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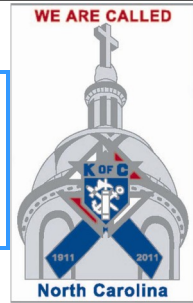
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A Message from the State Deputy

My Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

New Year's traditionally drives us into a mode of reflection. I encourage you, as a leader, to assist your council in this reflection of the first six months of our fraternal year. How is your charity, your spirituality, are you welcoming new Brothers into the Order. Bring those thoughts and your list of what help you may need to the Mid-Year Meetings and we will help one another.

The 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 check our Tar Heel Knight and Website to lend you and your councils support for life. Additionally February is rapidly approaching if you or your council wants more spirituality – we have your answer on 2/18/2012 and Carl Anderson , our Supreme Knight, agrees

"It is with great pleasure that I once again send my endorsement for the Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference, which is staging its second annual gathering on February 18th. In this Year of Faith as proclaimed by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, it is good to know that the Knights of Columbus in Charlotte are taking the lead in spreading the Good News with this outstanding conference.

For this reason, I encourage all Knights of Columbus in the Charlotte area to attend this event, if at all possible. We have received a great gift in our Catholic faith, yet we cannot hide it under a bushel, as Jesus warns us in the Gospels. As Catholic gentlemen dedicated to our Church and our families, we must develop our faith through study, prayer and the Mass. I am confident that the Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference will help deepen the faith of all men who attend, and inspire them to greater works of charity, unity and fraternity.

I am also pleased to know that the conference has the endorsement of Bishop Peter J. Jugis of Charlotte, who will offer holy Mass. With your hard work of our brother Knights and the blessing of Bishop Jugis, this event is sure to be a success again in its second year."

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally

/s/ Carl A. Anderson

Supreme Knight

As the Christmas season comes to a close the State Council hopes you, your families and your councils had a joyous season, spent plenty of time with friends and family, and celebrated the true spirit of the season.

Thanks and God Bless,

Greg Kent, NC State Deputy



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Giving Back to Our Heroes

Greetings My Brother Knights!

I hope your Christmas was a joyful celebration. Wishing you a New Year filled with rewards for your time and talents in support of our Veterans and their programs. 2011 was a challenging year for many. My hope is that 2012 will turn out to be a pleasant year for all.

The results for the Coat Program for Veterans will be available in the February newsletter. We made our second delivery to the Durham VA Medical Center. Our next major initiative will be sending Veterans to the 32nd Annual National Wheelchair Games in Richmond, VA. These games will be from June 24 - July 1, 2012. The support we provided for the last three years for Veterans of Durham VA Medical Center was transportation to and from the games and the hotel accommodations for the week stay at the games. For additional information, please go to www.richmond.va.gov Please contact your local VA Medical Center (recreation therapy department) to offer the Knights support in providing funding to send Veterans to the games from their facilities. This program gives the Veterans who participates:

“Benefits to the mind”

The purpose of the National Veterans Wheelchair Games is to provide veterans with physical disabilities an introductory experience to a variety of wheelchair sports, and expose them to the numerous organized wheelchair sports and recreation activities available nationwide. In doing so, the Games serve to encourage veterans to become aware of their abilities and potential while promoting a spirit of healthy activity and camaraderie.

“Benefits to the body”

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games clearly demonstrate the therapeutic value of sports and competition. As presenters of the event, Paralyzed Veterans and the VA are committed to improving the quality of life for veterans with disabilities and fostering better health through sports competition. While past Games have produced a number of national and world-class champions, the event also provides opportunities for newly injured veterans to gain sports skills and be exposed to other athletes who use wheelchairs.

“Benefits to the spirit”

Since the Games began in 1981, thousands of disabled veterans have enjoyed the health benefits provided by sports participation and have revitalized the spirit of competition within themselves.” (www.richmond.va.gov)

Reporting of Assembly and Council activities in support of our Veterans, through volunteer hours and monetary donations are due to me December 31st, 2011. Please provide your information to the FN of your respective Assembly. Each Council has been assigned by Supreme to an Assembly. Vice-Supreme Master, SK Gary L. McLain, DeSoto Province has requested a detailed accounting of your support and involvement including Wounded Warrior participation. The FN will forward the consolidated report to my attention. This information will be used to report NC support of Veterans to Supreme. Please complete this request no later than Saturday, January 28, 2012. I thank you in advance, for your support, of this request.

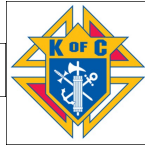
On December 18, 2011, I was honored to receive from District Master Robert Grabasky, the DeSoto Province 2011 VAVS Volunteer of the Year Award. On December 23, 2011 the Supreme Council announced me as 2011 K of C VAVS Male Volunteers of the year. I am humbled by these recognitions and want to express my thanks to each of the Councils and the Assemblies who support the Durham VA Medical Center. Without their support, this award would not be possible.

I am looking forward to working with the Assemblies and Councils of NC to support our Veterans at the four VA Medical Centers of North Carolina. As we reflect upon our blessings this year, we should not forget those who have given so much.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Thomas (Tom) W. DuPree, Jr
NC District VAVS Representative VA





State Secretary

My Brothers All,

The Year 2011 is now history and welcome all to 2012. From my family to yours, our wish for a Happy, Healthy, Safe and Prosperous New Year to all of you and your families. The last line of the Irish Blessing so beautifully states: "May God hold you in the palm of his hand".

Months of preparation will come to fruition with the Mid Year meetings in Hickory on Jan. 7, 2012 and in Washington on Jan. 28, 2012. All the information that is needed for the meetings is available on the KofC website at www.kofcnc.org. The State webmaster, Tom Riley, has done an excellent job in placing all the information at your fingertips from registration, agendas and breakout meeting rooms. Lunch will be provided for all in attendance. All we ask is that you register so adequate preparation can be made with the hotel for all to enjoy a meal together.

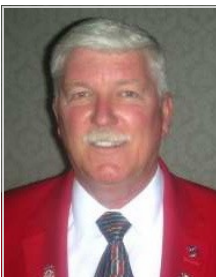
The registration asks that you register your wife and any children that you plan to bring, and you will observe on the agenda, plans for them.

You will also notice on the website that there is not a registration fee, however both host Councils, 6451 and 9364 have a local charity they support. The local charity and items needed have been posted on the website. Please review the list and bring items that will help their charity. January is always a tough time for all charities and our donations will most certainly be utilized to the max. Thank you in advance for your support.

The breakout sessions provide information that is useful to us all. LAMB, Membership and the FS seminar are always full rooms. Speaking of the FS breakout, Brother Ken Ward has been approved by Supreme as the State FS Training Coordinator. This appointment is not just in words as Ken now has access to the FS program just like every other FS. This Brother Knight has made himself available to assist any of you with questions on the FS program or for that matter any questions on financials. If he does not know the answer, he will find it. Ken has also done a lot of research of posted IRS websites and will have valuable information to relate to all.

This issue of the THK will have the meeting agenda, breakout session locations as well as information on items the Squires will have available for purchase. The local Councils will have a raffle for gift baskets and we ask that you support them.

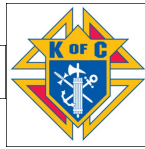
We look forward to meeting with you, as together we can move forward with the information gained to improve programs in support of our Councils, Church and Community. Remember, active programs can lead to interest in our order and increased membership.



Fraternally,

Jack Murray
State Secretary





Knights of Columbus Mid-Year Meeting of District Deputies Agenda

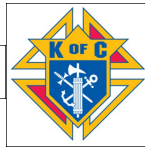
Saturday, January 7 & 28, 2012

- 8:30 AM** **Our Lady of Guadalupe Program**
Ladies Track (they depart for Ladies Programs)
- 9:00 AM** **State Deputy's Address**
State Chaplain's Address
Membership and Program Consultant's Address
District Master's Report
General Agent's Report
Chief Squires' Report
Convention Report
- 10:00 AM** **Breakouts**
1. General Program Information
(Focus on Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Ultra Sound, RATI, Silver Rose, OLG icon & Free Throw)
2. Membership Discussion - Recruit
3. Least Among My Brother Workshop
4. Financial Secretary Seminar
- Noon** **Lunch & Award Presentation**
- 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM** **Breakouts**
1. Communication, Fiscal Requirements & Closing Out the Year
2. Membership Discussion – Retain (cont.)
3. Least Among My Brother Workshop (cont.)
4. Financial Secretary Seminar (cont.)
- 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM** **Breakout activity**
Roundtable Education / Enrollment Exercise
- 5:15 PM** **Mass – Saint Aloysius**
- 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM** **Saturday Evening Dinner**

Sunday, January 8 & 28, 2012

- 8:30 AM** **Breakfast at Hotel** General Agent
- 9:00 AM** **Your Role in Providing *LIFE* to our State Council**
*L*eadership
*I*nspiration
*F*acilitation
*E*ducation
- 10:15 AM** **Membership Growth – Membership Team**
the measure of how well we explain, embody, promote, and ultimately share FMJM's vision
Strategic Plan
Call to Action
Measure
Reward
- 12:00 AM** **Closing Remarks of the State Deputy**
Adjournment





The North Carolina State Squires will be operating our country store at both West and East Mid-Year Meetings. Please support the North Carolina Squires by purchasing Knight of Columbus & Fourth Degree items from them.

Items for Sale:

Ties

Golf Shirts

Button Up Shirts (Short & Long Sleeves)

Sweat Shirts

Hoodies

Cufflinks

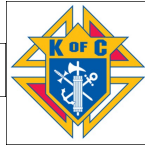
Tie Tacks

Other Items

We accept Cash or Checks only.



Knights of Columbus
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North Carolina Third Degree Schedule 2011 / 2012

| Degree Date | Host Council |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 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 |
| 10/06/12 | Concord 7450 |

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.

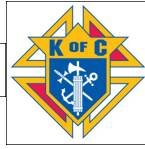
We are taking requests to host 3rd degrees for the next fraternal year - July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The following are dates that we cannot host a degree on:

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!

At this writing our state has reached 36% of the recruitment goal set for us by our Supreme Council. That is a 6% increase over where we were one month ago. This increase is due to your hard work and dedication. ***Congratulations! Keep up the good work.*** Currently there are 38 Councils within our state which have not reported any growth for this Fraternal year. At the end of last month there was a significantly larger number of Councils which had not reported any growth. This means that your Council's recruiting efforts are paying off. Again, I congratulate you on your efforts.

By taking emphasis away from a bi-annual blitz, Councils have been given the freedom to actively recruit year round. At the start of this fraternal year a recruiting strategy which encourages every Council to conduct a first degree each month was outlined. One of the requirements for a Council to qualify for Star Council recognition is that they host or participate in at least four first degree ceremonials during the 2011-2012 Fraternal year.

Let's clarify what it means to “host” or “participate in a first degree”. To host a first degree obviously means that a Council is the sponsor of the degree, or “holds” the degree. Hosting a degree applies even if the host Council does not have a candidate taking his degree at that time. To participate means that a Council has at least one candidate who advances to membership in the Order during a degree. That means that when a Brother Knight from your Council goes with a candidate who then attains membership in our Order at a degree being hosted by another Council; your Council has participated.

By now you should be aware that our Supreme Knight has authorized the reading of first degree ceremonials for the current Fraternal year. This not only makes it easier for a Council to host a first degree, but it allows the degree teams a greater amount of time to commit their roles to memory. By encouraging monthly first degrees and allowing reading of the ceremonials, our Supreme Council has made it easier for every Council to dramatically increase its membership. How is your Council doing with regards to recruiting this year?

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

God bless.

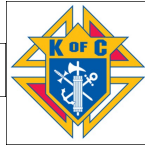
Vivat Jesus!



Vince Higgins,

North Carolina State Council
Community Director 2011-2012

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FROM STATE CHANCELLOR WEST

Vince Cerullo

As a reminder to all, the Supreme Awards are well on their way to being presented to the councils. STAR Awards are being presented by a State Officer or his delegate. Other Supreme Awards are being presented by the Regional District Deputies, District Deputies or their delegate.

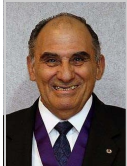
As of this time there are few councils who have earned their STAR Award who have not been assigned a date for presentation. If your council has worked hard to earn a STAR please select a date for presentation and I will advise the State Deputy. He will assign a State Officer to appear at your council and make the presentation.

If your council has earned a Supreme Award other than a STAR and no date has been selected for presentation please see your RDD or DD to select a date for that presentation. You have earned the award, the council wants to see the award on the wall, let's make it happen.

We would like all Supreme Awards presented to the council by the end of January 2012. If you have any questions or advice please do not hesitate to contact me.

The other item the Chancellors are doing is sending greeting cards to council officers, State Officers, State Directors and Chairman celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, births etc. If a member of your council is celebrating a noted family or Order event please advise us and we will honor that event. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Annette and I wish each member of the North Carolina Knights of Columbus a very Blessed, Healthy and Happy 2012.



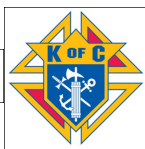
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Calendar of Upcoming State Events

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



LAMB – January 2012

An often asked question I have been receiving lately from the membership is, how is the 15% that the “state” receives of total net income used? So here is a quick outline.

First, although they are extremely small, there is the need to pay for operational expenses the Foundation incurs such as;

Insurance is the single largest expense. Not only are our volunteers who collect for LAMB insured but the stores at which we collect are also insured.

The second largest single expense is for accounting fees. As a public not for profit 501(c)3 charity, the LAMB Foundation is required to file a non-profit tax report (Form 990) which is prepared by an outside accounting firm. The same accounting firm also reviews our cash handling procedures for accountability.

In no particular order some other expenses are:

- Bank fees
- Postage and Mailing
- Printing of training manuals
- P.O. Box
- Travel & Meetings
- Phone line (primarily for faxes)
- NC State Solicitation license fee

The vast majority (over 85%) of the funds the state receives however are distributed to eight regional or state-wide based agencies that serve those with intellectual disabilities.

Currently this list is comprised of:

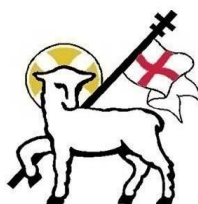
- Black Mountain Center
- Caswell Center
- Duke University Medical Center, Fragile X program
- Holy Angels
- J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center
- Murdoch Center
- O’Berry Center
- and the Special Olympics

The goal of the LAMB Foundation Board is to keep expenses as low as possible and disburse all of the funds it receives in a given year.



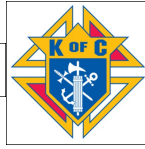
Fraternally,

Richard White
LAMB Director



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FOUNDATION OF NC

Helping People with
Intellectual Disabilities since 1974



Church Director

Worthy Brothers All,

I hope that everyone had a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and are looking forward to the new year. As mentioned last month, the start of a new year is a wonderful time for reflection on the accomplishments of the past and how we can make changes and improve our lives (including our spiritual lives) in the year to come. There are two excellent opportunities to start out the new year in the right direction being offered by Charlotte and Raleigh Dioceses.

In Charlotte on February 18th the Second Annual Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference will take place. This conference is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and focuses on the Sacraments and features national Catholic speakers who pointedly challenge each participant to "grow their Catholic Faith, deepen their relationship with Christ and live up to their callings as Catholic men, husbands, & fathers." More details and registration information can be found at <http://www.clctmc.org/>

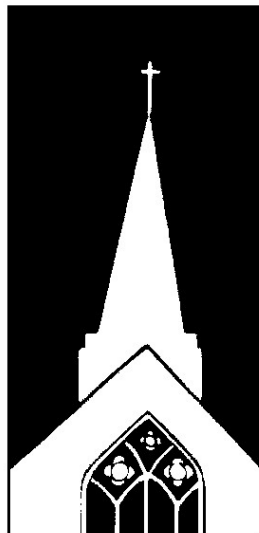
Then in Raleigh on February 24-25 the Ignited by Truth Conference will take place at the NC State Fairgrounds. This two day event, culminating in a Vigil Mass by Most Reverend Burbidge, is dedicated to "Bringing to light the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church and igniting in our hearts a love of our faith ." There are even breakout sessions for our Spanish speaking population. More details and registration information can be found at <http://ignitedbytruth.com/>

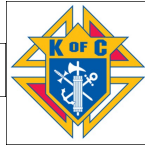
Both of these conferences are open to people of both Dioceses so please take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to make yourself a better Catholic and a better Knight of Columbus. In the process of applying the same reflection mentioned above for our Spiritual life, we have been doing the same thing with our Church Program. I look forward to seeing you at the Mid-Year meetings and reflecting on the Church Programs from this past year and discussing some of the exciting programs that we have coming up in the new year.



Vivat Jesus,

Chris Losack
NC Church Director





Marian Hour of Prayer Begins in North Carolina

The Marian Hour of Prayer program was started on 12/11/2011 at Our Lady of the Americas in Biscoe (Candor), NC. This fairly new church is constructed to look like a Spanish mission and the interior is quite 'traditionally Catholic'. It appears almost as a beacon in the countryside when seen from US 220. It was from here the two icons of Our Lady of Guadalupe began their tours the state of North Carolina over the next two years.

During the 9am English Mass Father Ricardo Sanchez instructed everyone to remain standing after the Gospel. On that queue, Schubert's "Ave Maria" was sung with operatic quality to the accompaniment of organist Gail Summer. A 4th degree honor guard then marched forward followed by the 2 icons. The first was carried by the 'Martyrs of Mexico' Spanish first degree team from Council 12167 in Kannapolis, the seconds was carried by DD's Pete Devlin and Rickie Luc. Thirty teens from both Anglo and Hispanic communities followed with single roses. The two ranks of SK's stopped at the front and saluted as the icons were positioned on easels. Thereafter the kids reverently placed their roses in front of the icons.



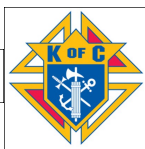
Once seated the congregation was also presented with a performance of traditional Aztec dancing in costume which also paid reverence to Our Blessed Mother. The first prayer service of the tour, led by Worthy Past State Deputy John Gouldie, then followed the Mass. (Afterwards, several Hispanic parishioners approached the honor guard to inquire about membership.)

The Fourth Degree honor guard provided by District 6 was pulling triple duty this weekend. Some of them took the eastern icon to nearby Juan Diego mission in Robbins for a 1pm service and they'd be with the icon at a prayer service scheduled for 5am the next morning on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Southern Pines.

The western icon proceeded to St Joseph parish in Kannapolis where celebrations were already in full swing for the Feast Day. A prayer and veneration service took place late in the afternoon. A local 4th degree honor guard marched in procession with the icon, Father Al and a great many kids bearing roses for Our Blessed Mother. It was estimated 150 people attended. Before going to other councils in District 6 the icon would be housed in the chapel at St Joseph's for a few days; it remained open from 10am to 8pm during those days for private devotions and veneration.

Fred Burton
Marian Hour Co-Chair





Catholic Eucharistic Adoration

One of the first possible references to reserving the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration is found in the life of Saint Basil who died in 379. Basil is said to have divided the Eucharistic Bread into three parts when he celebrated the Divine Liturgy in the Monastery. One part he consumed, the second part he gave to the Monks, and the third part he placed in a golden dove suspended over the altar.

The Franciscan archives credit Saint Francis of Assisi, who died in 1226, for starting the Eucharistic Adoration in Italy. The practice then spread from Umbria to other parts of Italy by the Franciscans. For Saint Francis, the adoration to the Eucharist amounted to “Seeing Christ.”

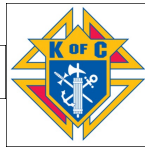
In the 16th century, the Protestant Reformation was challenging various issues with respect to the Eucharist so the Council of Trent responded via specific affirmations of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the theological basis for the Eucharistic Adoration. Eucharistic Adoration was then practiced to emphasize the importance of the Blessed Sacrament. Charles Borromeo initiated the practice of placing the tabernacle at a higher central location over the main altar. As Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction became more widespread during the century, the altar came to be seen as the “Home of the Blessed Sacrament” where it could be adored. A common early practice of Adoration, known as Quarantore (forty hours), also started in the 16th century in Milan. The practice of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began in Paris in 1654 in the Benedictine Society.

Since the Middle Ages, the practice of Eucharistic Adoration itself has been encouraged by the Popes. Blessed Pope John Paul II stated “The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of Love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in Adoration and Contemplation that is full of Faith.”



Ron D'Angelo, FRDD
Adoration Program Chairman





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 October:

Alex & Jacquelyn Martinez – Council 7225, Lumberton
 John & Anne Harrison – Council 9499, Winston Salem
 Donald & Kathleen Quarles – Council 13016, Swannanoa

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!

Sergio Miranda,
 Family Director

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WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAM RESULTS

The Knights of Columbus response to the Wounded Warrior Program, to send the Wounded Warriors home for Christmas, totaled **\$881,29116**. This is an all time record for the Knights assistance with this extremely important program. This could not have happened in a better year as the total funds raised for this program fell short, due to the economy situation. Some of our normal large contributors were the Real Estate Assn. and the Home Builders Assn. They both suffered a terrible business year, very few homes sold and fewer built.

The KofC help made it possible for the Military Order of the Purple Heart to send 399 Wounded Warriors home for Christmas this year.

I had the opportunity to meet some 35 Wounded Warriors at a Fund Raiser in New Bern, N.C. These Warriors volunteered to be present to thank donors for their generosity. The Knights of Columbus was pointed out as the Largest Contributor to this Program.

Brother Knights, I cannot tell you, in words, what your response to this program has meant to me. I have never been so proud to be a Knight and a Brother to all of you.

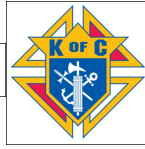
Here's hoping with the withdrawal from Iraq, our casualties will not be so high in 2012, but we still have Afghanistan, which seems to be even a greater danger to our Military Men & Women.

Again Thanks for all your help. Keep these Wounded Warriors in your prayers.



Robert J. "Bob" Singer
 Former Vice Supreme Master
 DeSoto Province





2012 State Convention

The 2012 North Carolina Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held from Friday, May 18th through mid-day Sunday, May 20th at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville.



The Crowne Plaza Resort Asheville is located on 125 acres and only one mile from downtown Asheville's unique shops, restaurants, galleries, cultural activities, and night life. The resort is just 15 miles away from the Asheville Regional Airport and within minutes from attractions such as The Biltmore Estate, Blue Ridge Parkway, Whitewater Rafting and the NC Arboretum, just to name a few. The scenic mountain trails in the area offer some of the best mountain biking and hiking in the region. Challenge your friends to a tennis match on the outdoor clay and indoor courts or enjoy swimming in the outdoor heated pool.

The Crowne Plaza Resort's 274 guest rooms feature Sleep Advantage Bedding and sleep amenities providing you with a perfect night's sleep. Complimentary Wireless Internet is available in all the guest rooms and meeting space.

The Resort offers over 34,000 square feet of event space including the Expo Center, 20 tennis courts, a 9-hole golf course, heated outdoor swimming pool, fitness center, and the recently added Adelaide Spa.

Asheville has grown from a small pioneering town into a flourishing metropolis of over 83,000 people, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Buncombe County at the convergence of the Swannanoa and French Broad Rivers. Asheville's average elevation is 2,165 feet above sea level with surrounding mountain elevations of up to 6,685 feet with Mount Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Mississippi River. Because of this broad range of elevations and corresponding mild year around climates and plant growth, the area is one of the most diversified in the United States. Asheville's average high temperature in May is a pleasant 74.3°F while the morning low average low temperature is a cool 52.1°F.

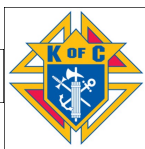
The city's rich architectural legacy with its mix of Art Deco, Beaux Arts and Neoclassical styles is the perfect retro-urban backdrop to the edgy energy that emanates from the locally owned-shops and art galleries, distinctive restaurants and exciting entertainment venues. Known as an art colony, a healing resort and a home to notable luminaries, statesmen and bohemians, Asheville is one of the most welcoming, vibrant cities in America.

Couple these attributes with its beautiful natural surroundings makes Asheville one of the Southeast's most popular tourist destinations. Perfect for sightseeing, fishing, and hiking all year round. Maybe having the 2012 State Convention in Asheville gives you an opportunity to plan a family vacation in the mountains.

The 2012 North Carolina State Convention information and registration packets will be distributed to the Grand Knights at the January mid-year organizational meeting. Further information on the convention will be posted on the North Carolina Knights of Columbus web site: www.kofcnc.org and in future editions of the Tar Heel Knight.

Tom Kotz, #16DW





Brothers,

State Warden

Jesus Christ was born. I hope that all had a joyous and wonderful holiday as we celebrated the birth of Our Lord. Now we start a new year and prepare for what is to come.

Recently, I sent many of you an email about Forms. As you know by the number of emails that I have sent, the forms have been difficult to get in. Many came in quickly, but I have had to struggle to get the rest, many with your help. Some of the problems were due to a new program at Supreme. On January 30th, I will submit forms 1728 and 4584. These forms are extremely important because they show what we do at the core of the principles we stand by, Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

The 1728 has been collected at every Midyear Meeting since I have been a knight. These usually get collected at a last minute pace and some councils complete them while sitting in the meeting. The 1728 reflects what we as Catholic men and Brother Knights do for our brothers and sisters. Supreme uses these forms to justify our 501(C)(8) status. The numbers we fill in need to reflect accurately what we have done.

The 4584 reflects what we have done in terms of involvement of our councils with the Special Olympics . When the forms are received, Supreme tabulates those numbers and a percentage of the money invested by the councils is returned to the State Council and those funds are used at the State level to help the Special Olympics program within the State. An example of this is the State Special Olympics held in Raleigh each year.

What does all of this mean you may ask. It means that we need to prepare the reports in a timely manner and to review those forms and check the tabulations. While doing so, take into consideration things like the Organizational Meeting's and other Training meeting's where councils brought items such as diapers, canned goods, baby food, etc. Did the you include them in your report? Many of you have food pantries in your Parishes. Did your council members assist in giving and working? We had severe storms in our State. Did you or your council help with repairs, food, support? We hold LAMB drives. Did your council do anything else to help the impaired and disabled? Calculate what you did on LAMB drives for your LAMB report, but what else did you do?

We are 15,000 + in number in North Carolina and work hand in hand to help those in our State who need our help. Please take the time to fill out **all forms** accurately and completely so that we can show the Order that North Carolina believes strongly the principles of our Order and that we are dedicated to them by showing accurately what we do.

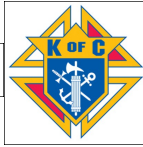
I will be collecting these forms at both the midyear meetings again this year. But, I need your help. Please review these forms and guarantee their submission. If you or your council is not going to the meeting make sure your District Deputy gets them so he can get them to me.

May you and your families have a safe and prosperous New Year.

Vivat Jesus,
Dan Lange
NC State Warden



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