



DISTRICT MASTER'S MESSAGE

Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers All,

The May State Convention was a major success for the North Carolina District of the Fourth Degree. I am proud to say we not only had a Color Guard to present and retrieve the Colors at the appropriate times during the weekend, and what a great job they did; but 38 Sir Knights made up the Honor Guard at the Mass. What a tribute to our Military, past and present, on Arm Forces Day. You showed all present how proud you are to be members of the Fourth Degree. Thank you very much!!

Now share that pride with other Knights. "Do not wait. Recruit candidates now."

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be in the Fall and will be a Regional (one day). Assembly 778 is looking at hosting it at one of the Raleigh Churches. There will be more to follow in the July Golden Plume

There is a lot going on over the next few months and the main way we have to communicate what is happening, when and where, is through the Golden Plume. Yet, most of the Sir Knights in our District do not see the newsletter. Faithful Navigators, please assign a Brother in your Assembly to send it to all the members each month and ask them to take the time to read it.

Election of Assembly Officers:

Elections should be completed for Assembly Officers for the fraternal year of 2015 / 2016. As soon as elections are held, there are two things the Navigator / Comptroller must do. 1. Go on the State website (kofcnc.org), under the "4th Degree" section and fill out the directory form. 2. Go to the Supreme website (kofc.org) and complete form 186 – Report of Officers Chosen for the Term. It can be done online or download and do it manually. Please send to Supreme with a copy to: VSM Gary McLain (garymc36@comcast.net) -- and myself at (donofrio@nc.rr.com)

Dates for various Assembly forms and when due:

7/1 – Report of Officers Chosen for the Term (100% participation) – form 186

7/1 – Fourth Degree Directory form, as mentioned above (100% participation) – State website

8/1 – Annual Assembly Audit Report (100% participation) – form 1315

Flag Day Activities and Celebrations:

I know most Assemblies will be participating and I ask that you send photos and a very brief write up to District Secretary Bill Barry (bbarry54@gmail.com). Bill will see that they get on the 4th Degree photo section of the State Website.

Charlotte Eucharistic Congress (September 12th):

I've asked PFN David Spinks to be the District representative on the Diocesan Committee, along with the help of ADM Matt Dimock, so we can stay on top of what the Honor Guard requirements will be. Last year we had well over 80 Sir Knights in regalia and we expect the need to be even greater this year. David will be in constant communications with District Marshal Rick Lewis to ensure we have enough Sir Knights to fill the needs requested of us. You will hear much more in the next couple issues of the Golden Plume and from David.

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Assembly Officer Installations:

Please contact me. I will do as many of these as physically possible, but you must work with me. Don't set the date and then contact me and expect me to fit your installation in. It is my responsibility and honor to perform this important ceremony and my calendar fills up fast. We need to work with each other to establish a date for your installation. If I'm unable to do your installation, then I will assign someone else to fill in for me.

Assembly Officers – you must make every effort to attend your installation ceremony. You have committed to perform the duties of the office you were elected to. Now show your fellow Knights and Officers you are serious by participating in this ceremony.

Faithful Navigators – once we have the date, contact your Faithful Friar and let him know how much it would mean to his Brothers if he too would participate. He has a part to play in the ceremony and he will be installed in his office. Why not invite the members of your Assembly and Councils to attend.

Assistant District Marshals – I would like you to attend and assist with the various installations in your area. Marshal Rick Lewis will send you the current spreadsheet and will send updates as more Assemblies are added. Let Rick know which ones you will be attending and he will add this to the spreadsheet.

I want to thank all my Brothers who, time after time, show up to be a part of an Honor Guard and/or Color Guard. Our Bishops and Priests appreciate what we do, along with many Community Leaders; and I know the families of those who have passed on, appreciate it.



Fraternally,

District Master SK Dave Onofrio, PSD

God Bless You, God Bless Our Church, and God Bless America



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Vice Supreme Master



Worthy Master and All Sir Knights:

An Exemplification was held in Macon, Georgia on May 2, 2015, and 47 Sir Knights were welcomed into the Fourth Degree. The Team did their usual great job. I will be flying to Puerto Rico on Friday, May 29 for an Exemplification to be held in Humacao on May 31. Expectations are for 35 in the Class which will be the largest class in eight years for Puerto Rico. My understanding is that we have some Bishops in the Class.

I will join the Color Corps on May 30 for the Ordination of three Priests.

Exemplifications have been scheduled for June 6 in Delray Beach, Florida; Rock Hill, South Carolina on June 13 and Duluth, Georgia on June 20. I hope we have three large Classes to finish out the fraternal year.

My thanks to all the Assemblies that completed and filed their Fraternal Activity Report. Only four Assemblies (all in Georgia) have not filed this Report. I am sure the District Master will be contacting them so that in my next Report I can say the Province is at 100%.

Now it is time to forward your Officer Chosen Form to Supreme with copies to the Vice Supreme Master, District Master, State Deputy and one to your Assembly files. This Form should be forwarded immediately after elections are completed so that we have a means to communicate with the officers. Remember, if this Form is not sent in, your Assembly officers will not receive any communications that are pertinent to all your members. Let's see if we can get 100% for the Province without repeated asking from Supreme, myself, or your District Master.

June 14 is Flag Day. Each District should have some event scheduled for this eventful day. Do not forget to let your District Master know what took place in your area so he knows and will be able to report on the events that did take place.

June 21, one week later, is Father's Day. What a great time to hint that receiving Fourth Degree Color Corps Regalia as a gift would be nice so that you can become a part of the Color Corps. We need you!!!

As mentioned last month in my newsletter, we have reached the goal of \$1,000,000.00 for the Military Chaplain's Fund. Also mentioned was that the Supreme Knight asked us to raise an additional \$200,000.00 for the Fund. This should be not be too hard as we have consistently done that amount and more each year since the inception of the Fund. Currently we have collected \$1,048,500.00. I will be sending in final donations for this fraternal year in late June. It is not too late to get just one more donation in so that we meet this final goal. Checks should be made payable to "Knights of Columbus Charities" and on the memo line of the check write "Military Chaplain's Fund". Send checks to Gary L. McLain, VSM, 36 Currant Avenue, Middleburg, FL 32068. Direct questions or the need for information to me at garymc36@comcast.net or (904) 406-2718.

For those who would like to continue to contribute to this worthy cause (Priests for the Church and the Military) once the Program has ended, I will provide an address where donations may be sent.



Fraternally,
SK Gary L. McLain, PSD
Vice Supreme Master
DeSoto Province





DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE
Eucharistic Congress
September 11 & 12, 2015
CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER

It is that time of year to start planning and preparing for the 11th Annual Eucharistic Congress in Charlotte. It is our continued honor as a District to support the Bishop of Charlotte for this event. As with last year, we have a dedicated team in place to help with our preparations. Sir Knight David Spinks, PFM is the Fourth Degree Representative on the Diocesan Committee. Sir Knight Matt Dimock is the Assistant District Marshal assigned to line up the Honor Guard needed for Saturday September 12th.

As many Sir Knights who have participated in this event in the past know, this event requires a tremendous amount of support. We need between 80 and 100 Honor Guard members to ensure we have enough support. Now is the time that Faithful Navigators should be talking to their assembly membership about this event, and making plans to attend the event.

Here is a quick overview of how the day progresses:

Morning procession from St. Paul's Catholic Church ending at the Benediction. The procession will last about an hour to an hour and a half.

The Eucharistic Honor Guard. This occurs throughout the day till just before Mass. This will encompass both a processional and a static setting.

The closing Mass. Will have our traditional Honor Guard procession and recession, as well as support during the Eucharist at Mass.

Last year, we initiated a program where Sir Knights without regalia who were dressed in their social baldric and tuxedo were utilized throughout the day for support. This went over extremely well, and we will be looking to continue this opportunity for Sir Knights without regalia to come out and participate. We will have plenty of opportunities for them to lend their support to the Bishop.

Please start marking your calendars NOW for September 12th in Charlotte! The more help and support we have, the better it will be.



SK Rick Lewis
District Marshal



ONE NATION UNDER GOD

Flag Day is on June 14, 2015, and it is with great pride to announce that the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of North Carolina and all Brother Knights, with their family and friends, are requested to meet together at the **North Carolina Legislative Building, located at 16 W Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601 at 1p on Saturday June 13, 2015** to pay homage to our National Flag, and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

For those local to the Raleigh area, this event should serve as a kickoff for your local Assembly to then carry out some type of ceremony either in your community, or at your Assemblies Church's facility. For those not local to the area, let this help serve as a reminder that there is still plenty of time for your Assembly to put together a program with your Assemblies and communities or Parishes to honor our Flag. It is important that whatever event you do conduct needs to be reported!

There are a few rules that should be observed in the manner of delivering the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

1. **Non-military citizens (current or former):** Should stand at attention facing the flag, with the right hand over the heart. Any non-military headdress should be removed with the right hand, and hold it over the left shoulder, with the hand over the heart.
2. **Current or former Military:**
 - a. Persons in uniform should remain silent, stand at attention and render a hand salute
 - b. Former or retired military may also render a hand salute to the Flag if they wish too, but are not required to. If they do not feel comfortable doing so, then they would proceed as those who are non-military citizens.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



SK Rick Lewis, PFN
District Marshal





MEMBERSHIP in the Fourth Degree **The life blood of any organization**

Without bringing in new members, what happens? How long can the same men continue doing each program over and over again? How long can the same men continue as the officers over and over again? How long can the same men march in parades over and over again? I think you get my point. We are all getting older and many cannot do all the things or be as involved as they used to, no matter how dedicated and devoted to the Order and the Fourth Degree they are. Even if you have a large number of members in your Assembly, it doesn't matter. There are so many ways the VISIBLE ARM of the Order can get involved, but we can't if we don't ask more brothers to join the Fourth Degree and **become active**. Notice the key words – **become active**.

I don't know about you but I'm proud to be a member of the largest Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization in the World. I'm proud of all that we stand for and do throughout our Church, Communities and our Countries. I'm proud of the common bond we share – Our Faith. I'm proud to call each and every one of you – My Brothers.

If you share this pride, then let's, together, do something about it. Let's share this feeling with others and ask them to join us. We have so many brothers who have not taken the step to become a part of the Patriotic Degree. They just need a nudge and a reminder of what we stand for.

In these economic times, they may feel they cannot afford to spend the money for a tuxedo and an entire weekend at a hotel. That's where we can help.

As you know, the Fourth Degree does have Regional Exemplifications. They are on a Saturday and you come and go the same day. The cost to a candidate is \$70 and the cost of a tuxedo.

There are a few J C Penny stores that still offer a discounted price for the proper tuxedo attire that makes up the official uniform of a Sir Knight. This is not a corporate program and entirely up to the store manager. He may tell you it's a corporate program, but it isn't.

KC Formalwear - this is located at the State Fairgrounds but do not wait until Sept or Oct. to go there. Late Sept they prepare to move out to make room for the State Fair. Oct. is the State Fair. Start now!!!! **The new owner is Monica Faith - her phone number is 919-586-1456 and email is kctuxedo@gmail.com. Her website is www.raleightuxedo.com.** They are still located in one of the enclosed buildings. One of our Sir Knights just bought 2 shirts and an extra set of cuff links for \$12.

Another place to get a Tux is Formalwear Outlet in Hillsborough. They have a package of a complete Tux (jacket, pants, shirt, bow tie, cummerbund, studs, & cufflinks) for \$95 + tax. Just have members tell them they are Knights. 415 Millstone Drive Hillsborough, NC 27278

Now for the correct formal wear for each of you:

Black Tuxedo (normally this would be the "After 6" version) - no tails, just a straight bottom cut jacket with normal lapels. Plain white tuxedo shirt - pleated and with a straight collar (no wing tip collars). Black bow tie. Tuxedo studs and cuff links (these are the round black ones). Black cummerbund (no vests). Black socks and shoes.

SK Dave Onofrio, District Master



One Nation Under God
Designated Flag Flying Days from the U.S. Flag Code

New Year's Day, January 1
Inauguration Day, January 20
Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, (third Monday in January)
Lincoln's Birthday, February 12
Washington's Birthday, (third Monday in February)
Easter Sunday (variable)
Mother's Day, (second Sunday in May)
Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15 (half-staff all day)
Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May
Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May

Flag Day, June 14

Independence Day, July 4
Labor Day, first Monday in September
Patriot Day, September 11 (half-staff all day)
Constitution Day, September 17
Columbus Day, (second Monday in October)
Navy Day, October 13
Veterans Day, November 11
Thanksgiving Day, (fourth Thursday in November)
National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7 (half-staff all day)
Christmas Day, December 25





Knights of Columbus District of North Carolina Programs

The following programs are considered as District wide.

Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund – To support priestly vocations for the military. This is reserved exclusively for seminarians who will, once ordained, serve both their home diocese and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, as a uniformed chaplain. The goal is to have each State, combined with the Fourth Degree District, raise a minimum of \$4000 per year over a five year period. Checks are to be made payable to “Knights of Columbus Charities” with the notation “Military Scholarship” in the memo area and mailed to:

Gary L. McLain, VSM
36 Currant Avenue
Middleburg, FL 32068

Wounded Warrior Fund – Run through the Military Order of the Purple Heart, we raise money to send all of the Wounded Warriors, in the Military Hospital at Camp Lejeune Marine Base, home for the Holidays. This is a 501c3 non-profit organization and your contributions are tax deductible. 100% of the money is used to send them home. This program has been approved by Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard. Checks are to be made payable to “M.O.P.H.” with the notation “Wounded Warrior Fund” in the memo area and mailed to:

Robert J. Singer, FVSM, FDM, PSD
2506 Canal Drive
Wilson, NC 27896-1326

VAVS (Veterans Assistance Volunteer Service) – This encompasses so many activities in support of our Veterans and it is only limited by your imagination. SK Tom DuPree is our representative for this extremely valuable program and has implemented several ways we can help and work with our Veterans. One such activity was the collection, at the Fourth Degree Exemplification, of specific items that are needed at the VA Medical Centers in NC. Please contact Tom, find out what he has already set up and volunteer. Tom is always looking for more ideas.

Tom DuPree, North Carolina District VAVS Representative VA

twdupree@aol.com

H- 919-577-6901 or C- 919-302-5550



**Knights of Columbus
District of North Carolina Programs**

“One Nation Under God” Pledge Program – It calls for all assemblies in each U. S . state to gather at the state's capital city on Flag Day, June 14th, to conduct a flag ceremony and recite the Pledge of Allegiance each year. Every Assembly should plan and event in their community for Flag Day. Assistant District Marshal Paul Spire is heading this up for the District.

Contact Paul at: pspire@hotmail.com

Patriotic Coupon Program – All we are asking you to do is to save all the national product unexpired or expired (manufacturer) coupons and bring them to your council meeting. If you are one of those members that can't get to a council meeting, maybe your council can put a box at your church to collect those desperately needed coupons. Its that simple. Your Field Agent will collect them and get them to me.

Contact info:

SK Joe Bailer
3717 Colorado Drive
Hope Mills, NC, 28348-2106
910-424-4880, No email



Happy Birthday US Army Veterans!



Greetings Worthy Faithful Navigators and Brother Sir Knights,

As you complete your term as FN, I want to thank you for your leadership in guiding your Assembly to a successful year. If you are the FN for 2015-2016, congratulations on your election. I look forward to working with you and your Brother SK's in support of our Veterans at the four VA Medical Centers, USOs, retirement communities and nursing homes.

IMPORTANT: Please be sure you appoint a Brother SK from your Assembly to work with the GK of the Councils under your umbrella to coordinate and support our Veteran programs. He should attend each Council's monthly meetings and work to partner with the Assembly and Council. Also, request that you personally meet with each GK of the Councils under your umbrella to introduce yourself, and discuss up-coming programs that the two of you can coordinate.

REPORTS: There are two reports. There is a quarterly report and there is a FN report. These are both due June 30th.

Quarterly report—the VAVS representative will coordinate with the Deputy Representatives for each of the four VA Medical Centers and report activities that were initiated April 1st through June 20, 2015.

FN Report—FN's, please report activities in support of our Veterans under your term (Jan. 1, 2015-June 30, 2015) that you, or in cooperation with your GKs under your Assembly umbrella, have completed. Information needed for report: date, event, man hours, \$\$\$ contributions, benefits to the Veterans, # of Knights involved as well as family members. These reports are very important. I need your assistance. Thank you.

Budget: As you complete your Assembly budget for 2015-2016, I would like to suggest that you and your trustees consider a line item for the following programs:

National Wheel Chair Games
Wounded Warriors
Coat Program for Veterans (new)
USO

Gift cards: All of VA Medical Centers could use gift cards for grocery stores, restaurants, theaters, sporting events etc... These will assist the staff in taking the Veteran in the Community Living Center out for social events and to provide food for Veterans/families that make request a special final meal for a Vet. Gift cards to Walmart, Target and Sam's are also useful. Please send these cards to my attention.

SK Tom DuPree,
2419 Hidden Meadow Drive
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

I will make sure they are properly distributed. Thank you.

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VAVS Cont.



Volunteers: Each VA Medical Center could use additional volunteers to assist the staff in supporting the needs of our Veterans. The number of hours and dates of availability can be flexible. One of our “Special Programs”, no Veteran dies alone. We volunteer to sit with the Veteran during his/her final hours. Special training is provided by the VA Medical Center for those interested in this program. If interested, please contact me at twdupree@aol.com

Special Needs: Drivers to transport Veterans from their home town to a VA Medical Center using vans which are provided.

Leadership: I am looking for Representatives and Deputy Representatives for the Fayetteville VA Medical Center and the Asheville VA Medical Center. Your main responsibility is communicating the needs of our Veterans at these two facilities to the Councils, Assemblies and Brother Knights. Training is provided. The rewards are priceless!

State Convention: Thanks to all who stopped by our VAVS Program Table. The winner of the \$100 cash drawing was Brother SK JC Reiher, State Warden. Ticket # 800790 Congratulations!

Are you in need of a Wheel Chair? Brand Name: Teknique XHD 450 lbs max. electric hoveround. Comes with car rack and charge system. In excellent condition. It is being donated in honor of Brother SK Forbes, who passed away recently. Family requested the chair be donated to a Brother SK. If interested, please contact me. twdupree@aol.com or by phone 919-302-5550 cell.

\$\$\$ per Knight Challenge: The Durham VA will be hosting the National Arts and Craft Festival in October 2015. Funding to support this program has been provided by the VA, American Legion with each providing 1/3 of the total cost. The Durham VA has to raise their 1/3 of the funding (\$30,000). As the Knights of Columbus being a major supporter of the Veterans Programs, we need to do our part. With the number of Knights in the State of North Carolina, (16,500+) and 2,700 SK's, if we as Brother Knights made the small donation of a dollar each, we could easily be the major donor towards their goal of \$30,000. See my articles in previous months (Jan-May, 2015) for more details.

QUESTION: HAVE YOU MET THE CHALLENGE!!

Again, on behalf of our Veterans, thank you for your support of time, talent and treasure.



Fraternally,
SK Thomas W. (Tom) DuPree Jr. PGK, PFN, VAVS Representative Durham VA
North Carolina District VAVS Representative VA,
North Carolina State Council Veterans Affairs and VAVS Chairman



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CHALLENGE
\$ Dollar per Knight
Supporting the Durham VA Medical Center
As host site for 2015 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival



The Festival will be held in Durham NC (October 12-19, 2015). The National Creative Arts Festival originate 1981 to spotlight the 4 Creative Arts therapies of Art, Music, Dance and Drama. In 2005, a 5 Creative Arts division, Creative Writing, was added to the Festival Roster.

Veterans from across the country in five divisions will feature their art exhibits showing the 1st place artwork from fifty-four categories. A live stage show, complete with orchestral accompaniment provided by the Music Performance Fund, is performed by Veterans who have achieved medal-winning status.

Workshops are offered during the Festival Week for participants and staff, educating them in a variety of artistic modalities by utilizing the talent of local, community artists. There is NO competition at the Festival itself, as it is a showcase for previously judged medal winners.

In 2014, 3,208 Veterans from 129 VA Medical Centers participated. Of those, approximately 150 winning Veterans earned an invitation to participate.

Financial support by the Knights of NC GOAL: \$16,400. This will go towards the Durham VA of \$30,000. needed to fund this very important program.

Please consider making a personal donation of \$1.00 per knight. NC currently has 16,500 Brother Knights in 127 Councils and 47 Assemblies.

How do I donate? Please give your donation to your Council FS and Assembly to your FC marked as “Dollar Per Knight”.

Request the FS and FC to cut one check of the total donation of your Brother Knights, making check to Bishop McGuinness Assembly: Memo: Arts Festival.

**Mail to SK Jerry Cucurullo, FC
6208 Heacham Ct.
Raleigh, NC 27614**

**Due date: Friday, April 24th
Presentation: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 2:30**



When You Meet A Veteran...



Just Say...

Thank
You!!