteer! Your life will be much happier!

Reporting: First quarter report for activities in support of our Veterans is due by April 15th. Every Council and Assembly should have participated in some activities in support of our Veterans. A simple documentation of those activities would include event, date, participation of Knights/family, monetary, hours and BENEFIT TO THE VETERAN. (There is no form because of each activity is unique).

Dollar Per Knight Program: CHALLENGE: Support the Durham VA Medical as a host site for the 2015 National Veterans Creative Festival to be held in Durham, NC (Octo 12-19, 2015). The Durham has to raise $30,000 to cover their portion of the expenses to fund the Festival. We have 16,500+ Knights in the State and approximately 3,500 SK. If each Knight donated one dollar, the Knights of NC would be the major donor towards this goal.

QUESTION: HAVE YOU MET THE CHALLENGE BY DONATING YOUR DOLLAR? Guidelines: Please make your donation to your Council's financial Secretary or your Assembly Faithful Comptroller. (See article in March Tar Heel Knight and Golden Plume.) See flier a few pages forward.

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VAVS - VETERANS AFFAIR VOLUNTARY SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Special recognition this month goes to SK Bob Yuzuik, VAVS Special Deputy NC for providing greeting cards to all VA Medical Centers, and VRQ in Asheville.

VAVS DONATON INFORMATION

Receiving State/VA Facility:	Veterans Restoration Quarters 1329Tunnel Road Asheville, NC 28805
Donor Names:	SK Bob Yuzuik and Sister Terry Yuzuik
Donors Address:	616 S. Cherry Street, Kernersville, NC 27284-2718
Council/Auxiliary Name:	Council No. 8509 and Holy Cross Columbiettes Auxiliary No. 8509
Contact Name:	SK Bob Yuzuik
Telephone:	336-298-4681
Items Donated Quantity Est. Value:	$1,000
Total Number of Items Donated:	718 Greeting cards (assortment)
Total Hours Reported:	5
Staff Member Sent Donation:	SK Frederick Fletcher

VAVS - ARTS FESTIVAL

CHALLENGE

$ Dollar per Knight

Supporting the Durham VA Medical Center

As host site for 2015 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

The Festival will be held in Durham NC (October 12-19, 2015). The National Creative Arts Festival originate 1981 to spotlight the 4 Creative Arts therapies of Art, Music, Dance and Drama. In 2005, a 5 Creative Arts division, Creative Writing, was added to the Festival Roster.

Veterans from across the country in five divisions will feature their art exhibits showing the 1st place artwork from fifty-four categories. A live stage show, complete with orchestral accompaniment provided by the Music Performance Fund, is performed by Veterans who have achieved medal-winning status.

Workshops are offered during the Festival Week for participants and staff, educating them in a variety of artistic modalities by utilizing the talent of local, community artists. There is NO competition at the Festival itself, as it is a showcase for previously judged medal winners.

In 2014, 3,208 Veterans from 129 VA Medical Centers participated. Of those, approximately 150 winning Veterans earned an invitation to participate.

Financial support by the Knights of NC GOAL: $16,400. This will go towards the Durham VA of $30,000. needed to fund this very important program.

Please consider making a personal donation of $1.00 per knight. NC currently has 16,500 Brother Knights in 127 Councils and 47 Assemblies.

How do I donate? Please give your donation to your Council FS and Assembly to your FC marked as "Dollar Per Knight".

Request the FS and FC to cut one check of the total donation of your Brother Knights, making check to Bishop McGuinness Assembly: Memo: Arts Festival.

Mail to SK Jerry Cucurullo, FC
6208 Heacham Ct.
Raleigh, NC 27614

Due date: Friday, April 24th
Presentation: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 2:30

CHURCH DIRECTOR

Worthy Brothers All,

At this time of year we have spent almost 40 days preparing for the coming of the risen Lord. During this time you have probably gone to confession and spent much time in silent prayer with our Lord, Christ Jesus. Not only are these activities especially important during the Lenten Season, but also carry over into several activities upcoming in the Easter Season.

First, the octave of Easter (April 12th) is Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus made a promise for total pardon of sins for those that go to Confession and receive Communion on this Feast of Mercy. To ensure that the Church correctly celebrates this feast, the Vatican issued a special Plenary Indulgence decree for this day. Although you might not need this, there are many that want to be back in communion with the Church. This is an incredible opportunity to provide them that opportunity. If you are not already involved with your Parish's celebration of this day, please get involved. It's a Knight's calling. If your Parish does not offer a Divine Mercy Sunday service, please consider how you can initiate one. Additional information can be found on the state website as well as at www.DivineMercySunday.com.

Secondly, there is never a "bad time" to continue to increase our own spiritual knowledge. I just got back from the Raleigh Ignited by Truth conference and I cannot tell you how electric it was this year. It seems that it cannot get better, but every year it does. There are two more significant events on the horizon that you should be aware of. First, the Charlotte Men's Conference will be held on Saturday April 25th at St. Mathew's Catholic Church. You can find out more information and register at http://www.catholicmenofthecarolinas.org/ Secondly, there is a silent Ignatian retreat for men to be held in Durham on May 15-17. There is more info at www.apostleshipofprayer.org as well as in this edition of the THK.

Finally, none of this would be available to us without our Priests and Religious. May 11th is designated as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This is one way that we can unite as Catholic men along with our families and support those that have a desire to respond to the call from our Savior to support all of us lay people. There are many ways you can support this day including hosting a "Vocations Day", design an ad for your Parish bulletin, or sponsoring a youth trip to a seminary to explore the possibility of religious life. One another way that the Knights of Columbus supports Vocations is through the RSVP program. By directly supporting our Seminarians during their formation, we are helping build stronger Priests as well as fostering support for the Knights of Columbus. I know that many Councils and Assemblies already support a Seminarian through the RSVP program, but there are more Seminarians that need support. Please prayerfully consider your support and contact Marc Turkaly, State RSVP Chairman, if you need additional information. This is the "Year of the Consecrated Life" where we honor all of those consecrated religious as well as those that are prayerfully considering that life. More information about these programs can be found at http://www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/ as well as a special messages from our very own Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Raleigh, and some of our Seminarians. Check out those messages here http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/world-day-of-prayer-for-vocations.cfm

I am looking forward to receiving all of your fantastic program reports for the second half of the year and seeing you at the State Convention in May.

I wish you and your families a very Happy and Blessed Easter as we enjoy the risen Lord and thank him for every good thing he bestows upon us.

Vivat Jesus,
Chris Losack
NC Church Director

FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR

Family Survival Guide – from Covenant House

Covenant House is a crisis shelter organization for runaway kids. Its president, Kevin Ryan, has realized the American family is falling apart and this constitutes the single deepest ethical and moral challenge of our generation. Based on their experiences, they have developed a Family Survival Guide they passionately want to be shared with every parent. The first part of their Guide, found in "Sometimes God Has a Kid's Face" by Sister Mary Rose McGeady and reproduced by permission, starts below:

Values ~ Teaching Them in Today's World

Communicating your values has never been more important than it is today. And the good news is, it all begins and ends with you. When all is said and done, parents have far more influence over instilling values in their kids than any other factor.

Here are some simple, and very important, things we should all remember about values, and passing them along:

- Kids get their sense of what's right and wrong from people they love and respect. No one has more influence over teaching values than you do. Your input can make all the difference!
- When it comes to teaching values . . . actions always speak louder than words. Kids today have a "show me" mentality. They need to see the values lived out by you. Respect for life, respect for other people, honesty, integrity . . . kids get those from watching you. The old saw has never been more true . . . children do learn what they live!
- Families are still the best vehicle for raising children. A loving, nurturing family unit, creates the kind of environment kids need to learn what's right and wrong . . . and how to love themselves too. Values are best inculcated in an environment of love and acceptance.
- Always take time to sit and talk to your kids. Don't be afraid to say what you feel (but don't ever be too closed to listen to what your kids think).
- Always strive to teach your kids to love and respect themselves as children of God. A healthy love and respect for themselves is incredibly important for any kid. It's also the first essential step in helping a kid also learn a love and respect for those around him, and God.
- Nobody has said it better than Jesus. Those three words, "Love Thy Neighbor . . . " are an important message for every kid!

To be Continued...

Fred Burton
Family Life Director

PS - You can find the full version of this guide at: https://www.facebook.com/notes/jana-smith/family-survival-guide-reflections-on-raising-kids-today/596522850390584

FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH - THE FAMILY TRULY ALIVE!

A few years ago a young new coworker asked what my daughter-in-law did. I replied that she gives music lessons, gets occasional gigs as a concert violinist and sells some sling-type baby carriers from home. "Oh", he concluded, "You mean she's lazy and stays home with the kids?"

EXCUSE ME, but taking care of two young children is a full time job! And why should she work 40 hours a week when all she earns will go to Uncle Sam, a day care center and the doctors who treat the kids for every illness they pick up at day care? (not to mention the expenses of work attire, commuting and lunches) And what's the bottom line here? Strangers would be raising her children! NO! If they can meet their needs on my son's salary alone – and that's what OUR parents did – more power to them!

It seems that society has conditioned people to believe both parents must have a career. It's portrayed as either an economic necessity or an avenue toward 'professional fulfillment'. The definition of 'Family' is thus reduced to that group of people you come home to when your energy has all been spent in the service of the gods of commerce. As we'll read below, work has redemptive and creative value; God worked creating and maintaining our universe .... and we ARE made in God's image. But just as God rested, so too, we must seek balance in our lives.

To be sure, there are situations in which both parents must work. But we must never lose sight of the fact our first responsibility is toward our families. They are God's gift to us and are to be handled with care and respect .... and of course, Faith in Christ and love!

- April – Because our children may be called to become spouses and parents, we want to help them explore the vocation to marriage and family life. Speak about your courtship with your children. How did you meet? What did you first notice about each other? How did the relationship grow and how did you realize you were 'in love'? Discuss things like making the adjustment from being single to being a couple, having children and the changes that it brought, how you dealt with hard times or celebrated good times and, yes, your hopes for the future.
- May – Because in the beginning of creation God gave the commandments of work, we want to harmonize work and family life. While the need to work takes away from time spent as a family, it also offers the opportunity for parents to set an example of commitment to support the family and of working with others to get a task accomplished. By working at household chores children can also learn responsibility, the joy of teamwork and the satisfaction of a job well done. Expand those horizons by working together on a parish or community project.
- June – Because the family is the subject of the New Evangelization, we want to share our faith with other families. Every Catholic is called to holiness, and every Catholic is called to reflect this holiness in his or her state of life. It is through living our lives as Catholic families, devoted to our faith, to each other and to helping those in need, that we best evangelize in a world that often seems reluctant to hear this good news.

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/domestic-church/building-domestic-church.pdf

FATHERS FOR GOOD

Some Links Provided by Supreme

From time to time, Supreme sends us links particularly relevant to our Fathers for Good program. We have taken this opportunity to present a few that reflect on Pope Francis' talks on the family and its members.

SIBLING SYNERGY - Pope Francis spoke about brothers and sisters, and how they add sugar and spice to family life. 'Brother' and "Sister' are "words that Christianity loves," says Pope Francis. They help us realize in a family context that we are not the center of the universe.
http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/big_four/brother_and_sister.html

CHERISH THE ELDERS - In his usual lively language, Pope Francis said that old age is not a disease and people should be valued for their humanity, not their utility. Read what else he had to say:
http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/big_four/treasure_the_elderly.html

HONOR THY GRANDPARENTS - In his second address on the elderly, Pope Francis says that the young must turn to their elders for guidance and care for them with dignity.
http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/big_four/honor_your_grandparents.html

LET THE CHILDREN - The Holy Father continued his audiences on family life with a reflection on the value and joy of children, and he warned Western nations that are growing more gray by the day.
http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/big_four/children_are_a_gift.html

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR

I hope that this late but fast-arriving Spring weather is warming your body as much as the Spirit of the Lord warms your soul. As we consider the emergence of Spring and its new growth, I want to take this chance to offer each of your councils a new challenge. You have heard me, as State Community Director, and several Knights of Columbus sources, urge you to take part in some well-known, tried and true community activities. You have heard from Supreme and State sources urging each of you to participate in the Global Wheelchair Mission, helping handicapped folks here and abroad; you have also heard from those same sources about the many benefits of Habitat for Humanity; your council chair has espoused the virtue of greater participation in Operation LAMB, and patriotic and veterans' programs have become a staple of our order. They are wonderful programs, but there are more opportunities for service.

Yet there comes a time when your council needs to consider starting new community programs, programs that respond to needs that each of you can identify as special to your parish and community. Now would be a great time to stand back and look around at your community and see what unique challenges surround you and your council right now.

Earth Day is coming up later in April. Are there environmental problems or issues that are plaguing your neighborhood? Does your council need to take the lead in forming a group to deal with a polluted or trash-filed stream or set of stream banks? Does the road approaching your church or council hall need a road-side clean-up program? Do the youths of your parish, especially the Confirmation class, want to help with contributing time and efforts to these causes? What other environmental problems or issues could your council help to mitigate.

Are there social justice issues in your community that your council need to address? Are there immigrant families that need housing or food assistance? Are there families in your parish community that could use help with language barriers or with finding access to health or human services, assistance that your council could provide? You have many brother knights that are sensitive to the needs of our more unfortunate brothers, can they think of projects that can be done to help?

If someone in your parish does not sponsor an American Red Cross blood donation drive, perhaps your council could sponsor one. It is easy to arrange a donation date and time with the Red Cross, and they will go out of their way to assist you in publicizing your new drive and arranging donors. They will even send postcards and make calls to past donors in your area reminding them of your drive. It only takes 3-4 knights to assist the Red Cross in setting up the hall and conducting the drive, and there is no cost involved. I personally have coordinated drives in my council and parish for more than 10 years, and find it to be very gratifying. Did you know that three people benefit from every single blood donation? If you are able to generate 20 donations, at least 60 persons will be helped by your effort.

Does your community have a homeless or men's shelter? Most of those shelters receive some help from churches, but rarely do they have enough help to meet all the needs of the shelter. Most shelters need groups to man the shelters in the evening, or to provide food to feed those in the shelter, and quite often, the shelters need personal care items, like soap, toothbrushes or toothpaste, hair brushes, socks, etc. Folks in the shelters rarely bring any personal belongings to the shelters, and are in desperate need of personal belongings. If there are children in the shelters, a whole new set of needs arise. You can help shelters in so many ways, and one advantage of working with shelters is that they are most in need in the colder months of the year, when your brother knights are most likely to be available.

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COMMUNITY DIRECTOR

Every community in North Carolina is served by an Area Agency on Aging, and those agencies provide a wide range of services to the older citizens of the community. Talk to the Aging Program in your program and find out if you can help with the Meals on Wheels food delivery program or if there are older folks, even in your own parish, that need help with getting to transportation to doctors' appointments, help them out. Are there older families (or Knight's widows) who could use help with yard cleanup or touch-up painting? How else could you council help out the older folks in your parish and/or neighborhood?

While the fire and police agencies in your community often seem to protect you adequately, there are often many unmet needs with which your council could assist. There is probably a member of the fire or police department in your council, or certainly one of your brothers knows a fireman, policeman, or a deputy. Talk to them and see how you could help. One of our councils had begun a program to provide assistance to families whose homes are destroyed by fire or disaster. You often hear that the Red Cross helps them out, but that assistance can be short-lived, and then those families face huge hurdles in re-establishing their homes. Could your council help in some way?

There are prisons in almost every county in North Carolina, and every one of those prisons has a prison ministry program. Did you know that the most desperate shortage of volunteers and the greatest need for help is with a Catholic prison ministry? Almost every other religion, including both the Islamic and Protestant traditions, are active in prison ministries and actively recruit to its faiths. Many Catholics that are in prison, including a substantial Hispanic population, are being exposed to those recruitment efforts, but rarely do they see any Catholics with whom to continue their faith. There are many ways that your council can help, you could work with your pastor to visit the imprisoned, you could provide rosaries or bibles, you could provide Catholic literature, or many other ways to help. In order to turn their lives around, Catholic inmates need the support of the Church to succeed. Your council can provide that support.

All of these ideas, and many more that you can think of if you stop to think about it for a while, are community programs that can benefit your community, can provide the brothers of your council with a worthwhile activity, and can raise your credibility within you community. Please give it a try; I am sure you can think of a new community program.

Rick Seekins
Community Director

NORTH CAROLINA SILVER ROSE TOUR 2015

Date	Location	Address	Council, Representative	Phones	e-Mail Address
Sun. 4/26, Noon	Salem Virginia	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	10015 Chan. David Wyble Sr	(H) 540-389-5710, (C) 540-529-4982	cwowretusmc@msn.com
		314 Turner Rd	Transfer to NC's Council 939 at St Joseph of the Hills Church, Eden, NC in the afternoon		
Sun 4/26, 5pm	Greensboro NC	Our Lady of Grace	939 GK Richard Stepnowski	(336) 230 0511	mstepnowski@hotmail.com
Wed 4/29,8pm	Red Springs NC	St Andrew 301 Mercer Ave	DD19 Jose Santos	H 910 229 3520, c 910-583-2712	j52santos@yahoo.com
Sat 5/2,6pm	St Pauls NC	Nuestra Senora del Carmen	DD19 Jose Santos	H 910 229 3520, c 910-583-2712	j52santos@yahoo.com
Sun 5/3	Fort Bragg NC	St Michael the Archangel	15250 GK Sompaul Vorapanich	910-850-8858	customrosaries@hotmail.com
Wed 5/6	Siler City NC	St Julia,210 Harold Hart Rd	13532 F/S Al Musson	c409-504-4935, h919-533-6602	almusson@nc.rr.com
Thu 5/7	Apex NC	St Mary Magdelene	7186 GK Paul McGrath	919-434-7333	gkkofc7186@gmail.com
5/9 & 5/10	Durham NC	Immaculate Conception	3390 GK Timothy Hall	h919-381-4017, c310-251-2291	grandknight3390@gmail.com
Tues 5/11	Goldsboro NC	St Marys, 1000 N Jefferson	5487 John Kulers	919-658-5905	jkulers@nc.rr.com
Wed 5/13	Elizabeth City NC	Holy Family, 1435 N Road St	7547 GK Ed Power	c252-267-1922, 252-335-0017	powereg@tcomlp.com
Sat 5/16, 8am	New Bern NC	CONVENTION,302 S Front St	NC Family Director Fred Burton	c704-207-8164, h704-624-3507	familydirector@kofcnc,org
Sun 5/17, 2pm?	Jacksonville NC	Infant of Prague, 220 Chaney	3574 GK Gerald Brandon	910-355-5877	kgbrandon2@embarqmail.com
Mon 5/18	Hamlet NC	St Joseph,1018 W Hamlet Av	10783 F/S Joe Brunner	c910-315-1812, h910-281-3957	jabrunnernc@outlook.com
Thu 5/21	Wadesboro NC	Sacred Heart, 205 S Rutherford	Joe Brunner & Fred Burton	(See Entries Above and Below)	
Fri 5/22	Travel to Fletcher NC transfer point		NC Family Director Fred Burton	c704-207-8164, h704-624-3507	familydirector@kofcnc,org
5/22 & 5/23	Sylva NC	St Mary, 22 Bartlett St	9722 GK Don Pierce	828-788-0357	topotex@hotmail.com
Sun 5/24	Travel to Columbus NC transfer point to meet:		SC Silver Rose Chair James Martin	(843) 572 0943	PGK6726PFN1900@comcast.net

To help in planning & promoting prayer services, here are links to English materials (Booklets in both English & Spanish will accompany the Rose):

Publicity flyer: http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/church/sr-Poster.pdf

Booklet: http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/church/sr-4841.pdf

Note: Please be sure to contact the local Council Representative to confirm dates & times of prayer services

Fred Burton, NC Family Life Director, NC Silver Rose Chairman, c704-207-8164, h704-624-3507, familydirector@kofcnc,org

MEMBERSHIP

Membership March 2015

Greetings Fellow Knights from your Membership Team.
Bob Hack Membership Director hackbob42@atmc.net,
Dave Benes Retention Chairman davebenes@embarqmail.com
Tom Smith Recruiting East Chairman, tsmith9880@att.net
Tim Kelly Recruiting West Chairman wodahstar2@yahoo.com,
Rick Scherer College Council Coordinator r.scherer@earthlink.net
Jack Dambaugh Supreme Advertising Coordinator jdambaugh@atmc.net
Chris Walson Round Table Chairman cwalson@triad.rr.com

Contact us at any time you have a question or need assistance.

Brothers. Thank you for your efforts, we had an excellent results so far in March. As of today, March 26, we have recruited 104 new brothers and only need 433 to reach our Circle of Honor goal. If everyone puts forth the effort over the next 3 months and we can still make it. Only 16 active councils remain that have not recruited a new member this year. Great teamwork We are also doing a good job on Membership Net recruiting as we need only 232 more brothers to make that goal and give our State Deputy an atta-boy from Supreme. The net goal is calculated (total recruiting minus drops). Your retention teams are doing great. We are also in excellent shape in our Net/Net performance which is all gains minus all losses taking into account deaths and transfers. We need only 46 more to make it in the net/Net category.

In January I published the list of the top Recruiters for the first ½ year. I have not received any jacket sizes yet hackbob42@atmc.net. 910-754-2647

On the action items from the mid year meeting We still have 20 Councils that turned in Round Table Reports last year not filing yet this year.

Just a reminder of the recruiting incentives currently in place.

The State Council will award a $25.00 Gift card to brothers who recruit 3to5 new brothers in the Final Quarter (April –June) $50.00 for 6 or more recruited. The top recruiter for the three month period will get a $100.00 Gift card. This contest was made possible by your efforts so far this year as NC has been awarded $2800.00 in prize money which your State Council has used to fund this contest. This is in addition to the Jacket contest already in place.

SUPREME will award all councils that qualify for the Star Council Award $4.50 for each man in the Council as of July 1st 2015. It will appear as a credit on the Councils September statement. Honorary Life and disability waived members are not counted in the calculation of the credit. We currently have 22 councils with 100% of their recruiting goal or better This means a council of 100 men will receive a $450.00 Credit. Tell me this is not the best contest ever. 'Let's get those form 100,s and insurance apps flowing. There is not a council in the state that can't make Star in 3 months if they make the effort. If you make the effort we also get Circle of Honor.

Also for those of you who said a prayer for Dave Benes and myself. As of today the prognosis looks good for both of us. Prayer works.

<u>One New Member Per Council Per Month</u>

VIVAT JESUS!
Bob Hack 910-754-2647

COUNTDOWN TO CONVENTION

Countdown to the Knights of Columbus NC State Convention

Due March, 2015 during Council business meeting

- ELECTION OF COUNCIL DELEGATES: Councils must hold elections for delegates and alternates by their March business meeting.
- BISHOP & CULTURE OF LIFE FUNDS: Councils should approve, write and bring these checks to the Convention. Make checks payable to **Knights of Columbus North Carolina State Council**, (on memo line write either "**Bishop's Fund** or "**Culture of Life**").

Due March 15, 2015

- RESOLUTIONS DUE FOR CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE: Send to State Advocate, Dan Lange

Due April 1, 2015 – Send electronically

- KNIGHT OF THE YEAR*: Send to State Secretary, Colin Jorsch. Statesecretary@Kofcnc.org
- FAMILY OF THE YEAR*: Send to State Secretary, Colin Jorsch Statesecretary@Kofcnc.org
- GOLDEN KNIGHT OF THE YEAR*: Send to State Secretary, Colin Jorsch. Statesecretary@Kofcnc.org
- ROOKIE OF THE YEAR*: Send to State Secretary, Colin Jorsch Statesecretary@Kofcnc.org
- PRIEST OF THE YEAR AWARD*: Send to State Chaplain, Rev. William P. Lesak statechaplain@kofcnc.org
- NEWSLETTER AWARD*: Send to Communications Director, Tom Riley statewebmaster@kofcnc.org
- COUNCIL ANNUAL (AKA: Scrapbook)*: Must be in the hands of ANY State Officer.
- RECOGNITION PROGRAM REPORTS*: Send 2nd period council reports to GPD Paul Spire pspire@hotmail.com
- MATRIX FORM: Ensure your District Deputy has submitted your matrix.
- SUPREME & STATE PER CAPITA: Must be paid in order to seat delegates at the convention.
- CREDENTIALS: Send one copy to State Secretary, Colin Jorsch or complete online www.kofcnc.org.
- ALL RESOLUTIONS ARE DUE: Send to State Advocate, Dan Lange. stateadvocate@kofcnc.org
- STATE ATHLETIC EVENTS: Send council hosting bids to State Council Director, Wayne Kleven rdd6@kofcnc.org
- COUNCIL PICTURES: Send digital pictures to State Photographer, Lew McCloud for Convention Slide Show.
- NECROLOGY: Send the names & 3rd degree titles for all brothers who died since 5/1/14 to State Secretary, Colin Jorsch.
- GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT: Send report on the council's year to the State Secretary, Colin Jorsch
- CONVENTION AD: Last day to send in ads for the convention booklet, see convention registration package.
- **See 2014-2015 Recognition Handbook for guidelines of award submissions above*

COUNTDOWN TO CONVENTION (CONTINUED)

Due April 24, 2015

- STATE CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION: Last day for pre-registration to the convention.
- HOTEL RESERVATION: Last day to register with the hotel for a room reservation.

Due April 25, 2015

- STATE RAFFLE, TICKETS / MONEY: Resolution sheets, unsold tickets, ticket stubs, and money are due to your District Deputy.

Convention Time – May 15 - 17, 2015

- CREDENTIALS: Submit signed copy to the Credentials Committee on Friday night May 15th.
- COLUMBIAN AWARD REPORT: Submit SP-7 form to State Warden, JC Reiher
- **BISHOP'S FUND: Councils are asked to contribute to either the Diocese of Charlotte or Raleigh. Bring check.
- **CULTURE OF LIFE: Councils are asked to make a donation. Bring check.
- COUNCIL BANNERS: Bring and display your Council banner at the convention.
- 4TH DEGREE REGALIA: 4th Degree should bring regalia & participate in the Color/Honor Guard at Mass.

****Please make checks payable to the "Knights of Columbus North Carolina State Council" (on memo line write either "Bishop's Fund or "Culture of Life")**

2015 North Carolina Fourth Degree Regional Exemplification (One Day)
April 18, 2015

Hosted By: The Msgr. Eugene Livelsberger Assembly No. 1713, Hickory

Where: St. Aloysius Church
921 Second Street NE
Hickory, NC 28601

Exemplification Time: 12 Noon sharp! Candidates should arrive no later than 10:00 AM and dressed as explained on the attached "Exemplification Dress Code Form"

Observers: You should also be dressed in the official uniform of a Sir Knight, as explained on the Dress Code Form. You also must complete the Dress Code Form and submit with you luncheon fee.

Luncheon: Immediately following the Exemplification at approximately 3:00 PM – Please advise if there are any Dietary Restrictions!

FEES & PAYMENTS

Candidates fee is $70.00. He will receive a social baldric, Fourth Degree lapel pin, one luncheon ticket, and a Fourth Degree certificate. This fee is governed by Supreme.

Observer and Guest fee will be $20.00 and it will cover one luncheon ticket.

The Master must have the name and Assembly number of all observers and the name of all guests.

All checks must be from the Assembly and **made payable to "Master's Fund"**. There will be no personal checks accepted. DO NOT mail cash!!

Candidate and Guest money, completed form 4, and the completed Exemplification Dress Code Form must be sent in together no later than Holy Saturday, April 4, 2015. No refund requests will be accepted after that date.

Observer and Guest money and completed Exemplification Dress Code Form must be sent in by the same date.

If the form 4 is not complete, it will not be accepted. See attached example of a completed form 4.

Send to District Master SK David L. Onofrio, 601 Parker Street, Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

If you are planning on staying overnight, there are some Hotels and Motels in the area that you should be able to use.

"Do not wait. Recruit candidates now." This is a less expensive way for a Third Degree brother to become a member of the Patriotic Arm of the Order and do it in just one day.

EXEMPLIFICATION DRESS CODE

April 18, 2015 Hickory Exemplification
The following "Exemplification Dress Code Form MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND SUBMITTED WITH EACH CANDIDATE'S COMPLETED FORM 4

Appropriate Dress for Candidate and/or Observers is Black Tuxedo, Plain White Tuxedo Pleated Shirt (with lay down collar - NO wing tips allowed), Black Bow Tie, Black Shoes, Black Socks, Black Cummerbund. Observers must also wear their social baldric and the PG-113 lapel pin, not the flag lapel pin.
Candidate will receive his Social Baldric and Fourth Degree pin in the Ante-Chamber after registering with the District Secretary.

Clergy to wear their "Blacks" or cassock.

Active Duty Military may wear their Class A or Dress Uniform instead of the Black Tuxedo. You also have an option of not wearing the baldric with your dress uniform.

No weapons, concealed or otherwise, are permitted!

Attach lower portion to candidate's completed Form 4 and send to the District Master

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OBSERVERS MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM ALSO, IF ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON.
I fully understand the above requirements and must be in the appropriate dress to be eligible to take my Fourth Degree. I am to report to the District Secretary's Registration Desk no later than 1 hour prior to the published start time of the Exemplification ***(9:30AM to 10:00 AM is recommended).***

Print Full Name of Candidate or ***Observer*** _____

Please indicate whether you are staying for luncheon **YES** **NO**

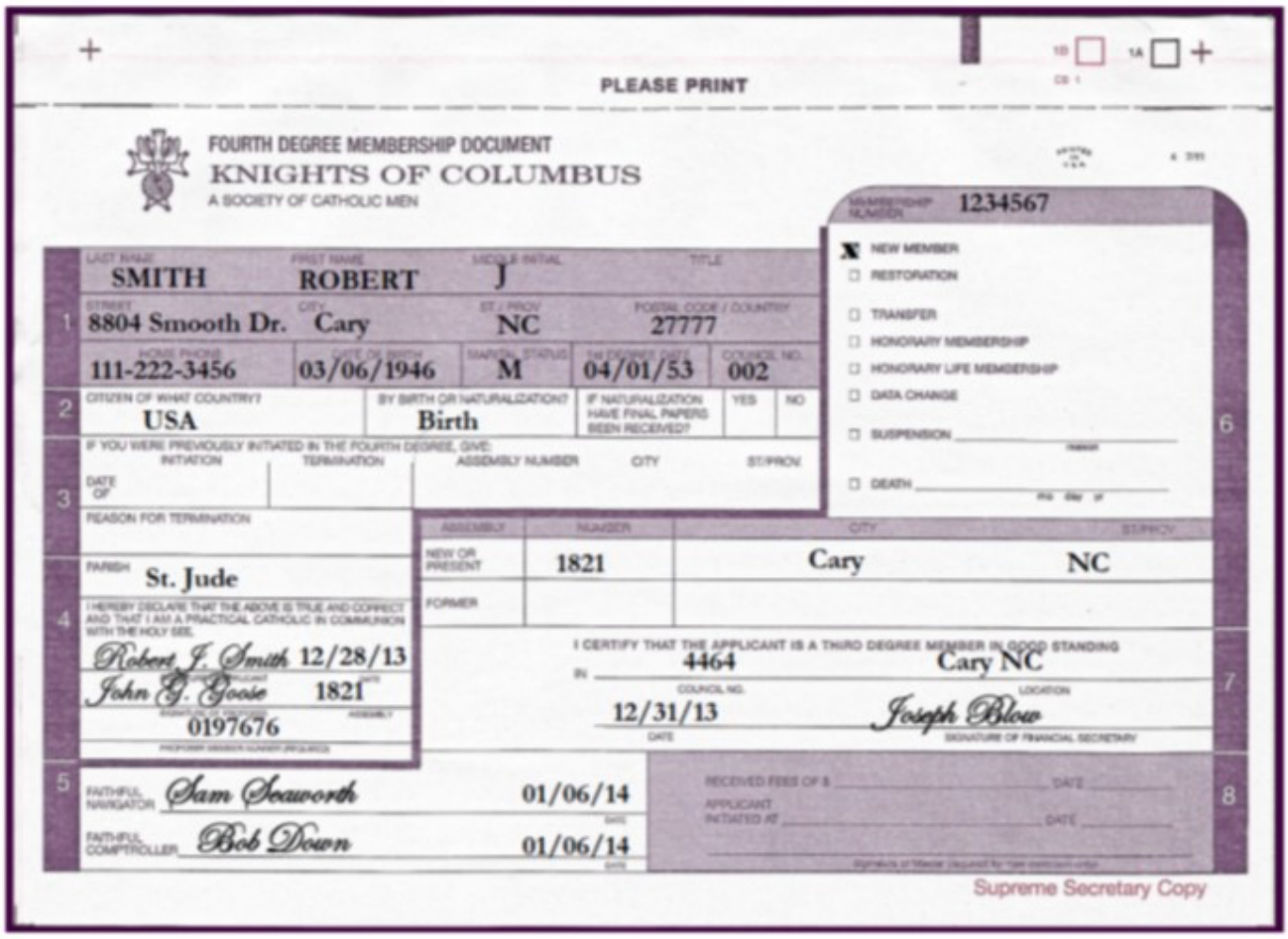
Will you be bringing a guest for the luncheon **YES** **NO**

Print Full Name of Guest_____

Please advise if there are any Dietary Restrictions! _____

No refund requests will be accepted after Holy Saturday, April 4, 2015

ASSEMBLY OFFICERS: THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT AND SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE AND ATTACHED TO THE CANDIDATE'S FORM 4. BOTH MUST BE SUBMITTED, TOGETHER, TO THE DISTRICT MASTER ALONG WITH A CHECK FROM THE ASSEMBLY MADE OUT TO THE "MASTER'S FUND".



PLEASE PRINT

FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC MEN

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER 1234567

1 LAST NAME: SMITH | FIRST NAME: ROBERT | MIDDLE INITIAL: J | TITLE:
STREET: 8804 Smooth Dr. | CITY: Cary | ST / PROV: NC | POSTAL CODE / COUNTRY: 27777
HOME PHONE: 111-222-3456 | DATE OF BIRTH: 03/06/1946 | MARITAL STATUS: M | 1st DEGREE DATE: 04/01/53 | COUNCIL NO.: 002

2 CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA | BY BIRTH OR NATURALIZATION? Birth | IF NATURALIZATION HAVE FINAL PAPERS BEEN RECEIVED? YES / NO

3 IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY INITIATED IN THE FOURTH DEGREE, GIVE: INITIATION / TERMINATION / ASSEMBLY NUMBER / CITY / ST/PROV
DATE OF
REASON FOR TERMINATION

4 PARISH: St. Jude
I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I AM A PRACTICAL CATHOLIC IN COMMUNION WITH THE HOLY SEE.
Robert J. Smith 12/28/13
John G. Goose 1821
0197676

ASSEMBLY: NEW OR PRESENT: 1821 | CITY: Cary | ST/PROV: NC
FORMER:

I CERTIFY THAT THE APPLICANT IS A THIRD DEGREE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING
IN 4464 COUNCIL NO. Cary NC LOCATION
12/31/13 DATE Joseph Blow SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY

5 FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR: Sam Seaworth 01/06/14
FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER: Bob Down 01/06/14

6 X NEW MEMBER
RESTORATION
TRANSFER
HONORARY MEMBERSHIP
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP
DATA CHANGE
SUSPENSION
DEATH

7

8 RECEIVED FEES OF $ DATE
APPLICANT INITIATED AT DATE

Supreme Secretary Copy

THK SUBMISSIONS

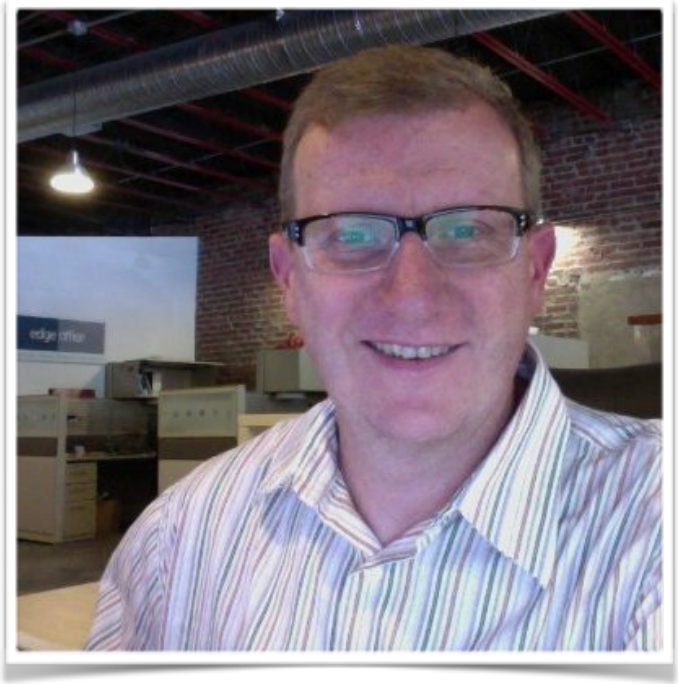
Brothers,

It's been a while since we let everyone know about how to submit for the monthly Tar Heel Knight state newsletter, so I thought I'd send out a note to remind everyone how easy it is to get something published in the THK.

- Send your submission to **thkchairman@kofcnc.org** and be sure to CC **statesecretary@kofcnc.org** for approval. I cannot publish an article that hasn't been approved by the State Secretary.
- Submit your article as an attached document, not in the email itself. **Word document** is the preferred format, but I can work with many formats and try to be as flexible as possible.
- We try to follow any formatting that you use in your document, so be sure to pay attention to how your article looks.
- Be sure to include your **name and title** in any articles.
- Submissions are **due by the 25th** for publication in the following month.
- If you have an article that needs to run for multiple months, you must submit it again every month for which it needs to be published. (Sorry, it's just too hard to keep track of this for you from month-to-month.)

If you have any questions or concerns, I'm at your service. Feel free to email me, or give me a ring.

Vivat Jesus,
Scot Catlin
Tar Heel Knight Chairman
(919) 413-7940



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Heart Centered Spiritual Exercises

Ignatian Retreat for Men: May 15-17

As a Catholic man, am I going through the motions in prayer? Am I growing spiritually and seeking His daily guidance? Am I an example of Christ's love, teaching, and leadership to family and friends? Are there models for my mission as His disciple – particularly in today's secular environment?

This silent retreat will give insights on how the deepest desires of our hearts lead us to the Heart of Jesus Christ. Fr. James Kubicki, S.J., Director of the National Apostleship of Prayer will direct this silent retreat (www.apostleshipofprayer.org). He will draw on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and will introduce us to "heart centered" vocal, contemplative and meditative approaches that focus on being a Catholic man of faith in life today.

Knights of Columbus from St. Luke and St. Raphael Parishes jointly sponsor this 2015 Silent Ignatian Retreat for men at Avila Retreat Center, Durham, starting Friday (5/15) at 5 PM and continuing through Sunday (5/17) noon. The $175 cost for the 3-day retreat includes private overnight room for two nights, two dinners, two breakfasts and two lunches.

To register, send a $60 deposit made out to:

K of C #12455 -- Ignatian Retreat
C/O Jim Haag
500 Emerywood Dr.
Raleigh, 27615
or call at 919-841-5817.

4th Degree Exemplification - Fayetteville - Feb. 28th, 2015

On February 28, 2015 at St. Patrick Church in Fayetteville NC, the Fourth Degree Exemplification took place honoring Sir Knight Alan R. Grupy, Past Faithful Navigator. There were 38 third degree candidates from 21 councils that made their fourth degree. The District Master of North Carolina SK David L. Onofrio, Past State Deputy performed the exemplification. A Missing Man Ceremony was performed by District Marshal SK Richard W. Lewis, Past Faithful Navigator at the luncheon after the exemplification.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Council 15085
3rd Degree Exemplification

State Advocate Dan Lange and State Warden JC Reiher congratulate our newest 3rd Degree members at the Exemplification held in Waynesville on March 7, 2015.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Havelock - March 21st
3rd Degree Exemplification

Durham - March 22nd
1st Degree Exemplification

FREE THROW CONTEST

On March 21st in Burlington NC all of the District winners of the local Free Throw Contest met to decide the overall State winner in this youth event. Both boys and girls ages 9 through 14 , showed great poise and sportsmanship as they came together to determine a winner in each age group. A great time was had by all and the competition was fierce between these District winners. State Warden JC Reiher and the State Youth Director presented the top three winners in each Division with a trophy worthy of a champion.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Council 15085
Food for Families

Council Members collect donations in support of the Council's 2015 Lenten Food Drive.
Over 2,000 pounds of food was donated to 3 local food banks.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Council 7024

Ramp Project

The Father Vincent J. Mahoney Council 7024 of Swansboro, NC completed a local project for the widow of one of our Past Grand Knights SK Richard Baulch. In need of a ramp to her home the local Knights reacted swiftly and completed this project in a day.

3RD DEGREE CEREMONY

Pictured above is Padre, the candidates, degree team and our State Deputy for a third Degree held at Dr. John Carr Monk council #7259 in Newton Grove on March 15, 2015. This was the first Spanish Third Degree held in North Carolina.

En el foto para arriba se ve el Padre Leon, los candidatos, el equipo del grado, y nuestrol Diputado del Estado, quienes asistieron en un Tercer Grado que fue realizado en el Consejo #7259 Dr. John Carr Monk en Newton Grove el día 15 de marzo, 2015. Esto fue la primera ejemplificación del tercer grado en Norte Carolina.

Star Council Checklist

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Service Program Personnel Report
Form #365 – Due August 1

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity
Form #1728 – Due January 31

McGivney Award
Membership Quota of _____

	YTD	Apr.	May	June
Gains:				
Losses:				

Founders' Award
Insurance Quota of _____

	YTD	Apr.	May	June
Gains:				
Losses:				

Columbian Award
Report Form #SP7 – June 30

Church	Community	Council	Culture of Life	Family	Youth
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.

In Good Standing
All Council Assessments paid by June 30

Prior to the end of the fraternal year on June 30, make sure that your council achieves the requirements to qualify for the Father McGivney, Founders', Columbian and Star Council Awards. There are no application forms for the Father McGivney and Founders' awards.

Star Council Award

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. To be eligible to earn your Star Council Award, a council must qualify for the Father McGivney, Founders' and Columbian awards. To qualify for these awards, a council must have submitted its Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) and its Service Program Personnel Report (#365). Other eligibility requirements are:

Columbian Award
Father McGivney Award
Founders' Award
Council must be in Good Standing

(Note: All membership and insurance transactions must be received, processed, recorded and released at the Supreme Council office by June 30.)

These lapel pins correspond to Star Council, Star District and Star Council Field Agents.

Star Council Lapel Pin

Double Star Council Lapel Pin

Triple Star Council Lapel Pin

Star District Lapel Pin

Field Agent Star Lapel Pin