



The Golden Plume
District of North Carolina
September 2007



Master's Message

Worthy Sirs,
Vivat Jesus!

Another month has passed with an awful lot of activity. August 7.8 & 9 were the dates of the Supreme Convention, in Nashville, Tenn. I was privileged to be a delegate to this convention.

There is no way to explain the 2007 Convention other than spectacular. Some of you might have been able to see it on EWTN television. EWTN broadcast the entire convention, for the first time in history.

I along with all of the N.C. Delegates were honored to be able to participate in the Honor Guard for the Opening Mass. The principal Celebrant and Homilist for this Mass was, His Eminence Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone, S.D.B. Secretary of State of Holiness Pope Benedict XVI Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church. This Honor Guard was made up of 250 Sir Knights from all over the United States. The Ballroom in which the Mass was held was filled to capacity. I believe this was the largest convention ever. I have been attending Supreme Conventions since 1982 and have never seen one this large.

Upon returning home, it was back to Installing Assembly Officers, a job I truly enjoy and the one I will miss the most when I become Vice Supreme Master, on September 1, 2007. It is great to have the opportunity to visit the Assemblies across the state and visit with all the Sir Knights and their families. To answer your questions, they have NOT NAMED MY REPLACEMENT AS OF TODAY, August 20. I am writing this early as I am going to travel to Iowa on the 22nd for a two week vacation. From the looks of my schedule I will have to hit the ground running when I return, with a Provincial Meeting then Exemptions in Georgia, N.C. and Florida.

I want to express my gratitude to all of the

Assemblies and Sir Knights in North Carolina for a very joyful three years as your District Master. This last year we led all Districts in percentage of gain in membership, with 122% of our Supreme Goal. This was due to the hard work of you all. I encourage you to keep up this type of performance in the years to come.

I want to express my appreciation to those Sir Knights who have volunteered at the V.A. Hospitals during this past year. North Carolina was mentioned as doing a good job, during the VSM meeting in Nashville. WE cover four VA Hospitals, Asheville, Fayetteville, Durham and Salisbury. I would appreciate if each Assembly in these areas would volunteer to assist the Appointed Represented for each of these Hospitals. Those Representatives are: Asheville – S.K. Tony Marcaccio, of Assembly 781, Asheville; Fayetteville, SK Jack McCloskey of Assembly 783, Fayetteville, Durham, PSD/FDM SK Joe Dick of Assembly 2254, Burlington and Salisbury, SK Frank Greco, Assembly 1828, High Point.

To give you an idea of what you could do, at the Durham Hospital, Four Assemblies take turns going twice a month to have Bingo for the veterans. The Assemblies furnish the prizes and the manpower for these Bingo Games. Other Hospitals have similar programs, but all could use additional Sir Knights to help.

August Sir Knight of the Month Award goes to SK Tony Llambia, of Assembly 1713, Hickory. SK Tony is 91 years old and a 50 year member of the K of C. Read his SK of the Month write-up in this issue.

In closing, I again want to express my sincere thanks to all of you for a wonderful three years as your District Master. I will still be around, just in another capacity. When the new Master is named, give him the same cooperation you have given me.

Fraternally,
Robert J. "Bob" Singer,
North Carolina (Former) District Master , VSM



New Master's Report

Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers All,

First, I would like to congratulate Sir Knight Robert J. Singer upon his elevation and promotion to Vice-Supreme Master, DeSoto Province and for a job "Well Done" as District Master of North Carolina.

Secondly, I extend my grateful thank you to all who have congratulated me upon being appointed as District Master of North Carolina to complete Bob's term caused by his elevation to VSM. He is going to be a very tough act to follow and I will need everyone's assistance and patience during the ramp up to my new duties.

Thank you also to all of the Sir Knights who have served the District in various capacities. I have made two changes to the team and have asked those who were replaced to remain as advisors and/or assistants during the coming year and, being true Sir Knights, have agreed to do so.

Rest assured that the Vice Supreme Master has my full commitment to support him in his new duties. Having said that, we have agreed that Bob will continue on with all phases of the upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification in Concord. I will be his "shadow" to learn what and how things are done. I have never argued with success.

Finally, Maryann and I look forward to visiting with all the assemblies in the District to renew friendships and make new ones.

God bless you all and God bless America!

SK Bob Grabasky, PSD
NC District Master



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AUGUST 2007 SIR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

August 2007 Sir Knight of the Month Honors goes to a 50 year member of the Order and 49 years member of the Fourth Degree. We all have to admit that not many Knights hold this record.

This Sir Knight and his wife will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on September 23, 2007. The Sir Knight's age is 91 and his wife is 92. This Sir Knight is the sole caregiver for his wife who recently suffered a mild stroke.

This Sir Knight got his start in the Knights of Columbus in New Orleans, LA. He was very active in the Knights in New Orleans. He was in charge of the Bus System in New Orleans and used that connection for many Knightly activities benefiting the community. When this Sir Knight moved to North Carolina he maintained his activity in both the Council and Assembly. He served his North Carolina Assembly as Navigator, Purser, Comptroller and Scribe. Due to his wife's health problems this Sir Knight is no able to attend K of C meeting anymore.

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus and especially the Fourth Degree means a great deal to this Sir Knight and he always asks about the Assembly when visited by Assembly members.

We all have to admit that under the circumstances this Sir Knight is one we all are very proud of. Therefore I wish to Honor:

Sir Knight Tony Llambias, PFN

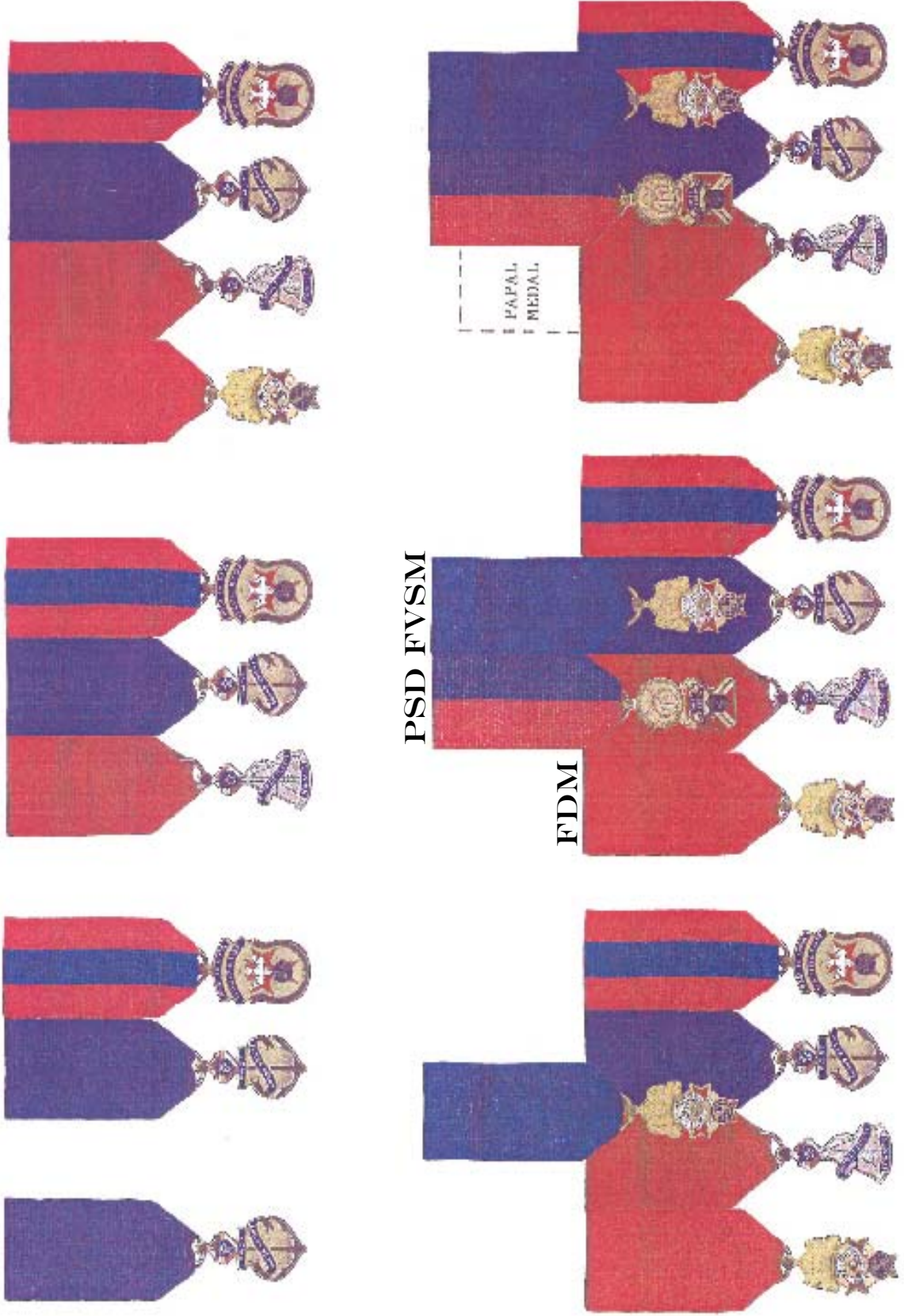
of Assembly 1713, Hickory, North Carolina as the North Carolina Sir Knight of the Month for August, 2007.

We all wish Sir Knight Tony and his wife Irene a very happy 70th Wedding Anniversary and may they celebrate many more. We also pray for Irene's health and know that our Savior will reward Sir Knight Tony for his loving care he gives to her every day.

Congratulations Sir Knight Tony Llambias!



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**North Carolina Fourth Degree
Exemplification**



Honoring

Supreme Director John A. Harrison, PSD

October 20, 2007

Embassy Suites Hotel

PHONE (704) 455-8200

Concord Mills, North Carolina

(Located between I85 and Lowes Motor Speedway, Exit #49)

**Candidates - \$70.00 (set by Supreme)
Includes pin, baldric and candidates banquet**

**Guest Banquet - \$47.00
Ladies Luncheon - \$20.00**

**Candidate Form 4/with Assembly check to
District Master by October 1, 2007**

**Candidate must be Third Degree Member.
Candidates with 6 months but less than one year of
Membership in the First Degree must have a Waiver.
Form 4 to Master by October 1, for Waiver.**

**The Hotel Suite Rate is: \$129.00/Day
Includes Full Cooked Breakfast for 2, with each Suite
Managers Hospitality Hour each evening**

**Goal is for 200 Candidates,
Recruit, Recruit, Recruit**