



THE TARHEEL KNIGHT

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Greetings to one and all from Fayetteville! Gina and I truly hope this edition of the Tar Heel Knight finds you well and in good spirits.

As we celebrate our Saints (known and unknown), please pray for those saintly people in your life. As we celebrate All Souls, pray for the souls that have been passed on, especially those closest to you. This month we will also celebrate our Veterans. So many have served and sacrificed, so if you are involved in a celebration, take a moment to say "Thank-you" to a service member or a veteran. We owe our religious freedom to our Founders and those who served to keep the Founders' vision alive.

Finally this month we will have the opportunity to give thanks!! We have much for which to be thankful. Even in my darkest of days, I am thankful because there are far more people out there that have far less than I. So take a moment on Thanksgiving Day and give thanks for the blessings God has bestowed on us.

I am especially thankful for the Knights of Columbus and the ability to be a part of an organization that is designed to help others and make us stronger in our faith. As I spoke with a dear friend, he reminded me that the Knights of Columbus is the action arm of what we are called to do by James – have faith and do good works informed by that faith.

In Father's homily he made four points about servant leadership and I felt these were important enough for us to understand and that I should share them with you.

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STATE DEPUTY (CONTINUED FROM PAGE I)

The following is a synopsis of what Father shared with us:

1. *Servant leaders pay attention to people that may be considered “below” them. The marginalized*
2. *Servant leaders understands that there is a cause greater than themselves.*
3. *Good servant leaders are humble enough to ask “Am I part of the solution or part of the problem?”*
4. *Servant leaders are accountable to others.*

Father went on to point out that no one is perfect and Jesus surrounded himself with the flawed, the less fortunate, the unassuming. Let’s do the same.

Let’s surround ourselves in service to others who are less fortunate. Let’s make a difference in someone’s life who is totally unassuming or unexpecting. In that we will carry out the gospel and our good deeds informed by faith will complete our mission.

Peace in Christ

Colin Jorsch

State Deputy



ROUND TABLE

Brother Knights,

I am writing this as the new Round Table Chairperson for the state. As such, my job is to spread the word about the Round Table program and encourage participation in it. Round Tables exist for two primary reasons: to grow membership and provide service opportunities for councils. Round Tables are used essentially as a formal means of communication in the following situations:

- (1) a host council and other parishes (without an active council) to which council members belong
- (2) a council with council members who primarily speak a non-English language
- (3) a council which provides service to a religious order
- (4) a council which provides service to Catholic students at a university or college.

We currently have sixteen recognized Round Tables throughout our jurisdiction. I believe we have councils that already do one or more of the four types of Round Tables, but have not recorded the information by using the Supreme Form 2629, which can be found on the State website. You are encouraged to fill out the form to indicate the service you provide and as a motivation for others to follow your lead. Please contact me if you have any questions about round table opportunities or how to fill out the form.

Thanks,

Bob Hall

Round Table Chairperson.

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(828) 322-9570

STATE SECRETARY

Lori and I send our greetings from Wendell. We pray that you are doing well.

This month we have a very special day set aside to give thanks to God for all that he has given us. Thanksgiving originated at a time when God was an integral part of society. The pilgrims that came to America found it natural to give thanks to God for all their blessings. Thanksgiving still offers us a great opportunity to reflect on all that God has done for us. As we gather with family and friends, remember to take time to reflect on how God has blessed you and those you love.

God has given each of us special gifts and talents. God wants us to use them to “Make a Difference” in our world. When is the last time you spent some quiet time with God and reflected on your gifts and talents and what you are doing with them. Are you sharing and helping ours with them as God wants you to?

As you look at your Fraternal Leader Success Planner, you should find the many programs your Council will be doing in the coming months. As you plan those events are you personally asking your Brother Knights and their families to share their talents to make the event a huge success? In particular, are you asking your newer members to help? It is so easy to ask the same people all the time, to pass a sign-up sheet around at a meeting, or to send out an email. Try talking to your Brothers.

Have you taken time to sign up for the Mid-Year meeting in your area? January will be here before you know it. All the information is on the State website (www.kofcnc.org). It is an excellent opportunity to see how other Council are using the talents of their Brothers and their family to help their Church and community. Come learn from other Catholics what God wants us to do with other gifts and talents. Then take what you learn and go back to your Councils and share what you learned with the Brothers in your Council.

So far, I have received a check from sixteen Councils for the Statue Fund. Thank you! The Statue Fund is to help fund the purchase of a statue of Saint Pope John Paul II for the new cathedral for the Raleigh Diocese. Has your Council had a chance to send a check for the requested \$2.00 member to me? The State Deputy requested that you submit your check before the end of 2015.

I am here to serve you. I am confident that we will continue have a great year.

Regards,

John Nussbaum
State Secretary



Go Make a Difference



STATE ADVOCATE

Brothers,

I hope this edition of the Tar Heel Knight finds you and yours doing well in your part of North Carolina, and that your hard work and dedication to the Knights of Columbus is truly making a difference in the lives of those you serve.

As Manon and I travel throughout the state, I continue to be so impressed and humbled by your fraternalism and hospitality. Again, we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

As you know, this past August 4-6, 2015, I, my fellow brother State Officers and other brother Knights had the honor to represent the NC State Council as Delegates, at the 133rd Annual Supreme Convention, held in Philadelphia, PA.

Well, September and October have been extremely busy months, but I wanted to report back to all of you that the resolutions approved at our May 2015 NC Convention were submitted to Supreme and considered at the Supreme Convention in August 2015. As some are lengthy, in the interest of THK space, I have posted them onto the state website for your viewing pleasure and for the realization of your concerns and efforts.

I want to take this time to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. You and I are blessed in so many ways. Although the Thanksgiving holiday comes once per year, we should all be giving thanks each and every day. It is my prayer that we will all be grateful and recognize the love of God in everything He has given us, as we remember those less fortunate.

Brothers, until we meet again, Go Make a Difference!

Vivat Jesus

JC Reiber

State Advocate



STATE CHANCELLOR / EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

I want to thank all those who have said a prayer, contacted me by sending a card, an e-mail or phone call in reference to my recent knee replacement. Thank you all. I am coming along at the 10 week mark and all is going as the doctor's expectations.

The past several weeks have been inspiring to me. First with Pope Francis visit to Cuba, Washington, DC, New York and Philadelphia and this past weekend with the visit of Saint Maria Goretti's relics at Saint Thomas Aquinas church in Charlotte. I viewed most of the Pope's visit on the Eternal World Television Network (EWTN). They did a great job of following the fast moving Pope to the locations in the several cities. It was an inspiration.

Saint Maria Goretti's relics were removed from a special travel van at about 9:00 AM Saturday and I was privileged to serve in the Honor Guard transferring her relics to Saint Thomas Aquinas' altar. Following the transition a Solemn High Traditional Latin Mass was said with some six priest on the altar and several in the pews. Some 1100 people were inside the church for the 10:00 Mass and thousands were outside waiting to venerate Saint Maria after the Mass. It was expected that some 10,000 people would view her relics prior to departing Saint Thomas Aquinas after a 7:30 AM Mass on Sunday. The relics were going next to Atlanta, Georgia. Two interesting facts of Saint Maria are that she is the youngest saint in the history of our Church and her mother was at her Canonization. The first parent ever to witness a child's Canonization. A moving experience.

If any District Deputy has not provided me with the name of your District Warden please send it to me as soon as possible. It will spare me contacting you and asking for his name.

Keep in your prayers all our departed members not only here in North Carolina but throughout our Order. I would ask that we all say a prayer for all those leaving the Middle East conflicts and attempting to relocate to the safety of Europe.

Vince Cerullo
State Chancellor
PGK, FDD, FRDD, PFN



GENERAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

Brothers All,

Vivat Jesus!

As we start the month of November it does not seem possible that the year is almost half over.

First off I want to thank each of you for your program submittals for the past six months. Once again I am truly amazed by the things that we do as Knights and I am proud of our accomplishments. There will be awards for all of your hard work given out at the Mid-Year meetings in January. Please go on the State Web page and register for the meeting that will be held closest to you so that you can participate in this event.

During this past month I also received the Council's Matrix that provides the State Officers with a snap shot of all the programs that each Council has completed over the past six months. The combination of this report along with the next reporting period is how the Council is recognized by the State for all of its hard work.



There is a new program that is kicking off this month, The Solidarity Cross. The purpose of this program is to develop a course of action that will show the solidarity of the Knights of Columbus of North Carolina with the Christians in the Middle East that are being persecuted for their beliefs through the purchase of the Solidarity Cross produced by those in that area with the proceeds going toward the relief of those being persecuted. Information was sent to each Grand Knight over the past several weeks and each District Deputy will explain the program during November at your meeting. Please consider participating in this program as it is important that we support our Brothers and Sisters, not only in prayer, but also monetarily as they strive to exist.

There are many programs that are in full swing or getting ready to start within the next several months. Many of the Program Directors that are in charge of these programs, have submitted articles in this edition of the Tar Heel Knight. Please take the time to read each of their articles and plan on participating in the programs as much as you can or go to the State Web page and look under the 30-60-90 day calendar for these upcoming programs.

Again thank you for all that you all do, and as always if there is anything I can do to assist you please contact me awards@kofcnc.org at any time.

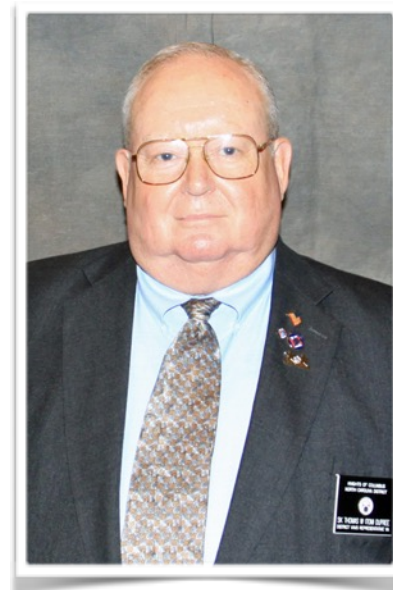
GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Paul Spire GPD

VAVS - VETERANS AFFAIR VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Greetings Grand Knights and Brother All,

This has truly been a busy month for all Councils. The National Veterans' Creative Arts Festival, October 12-18 hosted by the Durham VA Medical Center was a huge success. One hundred fifteen Veterans representing 125 Medical Centers spent the week attending workshops with local artists, touring North Carolina Art Museum and building fellowships with Veterans from all over the Nation. Korea sent a delegation to learn and observe how to implement the Arts Festival for their Veterans. The week ended with an art exhibit of all the gold place winners and a stage show performance of gold place winners in poetry, dance, instrumentals and singing. On Saturday, a sponsor luncheon and awards presentation was held at the Carolina Inn, Chapel Hill. The Knights of North Carolina was recognized as a Silver Level donor in support of the Art Festival. You contributed \$3000. toward this Festival. Again, I personally thank those who participated in "The Dollar a Knight Challenge".



The month of November is an opportunity for you to reflect upon the many things that you are thankful for in your life. The freedom that we enjoy has been secured through the ages by our Veterans past and current. As Veteran's Day approaches, November 11th, please pause and reflect on all the sacrifices that our men and women have given in support of our freedom. With the many celebrations in your community, try to find an opportunity to be present and to thank them for their service to our country.

Coats for Vets: As the days turn colder, there is a great need for new winter coats for our Veterans in need. Consider supporting this very important program by your Council and Brothers (See flier).

Sweat pants and sweat shirts: All four VA Medical Centers use between 800-1200 sets each year. Since these are seasonal items, request your support in purchasing and providing this clothing to provide comfort to our Veterans.

Gift cards: The donation of gift cards to the Chiefs, Voluntary Services, makes the process of purchasing items that are needed by the Veterans easier. The cards are also helpful for the VA Medical Clinics. Example of cards requested: Walmart, Target, Grocery Chains, Restaurants and Theaters. These cards allow the VA Medical Staff to provide opportunities to take the Veterans in the Community Living Centers out for socialization.

Women Veterans: There is an increasing number of women Veterans needing our support. Personal care items are always welcomed. Consider doing something in your Council to Support the Women Veteran.

Reporting Activities in Support of Our Veterans: As you prepare for your form 1728, I need an additional report of activities your Council has participated in for the year of 2015. I will have a form for reporting these activities on the State website and emailed to your GK. Report is due by January 15, 2016. This form will be available by December 1st.

Willing you and your family a Blessed Thanksgiving. Thanks for supporting those who served.

*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*



K of C Assemblies and Councils of North Carolina

DONATE A COAT TO A VET AND WARM YOUR HEART



Checks sent to SK Gerard (Jerry) Cucurullo FC
6208 Heacham Ct.
Raleigh, NC 27614

Coats need to be neutral in color so both men and women can wear them.

SIZE: Large to XXX Large

“I Am My Brothers Keeper.”

The spiritual focus of the Order helping Knights to live out their Christian Vocation.

**Any questions: Contact SK Tom DuPree, NC District VAVS Rep.
919-302-5550 or email : twdupree@aol.com**

The VA Hospital in your area is in need of NEW winter coats for homeless men and women Veterans. Won't you help? Make a donation and live our first principle—**CHARITY!** Please bring coats to your next Council or Assembly meeting in Jan-Feb. Arrangements will be made to pick up and deliver to the VA Hospital. Cash donations are acceptable to make purchases. Make check to Bishop McGuinness Assembly, Menu VAVS/Coats

LAMB

Brothers All,

I thought this month I would discuss a bit the LAMB Foundations presence on the internet as well as on “Social Media”.

Due to the popularity of internet sites like Facebook, more and more social media is being used not only for communication but fundraising as well.

Presently the LAMB Foundation is on Facebook, LinkedIn and registered as a charity on Network for Good, eBay Giving Works, Goodsearch, Amazon Smile and rated as a Gold Participant on Guidestar as well as a Top Rated charity on Great Non-Profits.

So what are some of these exactly?

Facebook probably needs no explanation. You can visit the LAMB Foundation page by going to facebook.com/lambfoundation. Facebook provides not only a means of communication but also allows for users to make a donation. If you are somewhat familiar with Facebook, visit the LAMB page and select to follow it. If you aren't, do what I do and ask your children!

Guidestar [guidestar.org](https://www.guidestar.org) is a site which allows people, usually considering to make a donation, to search for information on non-profits, LAMB is rated as a Gold Star participant which means we have provided broader information about our programs, impact, finances, people and more. Users can also provide reviews of a particular charity. So visit Guidestar, search on the LAMB Foundation of NC (unfortunately there are more than a few LAMB Foundations) and give Operation LAMB a review if you wish. Note to obtain more information on non-profits, such as their IRS tax filings you will need to register for free.

If you sell items on eBay do you know you can designate a percentage of the sale as a donation to LAMB? eBay gives you that option when you put something up for sale and LAMB is registered with eBay.

Amazon Smile, smile.amazon.com is an Amazon site where if you make a purchase there a percentage goes to a charity of your choosing and LAMB is a registered charity as well.

Goodsearch, [goodsearch.com](https://www.goodsearch.com) is a search engine where every time you make a search they will donate \$0.01 to a registered charity of your choice. It does not sound like much but if you have a couple of hundred users who make search frequently it really adds up. Goodshop is a companion program of Goodsearch, similar to Amazon Smile, donating a portion of any purchase you make to LAMB,

If you have any questions or suggestions please reach out to me.

God bless,

Richard White, State LAMB Director

Email: lambdirector@kofcnc.org



FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR

Building the Domestic Church – the Family Fully Alive!

Canonization Reflects the Value of Families

This monthly series of readings, meditations, projects and prayers has pointed to what we can do to strengthen our families and, in turn, the Church. This time, we'll take a break and explore the profound truth of this effort as evidenced by a very recent and extraordinary event.

In October Pope Francis canonized the Catholic Church's first married couple in modern times declaring the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux saints in their own right. His aim was to provide Catholic families with saintly role models who took particular care to educate their children in the Faith. Louis Martin and his wife Zélie are the first-ever married couple with children to be canonized in the same ceremony. Pope Francis told followers gathered in St. Peter's Square that the couple "practiced Christian service in the family, creating day by day an environment of faith and love which nurtured the vocations of their daughters." Cardinal Angelo Amato, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, has described Louis and Zélie Martin as "an extraordinary witness of conjugal and family spirituality." "This is a beautiful sign for Christian families to live and educate their children in the truth of creation and with that love that God has given us in Christ," said the Rev. Romano Gambalunga, the postulator who followed the saint-making case through.



Married in 1858, Louis and Zélie had nine children, only five of whom survived. All five became nuns, including the youngest, Therese, at age 15. During their marriage, the couple was known to attend Mass daily, pray and fast, visit the elderly and the sick and welcome the poor into their home.

We might pay special attention to the fact that both of the miracles required for the canonization concerned the unexplained cures of newborns with terminal ailments. When the Martins were beatified in 2008, the "miracle" involved little Pietro, born in 2002 with a congenital lung deformation that doctors pronounced as surely fatal. The priest who baptized him encouraged his parents to pray for the Martin's intercession. After a month in the ICU, during which he came close to death, he was released and is now a healthy teenager.

The second miracle needed for the Martin's canonization concerned little Carmen, born 3 months premature on Oct. 15, 2008 after a difficult pregnancy and with her organs very underdeveloped. Two days later, she suffered a cerebral hemorrhage that caused near-fatal blood poisoning. She was so weak that for 35 days her parents dared not touch their daughter so as to avoid infecting her. At one point the doctors gave up but her parents never lost faith, saying later, "For us faith is the foundation of our family, and as they say: without faith, there is no hope." Carmen's parents went to the Carmelite nuns seeking guidance; they suggested they pray for the intercession of the Martins, who had just been beatified in Lisieux. After three months in the hospital, Carmen was released, cured, on Jan. 2, 2009 — the 135th anniversary of the birth of the Martin's youngest daughter, Therese, 'The Little Flower'!

Fred Burton

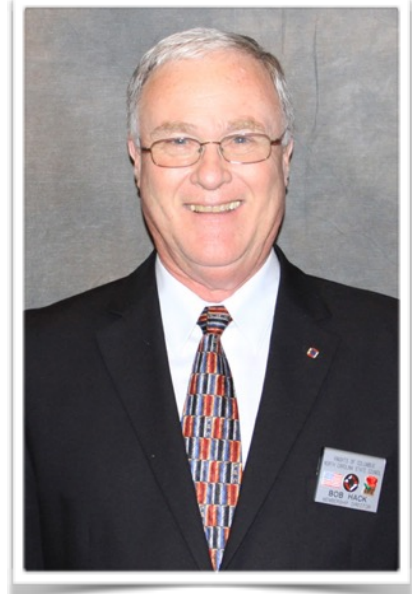
Family Life Director

MEMBERSHIP

Membership

Greetings Fellow Knights from your 2015 Membership Team.
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Contact us at any time you have a question or need assistance.



Brothers. Keep up the good work, as of this writing we are at 33% of our annual goal and in the money again for the Supreme contest for the fourth month in a row. In fact we are in first place in our Region. We are safely on third base for October.. We only need 22 more to hit for the Cycle again.. It is truly a team effort with the exception of the 4 Districts that have not recruited a single member yet or are in the negative. The rest of the State is showing solid steady growth across the board. Well done brothers.

The scheduled training for Regions 1 and 6 was well attended and went off very smoothly. Our Supreme MPC, Dave Tebo, addressed the Region 1 attendees on the 17th.. His remarks were the highlight of the session, giving the men some new approaches when conducting their church drives. Remember, there has been a change in training for the future. There will no longer be the Org Meeting in July that you are used to. Training will be done regionally. Regions 2,3,4 and 5 should schedule their membership training soon. Regions 1 and 6 are complete.

Round Tables are still an issue. We still need 14 more to meet our goal. If you had one before you will be hearing from Bob Hall the Round Table Chairman. If not, Why not start one? Call us for assistance.

Our Circle of honor status as of 10/22 is as follows:

Goals

- 900 New brothers We need 603
585 brothers net of drops We need 321
315 new brothers net of all losses and gains We need 119
25 Star Councils 5 have recruiting & 7 have their Insurance #s so far
1 new council per Diocese. A total of 2 In the works now
2 reactivations. Kinston is almost there
30 Round Tables We need 14

We have achieved all these totals before and they are readily attainable. We are well on the road to success. Remember, we recruit new members to make a difference in our community, in our Church and in the lives of the new men who become Knights. The programs and awards listed above are the icing not the cake Growing the order which enables us to do more good and make that difference, is the cake.

Reminder; October was Blitz month. Get your form 100's faxed to Supreme membershiprecords@kofc.org and your blitz reports sent to the State Membership Director through your DD's so we can report to Supreme on time. The reporting format has been sent to the RMPC's. It is the same as prior years.

One New Member Per Council Per Month

VIVAT JESUS!

Bob Hack 910-754-2647

STATE COUNCIL

Brothers All,

October was a busy month. I want to thank our State Athletics chairman, Craig Smith and State Golf chairman Bob Macaluso for a job well done on the State Golf Tournament. Despite all the weather challenges leading up to the event, the tournament was a great success. Hopefully we can get more participation in next year's event. Start planning now to enter a team or sponsor a hole for next year's event. If your council wishes to host the 2016 State Golf Tournament, please visit the State website and click the How to host a State Athletic Event instructions link to put in a bid.

Also our State Deputy and State Chaplain went Over the Edge in Raleigh on October 3rd. Special thanks to our Special Olympics Chairman, Michael Garguilo for coordinating this event to benefit the Special Olympics.



The holidays are quickly approaching making this a great time to check in your fellow brother Knights and the widows in your councils. Please do not forget about them during this special time of the year. Let them know that you are thinking about them.

The Supreme Council has made it easier for you to keep track of your Brother Knights who are approaching Honorary Life and Life Member status. How about recognizing your Brother Knights when they achieve that status? There is a ceremony on how to do that in the Grand Knights Handbook.

The RMPC's and DD's have been doing an outstanding job in monitoring the distribution of the Traveling Gavels and the councils have been doing a great job passing them through council to council throughout their Districts and Regions. Please continue to contact either the Traveling Gavel Chairman John Farrell or me with updates as the gavels make their way through your councils in your regions and districts.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or one of my chairmen if we can assist your regions, districts and councils. Go and make a difference in your parishes, your communities and in our Order.

It is an honor to be serving you as your State Council Director for this state of North Carolina and for the Order.

Vivat Jesus

Nick Nastasi

State Council Director

CULTURE OF LIFE

Life Chains during October 4th were a great success. Pictures on page 3.

New group in diocese unites pro-life activists

CHARLOTTE — Catholic pro-life advocates and ministry leaders in the greater Charlotte area have recently joined forces to more closely coordinate efforts on promoting the pro-life message.

The new group, Catholic Pro-Life Action Network (or C-PLAN for short), hopes to increase awareness and participation from Catholics in the region on pro-life issues. The lay leadership effort takes a step beyond parish-focused pro-life ministry work – linking up these groups and other related ministries in coordination with the Diocese of Charlotte's Respect Life Office.

Parishes represented in the network so far include: St. Patrick Cathedral, St. Matthew, St. Gabriel, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Ann and St. John Neumann churches in Charlotte; St. Mark Church in Huntersville; St. Luke Church in Mint Hill; St. James the Greater Church in Concord; St. Michael the Archangel Church in Gastonia; Our Lady of the Americas Church in Biscoe; Holy Spirit Church in Denver; as well as Sacred Heart Church in Salisbury and St. Barnabas Church in Arden.



St Marks Life Chain - October 4th, 2015



CULTURE OF LIFE (CONTINUED)

Mike Fitzgerald, head of the Respect Life effort at St. Mark Church in Huntersville, is one of the founders of C-PLAN. He, Gretchen Filz of St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Mary Richardson of St. Ann Church in Charlotte all collaborated to create C-PLAN. They observed that there are many Catholic pro-life efforts under way in the Charlotte area, but the disparate groups have lacked coordination and shared communication on what is a shared mission.

"Having lived previously in the Diocese of Dallas, which has one of the most robust Respect Life programs in the country, I noticed Charlotte had a gap between the deep faith among Catholics and the amount of coordinated pro-life action," Fitzgerald said.

"That's just the nature of pro-life work. It's volunteer, and there are limited people and time.

"To help unify these efforts, we formed C-PLAN to help coordinate Catholic pro-life activities to be more effective at protecting the unborn and sharing God's plan with expectant mothers contemplating abortion."

One of the group's first initiatives was an anti-abortion prayer rally outside Planned Parenthood's Charlotte Health Center Aug. 14, spreading the word via social media, church bulletins and email. The rally

attracted an estimated 400 people, including Catholic clergy, pro-life leaders, college students and families. Participants said it was the largest pro-life event they had witnessed in years.

C-PLAN sets as its roadmap the U.S. bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-life Activities, which covers education, ministry, public policy and prayer on all life issues from conception to natural death. This pastoral plan calls upon all the resources of the Church – its people, services and institutions – to pursue this effort with renewed energy and commitment in four major areas: public information and education, pastoral care for women, public policy efforts, and prayer and worship.

Jennifer Ganser, Respect Life program director for the Diocese of Charlotte, is excited for this collaborative effort.

"This is a wonderful, faithful, dedicated group of Catholic Respect Life advocates and leaders, and I am so impressed and thankful for all they are doing," Ganser said. "It is amazing what can happen when a few people, who share a common vision, get together and allow the Holy Spirit to work through them."

"Rather than the various parish Respect Life committees working

individually, this allows them to work together in their ministry projects, events, outreach and other activities," she said. "Through this group, these Respect Life coordinators and leaders can also find and share ideas, support, strength and prayer with one another."

Noted Fitzgerald, "Our rosary rally at Planned Parenthood in August showed what we can accomplish when we Catholic Respect Life groups work together. We're still a growing, young group, but in the long term we would like to have stronger Catholic participation at the abortion mills, develop a solid online presence and work with Jennifer Ganser on organizing a Culture of Life conference to help evangelize the Gospel of Life."

C-PLAN meets monthly on the last Tuesday of each month at St. Ann Church on Park Road. For details about C-PLAN, go to at www.prolifecharlotte.org or email info@prolifecharlotte.org.

— SueAnn Howell, senior reporter



CULTURE OF LIFE (CONTINUED)

Charlotte March for Life January 15, 2016

We will start to gather at 11:00am in the parking lot at the corner of W. Palmer & S.

Church streets to begin the march at 12:00pm. There will be some parking available, however please be prepared to park on your own at a local parking lot if necessary. We must be obedient to all traffic signals, crosswalks, & cannot block any traffic or pedestrians. Please proceed with charity and attentiveness on this matter. This march is on the city sidewalks, we do not have a shut down of any roads. Police will be on bikes helping us to proceed with order. Please read all the pages on this website with picketing and sign regulations before coming. We will process to Trade & Tryon streets and line the four corners for approximately thirty minutes while we have a priest preach and a pro-life witness speak at the "Square". Then we will proceed on to the courthouse at 401 W. Trade St. There we will pray five decades of the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We invite all of God's children to pray with us. If you are not familiar with these devotions please stay with us and pray and be a witness to the sanctity of human life!

If you work uptown... join us on your lunch hour for part of the march!

The march is approximately a 1.2 mile walk from the Pastoral Center to the Federal Courthouse.

If you are not able to physically participate in the entire march...you can park near the Federal Courthouse at 401 W. Trade St. at a meter or pay for parking at a parking lot and meet us at the Courthouse to be a witness and pray! We cannot give an exact time that we will arrive at the Courthouse on the march, but it could be approximately 1:15pm.

E-mail questions to: marchforlifecharlotte@windstream.net

Jacksonville, NC March January 23, 2016 March will start from the Fountain at the Town Hall and end at IOP. There will be a shuttle from IOP to the start of march and a shuttle from and to pick up your vehicle. Contact point is Gerald Brandon at kgbrandon2@embarqmail.com.

Charlotte - January 15th

Raleigh - January 16th

NCRTL Breakfast - Jan 16th

Love My Life Youth Rally - Raleigh - Jan 16th

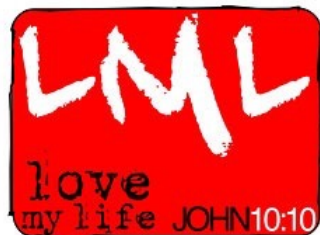
Washington DC - Jan 22

Jacksonville - Jan 23

CULTURE OF LIFE (CONTINUED)

2016 Love My Life Youth Rally

Saturday, January 16, 2016

Be the True You[\(View this on the web by clicking here.\)](#)

This annual event is an opportunity for Catholic teens to come together to celebrate life, to connect with others from across the Diocese, and to learn more about living and promoting the pro-life culture. After the Rally, the Bishop will celebrate Mass. Following the Mass, the youth are encouraged to participate in the March for Life.

The Love My Life Rally will feature a dynamic speaker, music, great free food, and will draw our youth to live out a culture of loving, protecting and celebrating all human life! As Catholics, we are all called to live life abundantly, and this event will inspire our youth to join with hundreds from our Diocese in witnessing to others God's special gift of human life.

Schedule for the Day:

- 9:30 a.m. Begin dropping off items for baby item drive (details available soon)
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Rally Music begins
- 10:30 a.m. Youth Rally begins
- 12:00 p.m. Diocesan Mass For Life, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, Celebrant and Homilist
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch (for youth rally participants only)
- 1:45 p.m. March for Life with NC Right to Life

Come join us in a heated tent for worship, incredible speakers, music, and lunch!

Tool Kit Now Available

Download our [promotional tool kit!](#) We are so excited about it and hope you will find it useful as well. It includes a monthly check list and social media ideas. We hope it will increase energy around participation in this event! Please let us know how you publicize the event!

Newly Designed T-Shirts

We have a newly designed long-sleeved t-shirt available. See photo at right. [How to Order \(PDF\)](#).

**Service Project**

This year, for the first time, we will be doing a diaper drive as part of our event. You may wish to do a drive at your parish in advance of this event. More information will be available soon!

OVER THE EDGE

KNIGHTS GO OVER THE EDGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

A tradition started last year with past State Deputy Jack Murray going Over the Edge in Charlotte to support Special Olympics North Carolina athletes. The tradition continued this year with State Deputy Colin Jorsch and State Chaplain Fr. Bill Lesak going Over the Edge during a hurricane! Despite the weather, they rappelled down the Wells Fargo building in Raleigh NC. Through their efforts, these Knights raised over \$2,000 in donations from fellow Knights and families. See the pictures attached of Brothers Jorsch and Lesak in action.

We want to thank everyone who supported Colin and Fr. Bill, enabling our support of the 40,000+ Special



**See more pictures from this event.
Visit this site: <https://goo.gl/5XAGvv>**

Olympics athletes in North Carolina. Let's keep this tradition going! We're looking for volunteers to go Over the Edge in the fall of 2016. If you are interested, contact Brother Michael Garguilo at specialolympicschairman@kofcnc.org

Vivat Jesus

Michael Garguilo

Special Olympics Chairman

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Greetings Brothers All,

As fall descends upon the Carolinas and our temperatures begin to drop, this is a great time to start your “Coats for Kids” programs. Do you know there are thousands of children who go to school every day without a coat? You can do something about this problem and Supreme makes it easy for you, through their “Coats for Kids” program. Worthy Brother Ricky White, FDD is ready to assist you with your programs; all you need to do is reach out to him.

We are preparing for the State Soccer Challenges in Fayetteville and Belmont, North Carolina. The Eastern State Soccer Challenge will be held at Methodist University on November 8th, 2015. The Western State Soccer Challenge will be held at Belmont Abbey College on November 14th, 2015. To get more information, please go to the state website www.kofcnc.org.

If you look around you can see “Christmas” is just around the corner. We have started “Keep Christ in Christmas” Card sales. If you have not ordered your cards yet, there is still time. Download the order form from the State website and send it to Brother Chris Headley. Remember the proceeds from the sales of these cards helps fund the North Carolina Columbian Squires Program. I thank you for all you do for our Squires and they thank you as well.

The “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest planning should begin. This is a great program, which emphasizes the true meaning of Christmas. This gives the children a chance to show off their drawing and artistic skills, while at the same time allowing them to think about why we celebrate Christmas ... Christ!

It is time to order your Free Throw Contest kits, if you do not have them. We are hoping for a great turn out this year at the State Free Throw Tournament in Burlington. The children have a great time and lots of fun. If you have not held a Free Throw Tournament, now is the time to start. Don't sit on the sidelines, get involve and host a Free Throw Tournament.



Start your Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. You can order the kits from Supremes and contact your local Director of Religious Education and Youth Director of your Parishes and plan for a successful program. Remember, you are not alone. Worthy Brother Gary Andrews is ready to assist any Council who needs advise or direction for the Essay Contest.

Love my Life Youth Rally is being held January 16, 2016 in Raleigh, NC. This is a great event for the Youth of your Parish to attend. Please help and get the word out. I am including the website of the “LML” Youth Rally so you can get more information and help your Parishes, to send the youth to

this rally. The website is <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/lml> the site gives you the schedule and Tool Kits to help promote this fantastic Youth Rally. They need our help and support. Consider donating your time, funds and support!

So let us go out and MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you all for everything you do!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Kenneth A. Friend

NC Youth Director

BOOK REVIEW

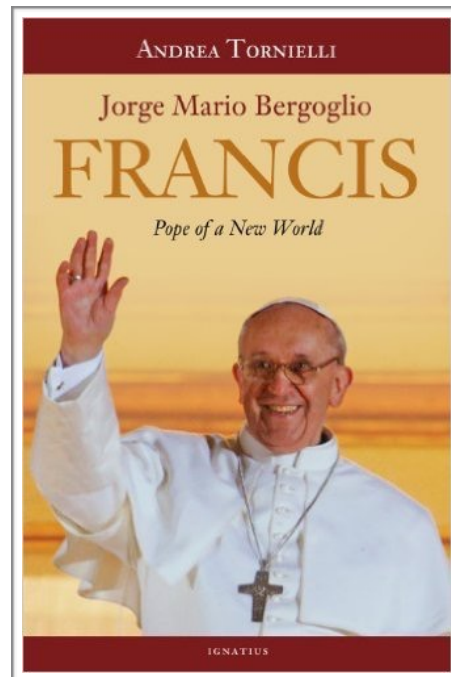
ON MY KNIGHTSTAND*A suggested read for My Brother Knights**by SK Harry E. Fear, Carolina West Recruitment Chair*

No one knows exactly how many books have been written about Abraham Lincoln, but in 2013, Ford's Theater Center for Education and Leadership in Washington, DC, constructed a 35-foot pillar of unique titles about Lincoln and it contained more than 15,000 books.

Pope Francis has some ways to go to surpass that astounding number, but he may well be on his way. In the short span of two years, since he ascended to the Chair of Peter, there seem to be very many books that have been written about him. We asked the Library of Congress this question and their response was: "There is no definitive way for us to answer that question, but our estimate is well over one hundred." No way of knowing of course, but we doubt even Honest Abe had that many published in his first two years in office.

As you know, Pope Francis recently concluded his tours of Cuba and the United States and they have been seen as triumphs. Hundreds of millions from staunch Roman Catholics to skeptical outsiders followed his every move and listened to his warm message of unity. Well they should, for unity is in short supply in our unhappy world today. Perhaps you just may be of the opinion that, because of the vast media coverage of Pope Francis, there is little yet to be learned about him that has not already been well publicized. Maybe, just maybe, there is.

The author of this book is a longstanding expert on the Vatican and, as Nicole Winfield of the Associated Press has noted, he is "one of the best, if not the best, Vatican reporter out there. Period." Andrea Tornielli tells a story that only be told by someone who has known Francis long before he became Pope, has traveled with him, and has frequent private meetings with him. *Francis, Pope of a New World* is a stunning book that reads like a novel; an amazing virtual reality machine whisking us back to the days of his youth in Italy and up to the present day. You will find this book heavy with extravagant characterization of Pope Francis, with a third-person, well informed analysis, and occasional first-person authorial digressions on the motivation, thoughts, and prejudices of the Pope's former and present protagonists. It is thick with detail on the Holy Father as both a seminarian, a parish priest, bishop, archbishop, and cardinal, and it cannot help but enlighten everyone who reads it, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.



[Click here to visit the Amazon page for this book.](#)

Andrea Tornielli, is "a Vatican correspondent for the highly regarded Italian newspaper, La Stampa who has collaborated with numerous Italian and international publications." (Ignatius Press.)

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Council 7184 - Columbus Dinner

The Columbus Dinner is a tradition at Immaculate Conception Parish in Hendersonville. This year rainy weather did not dampen our enthusiasm. Lasagna was served along with fellowship and a successful auction. \$1,884 was raised. Council 7184 acknowledges the support of our Pastor Father Martin (4th Degree). Our associate, Father Roberto (shown) is also a Knight. New to the parish is Father Basant who has submitted his application. 100% attendance by our clergy was a real plus.

