

## Master's Message

Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers All,

Vivat Jesus!

It is my pleasure to inform you all that on April 21st, 2008, the Supreme Committee on Charters approved the establishment of our newest Assembly in North Carolina, Our Lady of La Sallette Assembly No. 3115 in Shallotte. Hearty congratulations to Sir Knight Robert Hack for spearheading this initiative and to Sir Knight Jerry Siegmund who assisted by gathering and completing the necessary paperwork for submission to the Vice Supreme Master.

I also extend my thank you to Sir Knight and Color Corps Commander of Bishop McGuinness Assembly No. 778, Raleigh, Sir Knight Haden E. Ware. In the last several weeks I have asked Sir Knight Ware to assist with the Honor Guard at the State Convention, lead an Honor Guard for the charter presentation at Council 14276 in Butner and gather and lead an Honor Guard for the opening ceremonies of Special Olympics. Each and every request was answered with a thank you and a message advising his pleasure and willingness to serve, Sir Knight Ware is an exemplary Sir Knight in my book. Know also that this man also serves as District Deputy #9 for the State Deputy. Sir Knight and Brother Haden, Thank You!

Forms, forms, forms . . . please be aware that we are fast approaching the deadline for the RSVP/ Plaque, Civic Award Applications and To Be A Patriot entry forms are all due June 30th. The Report of Officers chosen for the new Fraternal Year are due July 1st. Thank you to all who have already submitted some or all of these requirements.

I know this is only June, but I would like to remind all, that plans are currently being formulated for the **2008 Wounded Warrior Leave Program**. Please get this item on you meeting agenda and into your budget for this coming Fraternal Year. As in the past, the monies collected and submitted to the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter in North Carolina are used exclusively for wounded veterans who are hospitalized in North Carolina, in any branch of the military. Please, make plans now to support these brave men and women. Please don't let them down. They were there for us, now we must be there for them! Funds will have to be in Raleigh in late September or early October to secure the proper transportation arrangements.

For those of you who are making donations to Supreme for the Incarnation Dome, the checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus Supreme Council with the notation "Incarnation Dome" in the memo area. These checks should be mailed directly to the Supreme Secretary, Donald Kehoe, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06507-0901. An email to the Vice Supreme Master, Robert Singer, and myself advising the amount your Assembly has donated will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, in the next few weeks I will have the information out as to the cost for the 2008 Fourth Degree Exemplification for the banquet and ladies luncheon. Cost for candidates remains at \$70.00. The candidate fee includes one banquet ticket, the dress baldric, Fourth Degree lapel pin and Certificate.

If you have not contacted me concerning Assembly Officer Installation, please go to the NC State web site. There is a calendar available denoting dates that have already been assigned. If you choose a date that is taken, I will make every effort to have either the Vice Supreme Master or a Former VSM or Master perform the ceremony, depending upon their availability.

God bless you all and God Bless America!  
Robert J. (Bob) Grabasky, District Master





## Message from the Vice Supreme Master



May has been a rather quiet month. Many Assemblies held great Memorial Day Programs, honoring our veterans. When I hear of these it makes me very proud to be a Sir Knight of Columbus.

The New Assembly report for the Order came out in May showing the DeSoto Province with a goal of 5 new Assemblies and an actual new Assemblies count of 8. I can add to this that since this report I have received notice from the Supreme Masters Office of 2 more new Assemblies being approved, one in Florida and the other in North Carolina. This makes us at 200% for the Fraternal Year. I am a believer that our membership will grow if we make it easier for members to be able to participate in near to home Assemblies. It will be hard for any other Province to beat our 200% record with only June remaining.

I have been receiving many copies of the Officer Reports, Civic Award Reports and To Be A Patriot Award Reports. I appreciate those who have completed these reports. I want to remind EVERY ASSEMBLY that your Officers Report is **DUE** by July 1, 2008. This report is Mandatory. There is no way that Supreme can send information to an Assembly if they have no record of who the officers are. First of all this is the responsibility of each Assembly. Secondly I expect each District Master to follow this very closely and stay on those Assemblies who have not yet sent in their reports.

Now is the time for Masters to start scheduling their Exemplifications for the upcoming Fraternal Year. Each District will have a mandatory goal of a minimum of TWO (2) Exemplifications each year. I can assure you that with the economy being what it is, you may have to schedule some smaller exemplifications, to be held in Council homes or Church halls. This will keep the cost down for the candidates and still allow the Master to make ends meet.

I will be on vacation for the first 2 ½ weeks of June, traveling to Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and Utah. I want to see these beautiful mountains once again. I will have my cell phone with me, but the reception in these mountains can be poor at times.

Wishing each of you the best for the remainder of the summer. Don't forget to keep your Assemblies alive and active during the summer months.

Fraternally,

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



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## Flag Pins

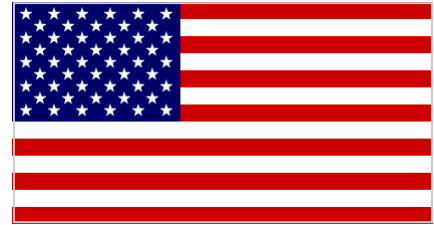
Worthy Sir Knights all,

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the District Master has ordered flag pins and I have received them. I have received a few orders from various Assemblies already but if you want a standard size flag pin that conforms to current regulations, please contact me. The price is \$1.00 per pin and checks can be made payable to "Gregory R. Ciesielski". Either email your request or send it with your check but lets do it today so we will conform to the rules and be 'uniform' in our regalia.

Fraternally,

SK Greg Ciesielski, PFN  
NC District Secretary

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# I spied...



The Angelo Battista Assembly 2894, Havelock NC rendering honors by the placement of a wreath during a Memorial Day event to remember our military men and women. Various city officials, civic organizations and people of the city were on hand for the ceremonies.