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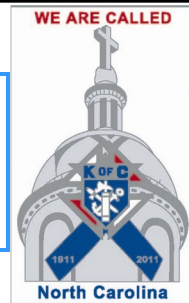
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A Message from the State Deputy

My Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

As we enter the Advent season know that you and your councils are in the thoughts and prayer of the State Council. Your Advent programs are a true out pouring of love to your Brother Knights, Parish Families and communities. Angel Tree, clothing drives, food collections and shut-in visits are everywhere. The way you extend the love of Christ is all is very inspiring – thank you! You make us proud to be Knights.

The Mid-Year Meetings will be held in January...the West meeting will be held in Hickory on January 7th and the East meeting will be held in Washington on January 28th. This is a one day meeting for the Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Membership Directors, LAMB Directors and Financial Secretaries. A lunch will be provided to all attendees on Saturday. Our website contains more information relative to these meetings.

In addition to our state meetings important activities exist in January to show our support for life. Marches are occurring in January in Charlotte, Raleigh, and especially in Washington DC. Our director, Pete Devlin and his chairmen have done fabulous work for the life, please continue to check our Tar Heel Knight and Website to lend you and your councils support for life.

“The light of the Christmas star to you, The warmth of home and hearth to you, The cheer and good will of friends to you, The hope of a childlike heart to you, The joy of a thousand angels to you, The love of the Son and God’s peace to you.”

Thanks and God Bless,

Greg Kent

NC State Deputy



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A Message From Monsignor



In a "church" word association experiment with friends, the word "Advent" came up. I said "hope," everyone else said "Christmas." There's not supposed to be any wrong answer. However, I'd like to make the case that this month of December is about more than getting ready for the birth of the Messiah. The seasonal readings and the prayers, the personalities of John the Baptist and the prophets provide us the opportunity to contemplate the coming of the peaceable kingdom. This peaceable kingdom is both already here by virtue of Jesus' birth and the Pascal Mystery, but it is also not yet. It is something we still long and look for. We get glimpses of it during this season of many charitable works and fraternal social events. The love shared in service combined with the joyful company of friends is a sign and a foreshadowing of what Advent, our hope, and heaven are about.

As we take the time in the four weeks ahead to contemplate Christ's coming as a babe in Bethlehem, let's also use this as a time to consider what it will be like when He comes in glory. As Christmas is the season to celebrate the Mystery of the Incarnation, Advent provides us the opportunity to put flesh on the bones of our framework of hope. This month we will be asked, "What do you want for Christmas?" What if we were also asked this Advent, "What is your hope for this world? What is your hope for the next?" and most importantly, "What could you do to make that hope happen in the four weeks ahead?"

Wishing you and your loved ones the best of God's blessing in this season of grace.

Rev. Msgr. Anthony Muzzio



State Secretary

My Brothers All,

Many, many thanks to all of you for all your efforts to insure the Knights of Columbus continues to prosper in your Churches, communities and North Carolina. As we attend your meetings and hear of the terrific programs Councils are performing, it is no wonder at the numerous awards earned and well deserved. We will hear more programs and awards at the Mid Year Meetings in January and very much deserved.

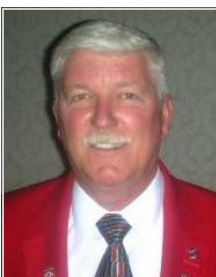
Speaking of the Mid Year Meetings, please go to the State website at www.KofCNC.org, find the information on the Mid Year Meetings and also register for your attendance. There are deadline dates required as the State will be providing the lunch at both meetings. You can well understand that numbers would be a requirement for any establishment to be prepared for a large crowd. We want to insure lunch for all, so please take a moment and sign up. There are also boxes to advise if you are bringing wives and children. We need to be prepared and only you can help by registering. Thanks for the help!

The Mid Year Meeting West will be held in Hickory on January 7, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The Mid Year Meeting East will be held at the Washington Civic Center in Washington, NC on January 28, 2012. Both meetings will start at 8:30 AM and will have breakout sessions for the Financial Secretaries, LAMB and Membership Directors. The First Half Awards will be presented at the luncheon. We look forward to meeting with you and presenting information valuable to the success of your Councils.

The State Communications Team has been working hard to insure that you receive as much information as possible in a timely fashion to assist you with your plans, etc. The State Website is full of information and we are working to insure the State Calendar is updated as often as possible to keep information current. Communications Director Ed Kane is the GO-TO person if you request an event placed on the calendar and his information can be found on the website.

Website Chairman Tom Riley has worked diligently to get all the Councils information on the website registry. Thus, information can be sent to all of the GK's at the push of a button as was accomplished for the information letter re: the mid year meetings. Tom has done a fantastic job for the website and State to move us into the modern electronic era.

As we move into the Holy Season of Advent and Christmas, please remember in your thoughts and prayers, those members of the Military either at home or abroad.



From my family to yours a wish for a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

Jack Murray
State Secretary



North Carolina Third Degree Schedule 2011 / 2012

Degree Date	Host Council
12/03/11	New Bern 3303
01/13/12 (Friday)	Cary 6650
02/11/12	Clemmons 9499
02/18/12	Raleigh 2546
03/10/12	Mooresville 7406
04/14/12	Durham 13812
04/21/12	Wilmington 1074
06/02/12	Garner 11266

As many of you have heard, the Third Degree exemplification has changed. I personally feel it is now one of the most beautiful degrees to see. Please take the time to attend the next one in your area and see for yourself. While you are at it, why don't you bring a friend into the Order and take him through the degrees so he can also see how meaningful each of them are.

With the changes to the Third Degree, smaller councils can now host a Third Degree and we can have as few as 10 to 15 candidates. We are also looking at hosting some on a Friday evening without a dinner afterwards, just some snacks and drinks. This would be a lot easier and less expensive all the way around. I will try to have the details available at the Organizational Meeting. If you think you might be interested, check the current schedule and the dates we can't have a degree, then get with me right away. We will schedule them on a first come first serve basis. Let's try to have at least 2 dozen Third Degrees in the new fraternal year. We will certainly do more if we can.

We are still looking for councils to host Third Degrees. To determine a date use the current published schedule and the State Website under ceremonials to see what dates we cannot host a degree. Also note, with the new Third Degree, we can host it on a Friday evening. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible with a date that fits in with the current schedule and the dates we cannot host one.

We are taking requests to host 3rd degrees for the next fraternal year - July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The following are dates that we cannot host a degree on:

December 24 and 31, 2011
January 7, 21, 28, 2012 and May 19, 2012



Please contact me as soon as you can to ensure your date is locked in.

Dave Onofrio, PSD,
Ceremonials Chairman



Membership

“One Member, Per Council, Per Month”

Worthy Brothers,

Vivat Jesus!

As of the last day of November our state has reached 30% of the recruitment goal set for us by our Supreme Council. This increase is due to the great efforts of our Brother Knights within our state; it's due to your efforts. Congratulations! Keep up the good work. Below is a breakdown of the highs, and a little about the lows, with regards to recruiting within our State. The figures reflect the percent of each listed Councils yearly quota. Although every Council's efforts are extremely important, only those attaining at least 50% of their yearly quota have been included here.

10520	Ft. Bragg	275%
15085	Waynesville	200%
11101	Greensboro	109%
3303	New Bern	100%
10783	Hamlet	100%
11102	Charlotte	83%
9365	Henderson	80%
13488	MCAS New River	75%
9030	Laurinburg	75%
10504	Winston-Salem	72%
9549	Hillsborough	66%
14767	High Point	66%
1074	Wilmington	64%
5487	Goldsboro	63%
9847	Fayetteville	60%
4660	Wilson	58%
4600	Rocky Mount	50%
7232	Roanoke Rapids	50%
7450	Concord	50%
9880	Raleigh	50%

Even though the increase in membership in our State is terrific, there's another side to the numbers. There are sixty Councils within our state that have reported no growth so far this Fraternal year. These sixty Councils represent nearly half of the total number of Councils in North Carolina. Even though the number of Councils which haven't reported growth through November is larger than expected it also means that twenty six Councils have added members within the past month. That's good news, and if every Council steps up their recruiting activities I believe that North Carolina will not only meet the membership goals set by Supreme; we will exceed them.

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MEMBERSHIP Continued

Once your Council has successfully recruited a new member your interest in that man shouldn't stop, or even slow. Now that you've added a Brother Knight to your roster find him something to do. He joined the Knights to be a part of something greater than himself; he joined to put his faith into action. Allow this new Brother to help you build your Council by including him in programs and activities. Encourage him to attend the monthly meetings and socials. Especially encourage him to take his next degree, and make sure that he doesn't go to the degree alone. By investing in this newest Brother Knight, you're ensuring that your Council and our Order will benefit from the talents that he alone possesses as he grows as a Knight.

If your Council hasn't had as successful of a recruiting effort as you would like to see, then I encourage you to reach out to other Councils. The ideas that have worked for them may provide the ember that lights the fire that may grow into the best recruitment program that your Council has ever experienced. Your District Deputy as well as your Regional District Deputy is committed to helping your Council to do the best that it can in all programs. Contact these men and benefit from the experience that they have to offer as PGK's. Our Supreme Council makes recruitment ideas and strategies available on their website. As always, I am just a phone call or email away. I'll be happy to discuss your successful recruiting efforts as well as listen if you need to bounce an idea or two off of someone.

If we really believe in the Knights of Columbus, then recruiting new members as well as involving and retaining current members will become more than meeting goals.

Sharing, enhancing, involving...membership will be a part of our calling.

God bless.
Vivat Jesus!



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Merry Christmas from the North Carolina State Membership Team





State Treasurer

Brothers All,

Gina, Katie and I truly hope this edition of the THK finds you well and in the loving Spirit of God!

We are hoping that you all had a fantastic Thanksgiving Holiday and are transitioning to the season of Advent nicely.

I am hoping that you will be in attendance of the Mid-year meetings and the opportunities for the Right to Life Marches in your area and in Washington, D.C. The information for all of this is on the state website and would love for you to attend.

Please don't forget about the kickoff or the Marian Hour of Prayer that will begin in Condor on the 11th of December. Our goal is to make sure that every Parish or Mission has the opportunity to celebrate this prayer hour and Fred Burton has done a fabulous job providing the information.

Don't forget about the Family of the Month Program – we had three winners from the state drawn by the Supreme Council for the month of September – keep submitting those entries, as there are so many deserving families in the state, it certainly must be a difficult task to choose.

Brother Knights, there are many activities in the realm of community that you can put forth effort, Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Social Justice, Veterans' affairs, just to name a few. Find someone that is interested in one of these activity areas and get them involved.

Please, by all means, be involved with the youth of your community. If we, those exhibiting good morals don't get involved, our young people are easy prey for those with less noble intentions.

Above, I have given you a few examples of the many programs that are available in our state. If you have an idea that we have overlooked, that doesn't stop you from conducting the activity. Heck, do the activity, write it down and submit it for a State Service Award – this will do two things, expose your ingenuity and give other councils ideas on something that they may have not thought of before – you never know, you might even win an award.

Brothers, I leave you with this Reading from the Gospel of Matthew, heard a couple of weeks ago:

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'

Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'

He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Brothers, I pray that as we celebrate our Thanks and the birth of Christ, we remember those who may be less fortunate than us. Pray often that God may grant them the peace from their suffering that only He can grant.

May the Peace of Christ be with you this Advent and Christmas Season!!

Colin Jorsch, State Treasurer





Brothers all,

State Advocate

All of the Council programs for the first half of the year (April 1, 2011 till September 30th) have been submitted by many of our Councils and have been judged by the Directors. The winners will be announced at the Mid-year meetings in January. The Directors have told me that it was very difficult judging the various programs because so many of them were so good. Come to the Mid-year meetings to get some ideas that you may be able to use in your Council, parish or community. Thank you to the many Councils that took the time to write up their programs and share them with us. It is through their efforts that we can all find ways to do more good works. Remember **We Are Called**.

Now that Thanksgiving has come and gone for another year. Everyone is now starting to prepare for Christmas. Christmas is a time of great joy. I would like to remind you to remember the reason we celebrate Christmas. It is so easy to forget when we get busy preparing for Christmas. Lori and I would like to wish each of you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year. I hope each of you plan to spent some time with your family and friends.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

John Nussbaum,
State Advocate



Greetings and Thanksgiving wishes to all.

State Warden

Now that the turkey and trimmings are gone and we have spent time with our families, it is time to look towards the second half of our fraternal year. I know that we have done much but we still have much to do.

As the forms chairman I want to thank all of the Grand Knights who submitted the reports these past few months. Our goal is 100% participation in the submission of State and Supreme reports. We are close and some councils still need to get their forms in, even if they are late. Please see that a copy comes to me. You can check your status on the state website under Tracking Form on the first page.

Lastly, the mid-year meetings will be held in January and I will be looking for your Fraternal Survey reports. Remember that even though they are due at the end of January you need to turn them into me at the meeting. If your council is not attending it is imperative that you get the form to your DD so that he can bring it for you.

Until I see you at a gathering may God Bless you all,

Dan Lange
State Warden





Brother Knights,

Worthy brother knights, as we prepare for the excitement of the Christmas season and begin to assess the many blessings that God has bestowed on us, there are those who have suffered misfortune and find themselves in need of a wheelchair. Did you know that the Knights of Columbus sponsors a free wheelchair program for just such needy persons. We in North Carolina wish to expand this program throughout the state. While information is available on Supreme's website, we believe that you will find it much more convenient to pick up an information packet for your council/assembly at the January Mid-Year meetings. However, because some of you know of persons with a truly urgent need for wheelchairs, I encourage you to contact me, David Wilson, KofC NC Wheelchair Program chairman, without waiting until January to see how we can expedite things. Also, your feedback about the program is requested as we will be evaluating the effectiveness of the program in serving those in need.

I would ask that the councils contact various organizations in their parishes, and communities and even urgent care facilities, remembering that the wheelchairs are given to individuals and not on a loaner basis.

Remember that if every council could raise \$125.00 we could purchase a container of 110 wheelchairs for distribution through the state.

If any Grand Knight or other council representative had any comments or need more information feel free to contact me at navydaze@comporium.net.

Fraternally,

David Wilson
Wheelchair Chairman



Calendar of Upcoming State Events

State Mid-Year Meeting West, Jan. 7, 2012, Hickory, NC

State Mid-Year Meeting East, Jan. 28, 2012, Washington, NC

Annual State Convention, May 18-20, 2012, Asheville, NC



Family of the Month

Be sure to complete your Family of the Month form every month! It is due on the 15th of the following month. What better way to honor the work of your Council and your families than through this simple, but fundamental program. In addition, Supreme, at random, selects 100 entries to be honored. Congratulations to three of our North Carolina families who were chosen by Supreme for the month of September:

Tracy & Cynthia Neumann – Council 7406, Mooresville
 Jerry & Irene Cucurullo – Council 9709, Raleigh
 Andrew & Kimberley Sciacca – Council 13812, Durham

This form (1993A) can be completed online or printed at
<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/forms/council.html>.
 Please include the State Deputy in these submissions.



Vivat Jesus!

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WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAM

As Christmas draws near, I would like to remind all that we will be issuing the checks to the Wounded Warriors, for their trips home, on December 15, 2011. If you have not yet sent in your donation to this very worthy cause, please do so as soon as possible.

It is encouraging to hear that we are bringing a lot of our servicemen and women home by Christmas. Please keep these Service People in your prayers. Many will come home with some terrible memories, which can cause mental illness.

To date the KofC donations to the Wounded Warriors stand at a little over \$36,000. I am told that there is much more to come.

I cannot express my appreciation to everyone who has worked on the Program. I will give you all the Final Amount Donated in the January Newsletter.

God Bless You All.

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Room At The Inn Pledge Progress “McGivney Center for Life”



Brother Knights,

We are down to the last mile and it is going to be the longest mile. We've worked hard to get to where we have and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who understand how important this Center will be in the battle we fight against the abortionists... Many thanks to those who don't need to be convinced... Those of you that just "get it". Especially to all the councils that have honored the commitment we knights made to RATI and made a pledge.

In January the construction will be done and we will begin working on obtaining the operational licenses from the State which will take several months. Once those are obtained we will dedicate the center with its new and lasting name which we are confident will become a brand that will spread to campuses all over the country. Will it be the "McGivney Center for Life"?

If you've been on the sidelines of this initiative.... If you have not pledged... If your council has not pledged... Now is the time. If we will name this center after our founder and fulfill the commitment that you helped make 4 years ago you must pledge.... If you don't.... we won't....

Please go to www.mcgivneycenterforlife.org or www.rati.org for more information and make a pledge or donation of whatever you can afford.

If you have any questions or would like a representative from our Board to come and talk to you, please contact me at tom.mathis@danaher.com.

\$402,000 versus our goal of \$1,000,000
1,400 of 17,000 Brother Knights have Pledge or Contributed
43 of over 120 Councils have Pledged or Contributed
53 days to Construction Completion
Remember here at the end of the year.... This is TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Fraternally,
Tom Mathis



NC CHURCH DIRECTOR

Worthy Brothers All,

I hope that everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving and took the time to reflect and give thanks for the truly wonderful things that our Lord has brought into our lives. This also marks the beginning of Advent, the start of the Liturgical year and countdown to Christmas. I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to reaffirm your devotion to our Religion by starting out the new year with a dedicated devotion to renew your faith. Try saying a daily morning prayer, or spend time studying one of the Gospels, or spend time saying the Rosary together as a family, or make a commitment to attend weekly Mass. It may sound like simple things to do and may come as a surprise to some that someone, especially a Knight, would not be doing these things already, but it's amazing how we let the daily things in our lives overshadow the really important things like religious dedication. I guarantee that even taking a little step in deepening your faith will bring so much more reward than ever imagined.

This year also brings change in the Liturgy for those in the English speaking world. Many times change can be hard to accept. There may be some that do not agree with the changes, but remember that we as an organization are dedicated to the support of our Priests and religious. If you have questions about why the changes were made, here is a good resource to help answer those questions: <http://vimeo.com/2541=499>. There are also resources for teen and middle school children so that you can share with your family.

Finally, the icons of Our Lady of Guadalupe will kickoff of the Marian Hour tour will be on December 11th at Our Lady of the Americas in Candor, NC. Please see the article about this event in this month's THK with additional details on the state website.



Vivat Jesus,
Chris Losack
NC Church Director





MARIAN HOUR of PRAYER PROGRAM BEGINS!

North Carolina's Marian Hour or Prayer program, the two-year long statewide tours of two icons and relics of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will start on December 11th, 2011 at Our Lady of the Americas in Candor, NC. The icons, accompanied by an honor guard, will be brought into the sanctuary between the Gospel reading and the homily during the 9:00AM English Mass. After the conclusion of the Mass, our prayer service will be conducted. The contents of the prayer service can be found at: http://issuu.com/knightsofcolumbus/docs/olog_book?viewMode=magazine&mode=embed (click&Paste in url block). This will probably last an hour with some additional time for private devotions. Our veneration of the icons is being tied into the parish's nearly week-long celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe but is being done on December 11th so as not to intrude upon their Hispanic community's long-established traditions to take place on the actual feast day, December 12th.

In Mexico, this is one of the most important and well-loved celebrations in their country. And well it should be for it marks the manner in which Our Blessed Mother brought our Holy Faith to them in a most miraculous way.

Refresh your knowledge here: <http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/CHURCH/Marian%20Hour/Our%20Lady%20of%20Guadalupe.htm>

This is an event well worth a trip to participate in. But if your schedule won't allow you to get there, don't worry, an icon will be coming to a parish near you!

<http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/CHURCH/Marian%20Hour/Tour%20Schedule.htm>

Some items of interest

1. Yes, they do sell Hispanic foods in the attached parish hall/dining area between the 9AM and Noon Masses. We're talking about HOMEMADE Tacos, Sopas, Pan Dulce, doughnuts, nachos, etc. REALLY YUMMY STUFF! (There is also a local (i.e. - Southern cooking?) restaurant on the other side of the US 220 interchange that appeared to be open as I left at noon.) Religious articles are also for sale, lots of statues of Our Blessed Mother, angels and saints. Proceeds help the parish.
2. There is a walk of devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe at 2pm sponsored by the youth groups. We've invited them to the 9am Mass and to participate in the prayer service. They were quite excited and extended the invitation for any of you to join their walk. (Alas, the icons have places to be that afternoon) Celebrations will be going on much of the afternoon and most of that night (special Masses at 11pm Sunday and 7pm Monday).
3. The church is BEAUTIFUL! It is a modern structure build to resemble a Spanish mission and decorated in a 'traditionally Catholic' style. You'll have to see it for your selves. If you're traveling south on US 220, you can clearly see the church off to the left as you get ready to exit right for NC 211. And, believe it, the people are just as beautiful and friendly! Father Sanchez has been announcing our visit and they are looking forward to this.
4. There is lots of open ground available for parking. If things get too full we might park at some industries across the road although it'd probably be best to check with the parishioners before doing so. Beside the parking lot on the south side of the church there's a brick gazebo with a shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe.
5. Locating info for your GPS: Our Lady of the Americas, 298 Farmers Market Road, Biscoe, NC 27209, Phone: (910) 974-3051

We're excited!

Fred Burton
Alvaro Alzate
State Marian Hour Co-Chairs





RIGHT TO LIFE MARCHES ARE ONE MONTH AWAY, TIME TO MAKE PLANS

Brothers and all, by the authority of the State Deputy Greg Kent and The 4th degree District Master Bob Grabasky, all Council and Assemblies are activated, and asked to start making plan's to:

- 1) To promote the marches for life in their councils, assemblies and church's,
- 2) Plan road trips to the marches
- 3) Lead a prayer in churches, councils and assemblies for the success of these marches

Charlotte March for Life – Friday Jan 13th , 12 noon, meet at the Charlotte Diocese This March , being that it is at lunch time on a Friday right down the sidewalks of Charlotte, it is a very public display for Life, everyone's downtown getting their lunch, so many can witness the March. We stop at the Center Square for testimonies, and then down to the U.S. Courthouse for a vigil out front. The Bishop Does March with us so, we need as many 4th degree present as possible, But it's not just for the 4th degree, we need all Knights out there, bring your family, members of your church, Bring all you can!!!

Raleigh March for Life- Saturday Jan 14th 1 pm Nash Square, This is our State Capital; this is a March that has to be done, to send a message to our representatives in the State Capital. Both of our Bishops March and of course we want as many people out there to make a statement. Bring your council and Church banners, remember this is on a Saturday, and so offer to help your youth groups attend this March.

Washington March for Life, Monday January 23rd, This Is the Big Daddy of Marches, and there are buses leaving from all parts of the state, we will have a listing of all buses, cost and contact information on the website as soon as it is compiled.

This has been a great year for the Culture of Life, we have made good progress, with a women's right to know and in other areas, now is the time we need you and all people that can to be at these Marches, Time to send a message, take a Stand (or Step) for Life

“God the lord has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life and men
Must carry it out in a worthy manner”: Catechism 2271 Brothers WE ARE THOSE MEN!!!!

40 Days For Life: After a very successful Vigil this fall 732 babies were saved nationwide, The Leaders of Charlotte area 40 days, would like to expand 40 days to cover the other abortions facilities in Charlotte, but they need a commitment from councils and churches by the end of Dec , to register the vigils. The Vigil run from Feb 22th to April 8th , Please get with your council and church, and commit to a few days to stand vigil, please contact 40 Days for Life Charlotte 40daysforlifecharlotte@gmail.com with your days.



Pete Devlin,
NC State Pro-life Director



N. Raleigh Knights of Columbus came up big with a donation of 75 coats to Operation Cold Front, our new coat donation program for homeless Veterans. Tom Dupree, Jeff Rohman, and Michael Supianoski of the KofC holds up the new gear with members of Voluntary Services and Ronni Miller, Chief Voluntary Services in back.

“Giving Back to Our Heroes”

In the November Tarheel Knight, I made reference and requested the Assemblies supporting the Durham VA Medical Center to provide winter coats for homeless Veterans. Bishop McGuinness Assembly accepted the challenge and on Wednesday, November 29, 2011, we delivered 65 NEW winter coats, with a value of \$5,110 for the Veterans serviced by the Durham VA Medical Center.

The Chapel Hill Assembly donated 5 coats with a value of \$200. The other five were contributed by the Chapel Hill Veteran’s organization.

Last year’s contributions were 120 coats. Now that the weather has turned winter-like, more coats are needed. Our delivery date will be December 21st in the Durham area.

During this season of Advent, I would encourage the other Assemblies and Councils throughout the State who support our Veterans Medical Centers provide coats so that Veterans who are homeless or who are needy will have a coat to keep them warm. Contact your FN or VAVS (Veterans Administration Volunteer Services) Representative. These SK will make sure these NEW coats arrive for the holidays.

Reporting of activities in support of our Veterans by all Councils and Assemblies for 2011 is due Dec 31st and need to be submitted by State’s mid-year (Jan 7th and Jan 28th) Business Meeting. As per our Vice Supreme Master, SK Gary L. McLain, PSD, FDM requested a complete showing and documentation of donations (\$) and time (hours) for supporting the four VA Medical Centers in North Carolina. This includes your participation in the Wounded Warrior Program. The VAVS report is due at the end of each quarter. Your assistance in providing this data is critical in meeting Supreme’s requirements.

Wishing all Brother Knights and their families a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with the Blessings of the Christ Child.

SK Tom DuPree, NC District VAVS Representative, VA



Social Justice

In the 1st degree it states something like as Knights we won't be called on to go on the battle field like knights of old. I am inviting you to the new battle field of protecting our faith. Not like the many current martyrs who are suffering in lands on the other side of the globe but within the international arena of governments and public issues. We need to enter a battle field of public issues and defend our faith in matters in front of the country and world. Like Mary who said "Yes" to God to become the mother of Jesus we all need to step forward and say "yes" to God over what we need to do. An army depends on everyone and everyone needs to bring their talents to the current battlefield. Whether praying or actively getting down to the streets and marching in one or more of the Pro-Life Marches, writing letters to the various media, sending out –mails to your e-mail list or joining with others in your council, parish, others groups and working to coordinate people to fight against what is happening in our government when it attacks the basis tenets of our faith. I am asking my fellow Knights to get involved by going out to our Social Justice web site (www.kofc12455.org/sj/) and participate in one of the issues. The bible we need to have faith and action, the Knights help us expand the knowledge of our faith, just take one of the courses on the Supreme website. It also helps us to take action, take advantage of what is available for you to take action while you have a chance since we will all be called before Jesus when He judges us.

Vivat Jesus, Merry Christmas and have a Holy and Happy New Year for you and your family!

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