



Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers All,  
Vivat Jesus!

## District Master's Report

Happy New Year to all of you and your family members as well! I hope that you had a most enjoyable Christmas. Once again we were able to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Let's all pray to the baby Jesus for the safety of our troops, improvement in our economy and jobs for those who have been hit the hardest in the past months.

With the start of the new year, all Assembly's should be working on the completion of the their Survey of Fraternal Activity forms and submitting them to Supreme by the end of the month. This report is an integral piece for the entire Order, as it helps to keep us a tax exempt organization. Every Assembly must submit this form. There is something to report by each of you but not necessarily in every category. These forms are to be mailed (snail mail) to Supreme with copies to both the Vice Supreme Master and the Master.

January is also Pro-Life month. There will be rallies in both Charlotte and Raleigh and certainly in Washington, DC. It is my hope that we will have good representation with Sir Knights, in regalia, in both Charlotte and Raleigh. If you are going to Washington, DC, you may want to bring your regalia and participate in the mass at the basilica, concelebrated by our North Carolina Bishops. More on these activities later in this publication.

**New Optional Fourth Degree Pin:** In previous months, I have written about the new Fourth Degree pin (U.S. Flag over the Fourth Degree emblem) and advised that it can only be worn with regalia. I would like to clarify any misunderstanding I may have caused. The pin can be worn any time you wear a baldric. If you are going to an affair where you will be dressed in a tux and wearing the social baldric, you are in regalia! I hope this clears up any misunderstanding that I may have caused.

**Regional Fourth Degree Exemplification:** There will be a Regional Exemplification (formerly referred to as a Mini Exemplification) on April 9th, 2011 in New Bern, NC. Candidates fee remains at \$70, observers staying for lunch will be charged a \$15.00 fee. I would ask that you begin recruiting so we can have a nice class for the exemplification.

Since this event will be held at the New Bern Council home, we will be limiting the number of candidates, so please recruit and get your Form 4's and fees to the Master ASAP. The cutoff date for this event is March 19th, 2011. This is an excellent opportunity for members of the military to join the Fourth Degree.

The Exemplification will begin at 12:00 noon and should be completed around 2:30 pm with lunch to follow at about 3:00 pm. Candidates are required to be present for registration between 10:00 and 11:00 am. Shortly, the candidate forms and other information will be posted on the North Carolina State Council web page at [www.kofcnc.org](http://www.kofcnc.org).

Become a full Knight of Columbus and Join the Fourth Degree, the patriotic Degree of the Order.

God bless you all,

SK Robert J. "Bob" Grabasky, PSD  
North Carolina District Master



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

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## Sir Knight of the Month – January 2011

In recognition of his many outstanding accomplishments and contributions,

### Sir Knight Sidney “Jack” Webb

is enthusiastically recognized as the Fr. Kenneth I. Parker Assembly Sir Knight of the Month.

Sir Knight Webb is currently holding the office of Faithful Comptroller for the Assembly. Through his relentless efforts and countless hours of work, the Assembly now has an accurate filing and accountability system that is flawless. Required information, which has been computerized, can be easily retrieved and used as needed for reports, accounting and general updating. Jack also volunteers his time and talents in the area of culinary arts. He has cooked for numerous functions to the delight of many satisfied appetites at the Assembly, the local K of C Council, St Paul Church and St Paul School as well. His ability to plan and prepare delicious meals has been a very welcomed and beneficial asset. His dedication to the Order, his Assembly, and his fellow Knights, along with his commitment to Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism make Sir Knight Sidney Webb truly deserving of this award.

SK James Whetzel,  
Faithful Navigator  
Fr. Kenneth I. Parker Assembly No. 1820  
New Bern, NC

Submitted by SK Richard Tomasik, Faithful Captain



*Wounded Warrior Funds are always accepted anytime.  
The should be sent to the  
Vice Supreme Master, Robert J. Singer, PSD, FDM  
At  
2506 Canal Drive  
Wilson, NC 27896-1326*

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*Mark Your Calendars*

*January 2011*

*Right To Life Marches*

*Friday, January 14, 2011 – Charlotte, NC*

*March begins at the Diocesan Center at noon*

*March downtown & then to the abortion clinic for the rosary*

*Father Pavone will be the featured speaker*

*Saturday, January 15, 2011 – Raleigh*

*Prayer Breakfast for Life – 9:30 am*

*Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel & Conference Center*

*Raleigh, NC*

*Rally & March For Life – 1:00 pm*

*Nash Square, Raleigh*

*Monday, January 24, 2011 - Washington, D.C.*

*Concelebrated Mass by the Bishops of North Carolina*

*11:30 am at the Basilica*

*Rally and March to the Capitol follows*

*The above events need our support and they also need our*

*Participation in Regalia*

*Please plan to attend some or all and show that we,*

*the Knights of Columbus are **PRO-LIFE!***



## **Reminder**

**January 31, 2011**

**Annual Survey of Fraternal  
Activity Report Form 1728**

**Due in the Supreme Office  
January 31, 2011**

**This is a Mandatory Report  
Every Assembly Must File It!**





## DeSoto Province Vice Supreme Master Monthly Letter January 2011



Brother Sir Knights,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone having had a blessed and joyous Christmas. I also wish you the best for the New Year. The month of December brought only one new Assembly into the DeSoto Province. Remember that the Fraternal Year ends June 30, 2011. Although the District Masters year begins with September 1, the reports and records are all kept on the Fraternal Year colander, July 1 to June 30. We only have six more months to meet our goals for Membership and New Assemblies. This is the first year that the DeSoto province has not lead the entire Order in new Assemblies for the first six months of the year. . We have only two New Assemblies for the first 6 months. Our goal as per the Provincial Meeting was 3 New Assemblies per District.

Membership to date is behind last years numbers. We need to hold more Exemplifications and soon to be able to meet our Membership goal. As of December 1, 2010 we only had 575 New Members against a goal of 2,072 New Members. You can see we have a long way to go to meet this goal. Please schedule Exemplifications and let me know when they are so I can see how we are going to do. Remember, all Exemplifications, to count toward this year must be reported to Supreme before June 30, 2011.

.As of today, I have approved three Exemplifications for the remainder of the Year. February 26, 2011 in Columbia, S.C., April 2, 2011 in Coral Springs, FL and April 9, 2011 for New Bern N.C. We have done well for the Exemplifications we have held, we just need to hold at lease (3) Three in each District by June 30, 2010. District Masters; please get your schedule to me ASAP so I can approve the dates. I cannot approve any dates after September 1, 2011 as I will no longer be the VSM after that date.

**The one really bright area for this year is the results of the Wounded Warrior Program. As of December 24, 2010, the Knights of Columbus have been responsible for raising \$66,615. This is a New Annual Record and it couldn't have come at a better time. As of December 24 we have sent 363 Wounded Warriors home for the Christmas Holiday. I don't know just what we spend on these 363 Warriors, but I do know that our account is exhausted now. For this reason we need to continue to raise all the funds we can to be able to meet our goals of sending all wounded Warriors home next year for Christmas. Our previous years have had no more than 160 Warriors needing our assistance. You can see things are looking worse for these Warriors and we need to step up to the plate. I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK ALL WHO HAVE WORKED TO RAISE OUR FUNDS AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE WOUNDED WARRIORS ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE ALSO.**

I want to personally thank those Pastors who have allowed the Knights of Columbus to speak to the Parish about the Wounded Warrior Program and solicit funds. This seems to be the most positive way to raise funds.

If I can be of any assistance to any Sir Knight in the DeSoto Province, please let me know. I have had several questions come to me recently and I appreciate your asking. Remember we are ALL to follow the chain of Command, First go to your Navigator, then the District Master then to me. **DO NOT CALL SUPREME WITH QUESTIONS WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE CHAIN OF COMMAND. THEY DO NOT HAVE TIME TO DO ALL OF OUR WORK.**

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