



District Master's Message

Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers All,

As we begin our new Fraternal year, I extend my grateful thank you to all of the retiring and continuing Assembly Officers for both their support and leadership during your tenure. To the new Sir Knights that are taking over positions of responsibility in their Assemblies, I wish you much success. The leadership in the Fourth Degree has been outstanding and I know it will continue. You have all made my position as Master both easy and enjoyable.

Speaking of enjoyable, on Saturday, June 27, we held an Exemplification in Wilmington at St. Mark's parish and added 85 new Sir Knights to our ranks. It would not have been possible without the tremendous leadership of Sir Knight Denis Carter and the members of both the Monsignor Christopher Dennen Assembly 2017 and the Father James E. Waters Council 12017 of Wilmington. I can't say enough about the support and hard work the members put in to ensure that the exemplification went exceedingly well. Thank you ALL for your hard work.

The next Exemplification in North Carolina will be held on October 24, 2009, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham. I would ask you all to begin recruiting now to ensure another great turnout and many more Sir Knights added to our ranks. Father Robert Lawson would be so proud to see so many Knights joining the Fourth Degree.

There is some sadness to report. Last week we lost a Sir Knight, who in my opinion, exemplified all of the qualities of a Sir Knight. SK Jan Malkiewicz of the Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783 in Fayetteville was called home to his just reward. He will be sorely missed by anyone that ever met this truly great Sir Knight.

I also have to report that SK Joe Dick, FDM, PSD and SK Luther Stultz, FDM, PSD are both in the hospital. Luther is in Chapel Hill and Joe is in the VA hospital in Durham. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

I would also like to report that the North Carolina District has a new Warden, SK Thomas Beckett. Thomas has agreed to take the position vacated by SK Colin Jorsch. As many of you know, Colin is now the State Council Warden, and asked to be relieved of his duties in the Fourth Degree District. I thank both Sir Knights for their service to the District Master. I will miss Colin, but I understand the duties he is about to undertake and wish him nothing but success. I am also very pleased to have Thomas join our team since I have worked with him for a number of years.

Finally, thank you to our newest Past State Deputy, John Gouldie, for the support and leadership during these past two years. It has been a fun time.

To our new State Deputy, David Jones, and his fine team of officers, I extend my wish for success during your tenure and look forward to working with you.

Also, please remember, any time you attend a state meeting, BRING YOUR REGALIA! We will always provide an Honor Guard for the Mass that is celebrated at these meetings. Enjoy your summer, and have safe vacations.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

God Bless you all,
SK Robert J. "Bob" Grabasky, District Master





Sir Knight of the Month

With a smiling face always and eager to help anyone, our candidate for Sir Knight of the Month was a former pilot guiding planes and people to their destination. Today he continues in that tradition of helping and doing for others. He is the Vice President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. You can see him many days picking up and delivering to those in need both materially and spiritually.

He serves on the Parish Council of St. Benedicts, Eucharistic Minister, Parish Round Table Chairman, Operation LAMB Correspondence Coordinator, and Operation LAMB Team Captain.

Our Sir Knight was the Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator, Honor Guard Member, Honor Guard Vice Commander. Even through his medical problems with his eye, he continued to be a source of encouragement for others. He is the true reality of what Fr McGivney had envisioned with the establishment of the Knight of Columbus.

Abbot Vincent G. Taylor Assembly #779 respectfully submits for Sir Knight of the Month the name of:

Sir Knight Lawrence J. D'Amelio

Respectfully,
SK Walter A. Kulla, Jr.
Faithful Navigator



Knights of Columbus
F O U R T H
D E G R E E
Patriotic degree of the Order.



Vice-Supreme Master Report

The 2008/2009 Fraternal Year draws to an end on June 30, 2009. I can only say “What a Great Year, the DeSoto Province has had”. We will lead the entire Order in some of our goals and rank very high on several Others. This is only due to the dedication and perseverance shown by Every Assembly, Assembly Officer and District Master in the DeSoto Province. My personal thanks go out to ALL for their dedication and work.

To close out the Fraternal Year, I want to congratulate the North Carolina District for their June 27, 2009 Exemplification, when 85 Sir Knights became members of the Patriotic Division of our Order. I also received notice of another New Assembly, in Ellijay, Georgia. We still need ratification by the Board of Directors at their next Board Meeting, but that is a certain.

As most of you are aware, one of my pet peeves is Failure to do the Reporting as required by the Supreme Council. No Assembly officer ever took Office without knowing that these Reports were required. I really do not understand why some Assemblies are either Late with their reports or NEVER complete and send in their Reports. A suggestion to all FN's, appoint a member of your Assembly who likes to do reports, to complete the reports and then all you have to do is sign the report and send it to the proper people.

As we start a new Fraternal Year, I would like to remind each of you that one of the programs of the DeSoto Province is assisting the Military Order of the Purple Heart in raising the funds to send Wounded Warriors home for the Christmas Holidays. Over the past three years we have been able to send home over 600 Wounded Warriors for the Holidays. These Warriors have given so much for our Country and I truly believe that this is a very small repayment that the Knights of Columbus can make to show our appreciation. The 2009 Christmas “Home for Christmas” program is getting a great start. On June 10, 2009 I was invited to visit the “Our Lady of the Sea” Council at North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to pick up a check for \$4,065 for the 2009 Wounded Warriors Fund. Other Assemblies have also made donations so far this year. For the 2008 Christmas Leave Program, the Knights of Columbus raised \$53,909. We were the largest fund raisers for the Military Order of the Purple Heart. This allowed us to send 239 Wounded Warriors home for the Holidays.

All donations for this worthy cause can be sent to me, **Robert J. Singer, VSM, 2506 Canal Drive Wilson, NC 27896**. Every dollar raised for this great cause is used to send our Warriors home. Not one dime is spent on staff or any other expense.

Worthy Sir Knights, As I have offered before, if there is anything I can do to assist you in making your Assembly better; please do not hesitate to contact me. I am dedicated to assisting anywhere I can help make a difference.

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For everyone's information, effective July 1, 2009 no District will be allowed to use the Old Fourth Degree Exemplification. The New Exemplification Degree has been in the hands of every District for several months now. It is an improvement over the old degree. I encourage EVERY SIR KNIGHT to attend an Exemplification and observe the new Degree. As of this writing I have already been notified of at least thirteen (13) Exemplifications to be held during the 2009/2010 Fraternal year in the DeSoto Province. I am sure more will be scheduled as I am encouraging all Districts to look at the need for exemplifications in the outreaching areas of each District, and make the exemplifications easier for all to be a part of. Let's make the 2009/2010 Fraternal Year a RECORD Year for New Members in the DeSoto Province. I will do my best to attend EVERY Exemplification in the Province.

I ask all Masters to make this Newsletter available to ALL Assembly Officers and Assembly Officers to make it available to all of your members. Let's get everyone involved this coming year.

Fraternally,

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**Wounded Warrior
Leave Program -
Let's Do All
We Can To Help!**



The District of North Carolina Presents
the Class of Sir Knights Honoring
SK Dr. Denis G. Carter
June 27, 2009



Assembly 780

Roy M. Lesson

Assembly 783

Larry Deel

Kevin Doherty

Joseph Gelin

Jesus Lugo

John Pollard

Assembly 1541

Father Jose Bautista

Father John Monahan

Luis Alers

Gerald Brandon

Jay Depinto

Joseph P. Dodson

James A. Gilliman

Joseph Harrington

Carlos Malagon

Nelson Negron

Kurt J. Schiller

Assembly 1820

William J. Campbell

John H. Scharf II

Paul N. Scharf

James L. Smith

James M. Stokes III

Assembly 1899

Patrick E. Spencer

John J. Marguglio

Assembly 2017

Michael B. Alexander

Howard Avil

Thomas M. Brown

Philip Mitchell Bruschi

Napier S. Fuller

Brian M. Higgins

James Joseph Klein

Peter George Kotas

James T. Laraia

David A. Lunger

Scott P. Medon

Kenneth M. Merck



Matthew A. Mesick
Frank E. Militscher
Timothy R. Niggel
Dr. Timothy L. Norman
Michael Paul O'Keefe
Robert Allen Philips
Charles Lloyd Pitzer
James L. Riesmeyer
Robert Charles Scalia
Larry G. Seese
James Monroe Shafer
Steven Bruce Shelton
Angelo M. Toscano
David R. Veltz
Michael D. Vandiver
Ernst D. Wittenschlaeger

Assembly 2208

Philip E. Walko

Assembly 2238

David Davenport Rich

John Joseph Valenta

Assembly 2379

Colin P. Caron

Charles M. Davis

Jack Martin

Angelo J. Portal

Assembly 2417

Mikawaro R. Red Arrow

Assembly 2446

Jerry L. McCormick

John D. Szymeczek

David A. Wulff

Assembly 2713

Edward Wayne Crump

Romano A. DePaoli

James A. Flexer

James P. Norman

Assembly 2725

Alfred P. Urban

Assembly 2826

Anthony Doria

Dennis A. Matteotti

Chester F. Michevicz, Jr.

Ignazio F. Molinari

Raymond W. O'Brien

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Philip L. Offenberger
Ryan C. Offenberger
Scott L. Shermeyer
Donald L. Sills
Assembly 2983
Andrew Raulynaitis
Assembly 3005
John W. Pope
Assembly 3115
Dale M. Masino
Joseph A. Troiano
Fernando Trulin
Assembly 3158
Robert J. Casmus
Thomas B. Moore



Let Us Keep It
Bright For Liberty's Sake!

Mark Your Calendars!

**Fourth Degree
Exemplification**

District of North Carolina

October 24, 2009

**Sheraton Imperial Hotel
Durham NC**