

The Golden Plume

District of North Carolina

June 2009



District Master's Message

Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers All,

Vivat Jesus!

We are once again at the threshold of a new fraternal year in just a few short weeks. There are some housekeeping things that require the attention of the Assembly officers before the end of the current fraternal year, if you have not already done so.

- RSVP Application
- Civic Award Application
- To Be A Patriot Award Entry Form
- Report Of Officers Chosen For The Term

The above are all due to Supreme June 30. If you participated in RSVP, notify the Supreme Office.

Civic Award and To Be A Patriot Awards – These should be filed by every single Assembly. The only reason for not filing is laziness on the part of the officers. Every Assembly performs in both of these areas. It's an injustice to your members not to file.

Finally, The Report of Officers Chosen For The Term form is a **MUST FILE** form.. There is no option on this one.

All form should be mailed to Supreme, even if filed on-line. There is still a problem with on-line filing. Look at the bottom of the form. The Master gets copies of all submissions as well as the Vice Supreme Master. If something goes awry, I can't help if I don't have a copy.

Once again I thank you all for your participation in Labor Day events across the state, whether as observer or a member of the Honor Guard. Too many Americans celebrate Memorial Day as a day for cookouts and a day off from the job. They need to be reminded that the reason we are able to enjoy these things are due to the sacrifices that have been made by so many others in the name of freedom.

Speaking of Honor Guards, I want to publicly thank the Color Guard of the Father Kenneth I. Parker Assembly No.1820, New Bern, for their participation at the North Carolina State Convention. The Colors had to be moved several times during the convention and the team from New Bern did so in a courteous, reverent and expeditious manner. Also thank you to all who brought their regalia to convention and participated in the Honor Guard for Bishop Burbidge and our clergy. Well Done Sir Knights and Brothers!

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EXEMPLIFICATIONS

By the time you read this we are less than a month away from the small Exemplification in Wilmington, June 27th. The Honoree for this Exemplification will be Dr. Denis Carter. The next Exemplification will be held on October 24th at the Sheraton Imperial, Durham. More information will be coming in the July newsletter. Recruit! Recruit! Recruit.

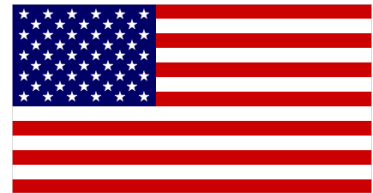
Fees for candidates remains at \$70.00, I will advise the other costs as we get closer. The hotel room rate for this event is \$119.00 per night, plus applicable taxes. A note about Form 4's: When submitting candidates, please complete the entire form, legibly, and send it to the Master with payment. The Candidate Certificate is made from the information on the Form 4. The form, all copies intact, is submitted to the Master so it can be signed and the proper sections forwarded to Supreme with my report. I will return the Assembly's portions after the exemplification, for your records.

Worthy Assembly Officers, I am always looking for additional information on Sir Knights of the Month. Please take the time to honor that Sir Knight who is/are the unsung hero of your Assembly.

Finally, I extend my sincere thank you to all of the Assembly Officers who have served during this past fraternal year for your support and continuing the outstanding record of the Fourth Degree in North Carolina. My congratulations to the new Assembly officers who will server in the coming year and I look forward to working with you .

God Bless you all and God Bless America.

SK Robert J. "Bob" Grabasky, PSD,
NC District Master



Wounded Warriors Program



**Support
our
Troops!**

It is never to early to raise money to help support our wounded warriors. These men and women have gone in harm's way to protect us, and our freedom, and we have a great opportunity of helping them. Support this program and send our military folks home for Christmas.





SIR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – JUNE 2009

Our assembly is privileged to have a Sir Knight who exemplifies the true meaning of being a Knight of Columbus. He is a Past Grand Knight and Past District Deputy. At the council level he guides the Grand Knight and his Officers to insure that the Council continues Charity and good works.

When our assembly was started 2 ½ years ago he immediately accepted the position of Faithful Comptroller and has guided and energized the officers of the assembly. Through his guidance we have earned and contributed large sums of monies to organizations in need.

On behalf of Pope John Paul II Assembly 3017, it is my pleasure to submit the name of

Sir Knight Richard F. Meyer, PGK, FDD

for the Honor of Sir Knight of the Month.

Jean R. Dion, FN
Pope John Paul II
Assembly 3017
Kernersville, NC





VICE SUPREME MASTER'S REPORT JUNE 2009

First I want to thank and congratulate all of the District Masters for their accomplishments, during this past Fraternal year. We have far exceeded the Province Goal for New Assemblies. We should meet the province goal for New Members, the first I can remember. None of this would have happened without the dedication and hard work by the District Masters and all of the Assemblies in the DeSoto Province.

DOME FUND: As of the May 10, 2009 report from Supreme the only District in the DeSoto Province that had met their goal for this extremely worthwhile project was North Carolina. I am aware that since this report the District Masters of EVERY DISTRICT in the Province, has been making personal contacts with the Assemblies who had not yet participated. I do hope that EVERY ASSEMBLY does participate as this project is being watched very closely by the Supreme Master and the Supreme Knight. What could be more worthy of a project than contributing to our National Basilica in Washington, DC. You do have until June 30, 2009 to make the donations, please reconsider if you have not yet made your Assembly donation.

REPORTS: As you know, this is one item I personally follow real close. June 30, 2009 is the deadline for Civic Award Applications to be received by Supreme. Report of officers for the 2009/2010 Fraternal Year is due at Supreme by July 1, 2009. Every Assembly has done a Civic Activity during the past year, report it and get credit. There is no way that Supreme can get you the information; you need, if you do not notify them of new officers. I will be following up on both of these reports immediately after the deadline dates. Be sure to send a copy of each report to me so I also have a record. This is procedure.

To those of you who have been elected to a new Office in your Assembly, I offer you any help I can give you to make your tenure successful. All you have to do is notify me.

I want to especially congratulate the New State Officers who have been elected, at their State Conventions. You have accepted a great task, but you always have your predecessors to contact if you get overwhelmed. Take advantage of the help available to each of you.

I look forward to meeting all newly elected officers in my visits to your State during this upcoming fraternal year.



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Let us all set very high goals for the 2009/2010 Fraternal Year. New Assemblies are needed to make it possible for ALL members to attend Assembly meetings without having to drive over 25 miles to a meeting. New Members are necessary, we cannot get by with what we have, and we need to grow each day, week, month and year. This past year, EVERY DISTRICT held more than One Exemplification. This was to make it more convenient for new members to get to an Exemplification. This will be a continuing program, from now on. If you feel there is a need for a One Day Exemplification, in your area, notify your District Master and assist in making this happen. What has always been called Mini-Exemplifications took on a new meaning this year. The mini's were comprised of over 100 New Members, each occasion. Each "mini" was very impressive and they also made it possible for Clergy to become Sir Knights as they did not have to spend an entire weekend for the exemplification.

I closing, I want to again thank and congratulate each of you for the great Fraternal Year we have just finished. I offer my help to make our next year even more successful. To the new officers, I offer a challenge "Make each year better than the year before" and you will always be proud of your accomplishments.

Fraternally,

SK Robert J. "Bob" Singer, PSD, FDM
Vice Supreme Master
DeSoto Province

Patriotism!



