



# **Knight Action**

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### **Grand Knight Report**

Brother Knights,

We have reached the “halfway point” of the Fraternal Year 2023-2024. One way to evaluate how we have done as a council is to see if we have met the requirements for Star Council, an award the North Carolina State Council Knights of Columbus awards at the annual state convention, to be held in Durham in early May, this year. Last year we did not make Star for the reason that we did not enroll enough new member into Council 1074. The council typically meets the other requirements for the award, including two Fraternal Benefits events and our efforts of Faith in Action, Community, Life, Faith, and Family.

To date we have eleven new members that have joined the council this fraternal year. How many of them have you met? Our yearly goal for this year is 13.

Vivat Jesu!

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### **Deputy Grand Knight Report**

The New Year brings new challenges. First and foremost the State has set the bar high for N. C. LAMB foundation. The goal this year is one million dollars! That works out to about \$50.00 dollars per Knight, in the State. Our LAMB football fundraiser kicked off is going well but I need all my IOU's paid up by the beginning of next month. You can Mail or Venmo me your payment. Looking to buy a block or two call me or come by the meeting on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. and pick your own block. Our total last year for LAMB in 2023 was \$4,040.00 dollars raised and that was 89% of our projected goal. Not bad for our first year back in a few years. We have another Fundraiser event on February 17<sup>th</sup> at Kure Beach. The Polar Plunge, sponsored by the New Hanover County Special Olympics. They are also looking for more volunteers to help run this event. Please sign up on our website and dress warm!

Another new challenge we have this year is trying to roll out COR, a Men's Fellowship at ICC. It's been in the planning stages for months. We have been working with Gina Drost the Faith Director there and trying to get two meetings a month on the calendar, it's proving to be quite difficult. It looks like mid-March now and my start with only one meeting a month. I'm looking for another ICC Knight

to help be a Co- Coordinator this ministry. We have to have two men from our parish who are committed. We also have to keep this a parish ministry. This is what COR is meant to be; open to all men of the parish 18 years and older. Let me know, I have twelve month of topics and material ready to go.

Also, State wants us to do a blitz membership drive in March. We are currently at 89% of our membership goal this year with two more candidates in the pipeline. Please don't forget to welcome our two new members: Nick Bilello and wife Marlene and Tony De Carvalho, a US Army Veteran.

Lastly, if you read this in time, January 30<sup>th</sup> is an on-line, Fraternal Benefits night. Please go on the State website and sign up. This will take you about an hour of your time in the evening. Thank you and may Christ's peace be with you. Please pray for me and your fellow Knights.

Vivat Jesus,

Bob

**Bob Spiegel DGK**

## Food Drive at Piggly Wiggly

Jan. 06, 2024

<u>10:00- 12:00</u>	<u># of Bags</u>	<u>Dollars\$ Collected</u>
	21	\$58.00
<u>12:00-2:00</u>		
	30	\$102.50
<u>2:00- 4:00</u>		
	<u>72</u>	<u>\$48.39</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>123 BAGS</b>	<b>\$208.89</b>



## Blood Drive on January 13, 2024

Richard Boccard reported that the Blood Connection collected 27 pints of blood at our latest blood drive. This was a success even though we had the capability to collect a lot more. For each pint collected the Blood Connection will pay the council \$25.00. So there is a little more money in our fund. Below shows our grand knight giving one of the pints collected during the blood drive. Thanks Jim and Rich, great job!



## Letter from Life Line

This letter was received by Rich Boccard thanking us for the donations Council 1074 made to *The Wilmington Life Line Pregnancy Center* in 2023. Many thanks to the members of the council and especially parishioners of BSSM. The \$400 mentioned in the letter was from Supreme because we surpassed their limit on donations to pregnancy centers and were, therefore, eligible for the maximum return from supreme. We passed that donation on to the pregnancy center.

Rich –

The total given for 2023 was \$6,951.52 !WOW!

Rich this is wonderful! We are so very thankful and blessed to have you all as Life Line Partners! This does include the \$400 Grant that we received last week.

Thank you, Rich! And Happy New Year!! Partners *for* Life,

Deb

**Deborah H. Floyd** Executive Director



## Fall Coat Drive

Thanks to all the members who participated in, one way or the other, the annual fall coat drive. Coats were distributed to about ten different groups that then gave them to the people who needed them. One group was asked about the fact that some of the coats were hand-me-downs. They responded that the people who received the coats did not care at all that some were previously worn; they were happy to have something warm for the upcoming winter.

This year we received less cash than we have previously, but we still handled a lot of coats. One estimate was that we handled about 500 coats this year. The organizations that received the fruits of our labors were happy to participate in program. Several members took it upon themselves to organize a local coat drive in their neighborhood and then brought the coats to the council for processing. Our members then categorized them and took them to the organizations for the end users. The money collected was used to purchase new coats.



## State Raffle

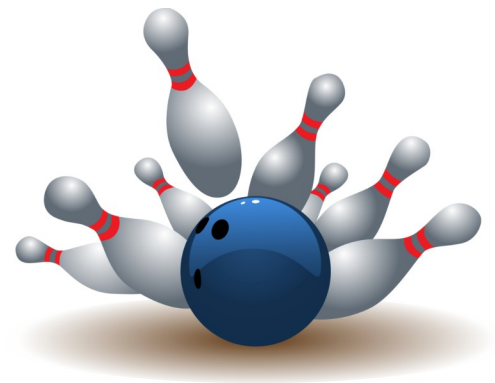


We have received our allotment of state raffle tickets for the year. This is an annual raffle sponsored by the North Carolina State Council to garner support for the programs that the state council sponsors. We received 400 tickets to sell at \$5.00/ticket. Of that five dollars our council keeps half. This is an opportunity for our council to make some money. Our council can make \$2000.00 if we do a great job with these tickets. The prizes that can be won from this raffle are great; the first place winner wins \$5000.00.

Council 1074 has established a separate fund that we use to pay for special events. Money collected from the sale of these raffle tickets will support that fund. Some of the things we have paid for from this fund are: half of the ticket price for the annual Sharks baseball game, the food at the exemplification we had in November and January, and food that we have prior to our meetings each month. It will be used to pay for some of the costs for the Super Bowl bowling next month. Please help and buy a ticket or two and, even better, sell some tickets to your friends and neighbors.

## Super Bowl Bowling 2024

One way to wait for the Super Bowl is to go bowling. This year we have scheduled a bowling outing for council members and families at the Beach Bowl located at 7026 Market Street in Wilmington. The cost will be \$10.00/person. This will pay for shoes, three games of bowling with part of this money going to prize money. Super Bowl Sunday is February 11 this year.



## Power Wash BSSM

Ralph Maggio is coordinating a group of knights to power wash the concrete area in front of the Basilica. If you are interested in helping with this project contact Ralph Maggio at [grandknight1074@gmail.com](mailto:grandknight1074@gmail.com). His phone number is 908-303-3402. His target date is February 10, weather permitting. He said he would like about 5 men and two machines along with brooms and brushes to do the job. Give him a call.



## Lecturer's Monthly Comments

Dear Brothers;

As the New Year 2024 begins, let us turn our hearts to asking the Lord, Our God, to bring us Peace. Everywhere we turn there is violence – War in Ukraine and the Middle East; violence in our streets, our schools; our communities; domestic violence, racial violence, schemes and scams to take from the weak, the elderly and the poor. Let us pray for peace.

### Prayer for Peace

O God, Our Father, from Whom are holy desires, right counsels and just works: Give to thy servants that peace which the word cannot give, that our hearts may be disposed to obey Thy Commandments, and the fear of enemies being removed, our times by Thy protection, may be peaceful. Father, make us instruments of Thy Peace. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, your Son, the Prince of Peace who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen

## Council Exemplification January 21, 2024





On Sunday, January 21, 2024, Council 1074 tried something new. The council held an exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity at Immaculate Conception Church after the 10:30 AM service. Father John McGee invited everyone at mass to attend the exemplification, but only a handful stayed for the degree. Most of those that stayed were knights and family members. After the degree many of those members joined for a luncheon at Beau Rivage. Two new members were brought into the council at this degree. Many good comments were made about the degree and where it was held.

### **Honoree and Two New Members**



The exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity brought in two new members. They are (l) Nicholas Bilello and (r) Anthony Carvalho. At each degree the team names and honoree for the degree. This honor went to our present District Deputy Robert Macaluso. Bob is also a past grand knight of our council. He is in the center above.

### **Luncheon After the Degree**



The above picture shows some of the 38 people that came to lunch at Beau Rivage after the degree on Sunday. Due to the success the council has achieved in some of our fund raisers the council picked up the tab for the lunch except \$5.00. The food was great and we all experienced great fraternity at this event. And isn't fraternity one of the three traits celebrated in our new degree, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity?

## Habitat for Humanity



The above picture is taken of some of the Habitat for Humanity workers in Wilmington. This program builds homes for lower income individuals/families. Council 1074 has been involved with this program for a number of years at different levels. Most recently, we have been providing sandwiches for the workers on a monthly basis. All reports indicate that the lunches provided are great. John Gasson is our HFH representative.

Habitat for Humanity offers classes to individuals who want to learn how to help with their projects. Our Home Maintenance Education Center, AKA our "Learning Lab" provides hands-on experience and fosters the confidence needed for new Habitat homeowners to be able to build, maintain, and repair their own homes. **Our next Learning Lab is February 3rd. We are currently looking for volunteers to teach the following:**

- Interior general maintenance
- Exterior maintenance
- Drywall repair
- Toilet maintenance and small repair

- Bathroom vanity and kitchen sink
- Construction 101 (tools and safety)
- Basic yard maintenance demonstrations using real tools for hands-on opportunities
- Gutter Maintenance
- Preparing the home for hurricanes (how to board up windows in a Habitat Home, how to use a generator, etc)
- Cleaning Tips

If you are interested in learning more, or to sign up to teach at the next event, contact Gabriel Guerra at 910-762-4744, ext. 134 or [community@capefearhabitat.org](mailto:community@capefearhabitat.org).

Habitat for Humanity is also sponsoring a fund raiser called Golden Hammer Breakfast. It will be held on **February 23, 2024 at 8 AM. The location is the Embassy Suite Riverfront Restaurant. Come and help raise some funds.**

### Nativity Set for St. Mary School



From John Walsh:

Thank you all so much for building the beautiful nativity set that was used during the Basilica of St. Mary Christmas Play. A special thanks to Steve Levesque for all his hard work in constructing it. We will continue to use it for years to come!

In Christ, Deacon John Walsh



## January 2024 Family of the Month



Congratulations to the Altmans of Wilmington for being named the Family of the Month for the month of January 2024. David and his wife Jennifer have two children, Zachary and Alyssa and are members of St. Mary's Parrish. The family relocated from Pittsburgh, PA to Wilmington about 13 years ago. David has been a Knight for almost 20 years and is very active in our local council. Jennifer is a homemaker and home-schools their two children. The family recently hosted/served dinner to over 50 Knights and family at Council's Christmas Party last month. Their daughter Alyssa is an accomplished violinist who entertained the party goers with some amazing holiday music. We are grateful for David, Jennifer and their children for living out their Christian faith in our community.

## Free Throw Contest





The two above picture show St. Mary School participating in the annual free throw contest sponsored by Council 1074. Ten knights from the council, some for the first time, helped in running the contest. Each participant warms up, then takes their turn at taking 15 free throws. Younger contestants shoot from a shorter distance, while the older kids shoot from the regulation free throw stripe. Winners at this level then proceed to the regional contest where they compete with winners from other councils. Winners at this level are invited to participate in the state contest. Council 1074 have had winner at all three levels in the past.

### **Wreaths Across America**



The above picture shows several knights assisting with the removal of the wreaths from the national cemetery on January 17<sup>th</sup>. John Gasson and Joe Mazur along with several knights from the James Waters Council at St. Mark and the fourth degree removed the wreaths that were put in place in December as a way of honoring and remembering our deceased veterans.

## **Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)**

Each year Council 1074 supports a number of seminarians thru the RSVP program. Each member we support will receive \$500 and supreme will reimburse the council \$100. They also recommend that the council further support these men by writing to them and offering our prayers and encouragement. A birthday card with money is a good idea too.



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**February Calendar**

February 3 Welcome/Orientation at ICC 9 AM

February 6 Planning meeting, council chambers, 7 PM

February 11 Super Bowl bowling outing at Beach Bowl \$5/person 1-3 PM

NFL Super Bowl Football 6:30 PM

February 13 Food pickup and delivery at ICC 9 AM

Leadership Meeting, council chambers, 7 PM, mass at 6:30 PM

February 14 Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

St. Valentine's Day

February 17 Special Olympics Polar Plunge, 8 AM, Kure Beach Pier

Right to Life March, 10 AM

February 19 President's Day

February 20 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting



## Council Shirts and Name Badges

Bob Spiegel is now the contact person to get council shirts and name badges. His email address is: [rispiegel@yahoo.com](mailto:rispiegel@yahoo.com). Check the website for his phone number if you want to order either a shirt or name badge. The price of a shirt runs about \$30.00 and a replacement name badge at \$15.00. He has some shirts in stock. **The Monogram Shop** on Wrightsville Avenue is available to do monogram work on any piece of clothing. They are located at 3502-G Wrightsville Avenue.



## Meals on Wheels

We participate in Brunswick County Meal on Wheels on Mondays and New Hanover County on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you can spare two hours once a month, between the hours of 10 AM and noon, contact James Spagnoli for Brunswick County or Ray Davis at 704-299-6629 or [raylodavis@outlook.com](mailto:raylodavis@outlook.com) in New Hanover County. We are always looking for additional volunteers and substitutes. The time commitment is about two hours per month.



## This Month's Humor

I love February because it contains two of my favorite annual events Groundhog Day, and the State of the Union Address. One involves a meaningless ritual in which we look to a notoriously unreliable mammal for prognostication with no basis in reality. The other involves a groundhog.

## Quote of the Month

**February is merely as long as is needed  
to pass the time until March.**

**J. R. Stockton**

## Newsletter Challenge

This year I will offer a different challenge. It will be trivia; hard trivia. The prize will again be \$5.00. A person can only win once during the fraternal year, and the editor will be the sole judge. Questions will be difficult. I ask that you not use the search engines to find the answer; books and other resources are okay. The first person to get me the correct answer wins the money. The answer and any winner will be announced at our Leadership Meeting on the second Tuesday of the Month.

**December's Challenge: Until 1752, what day was celebrated as New Year's Day in what is now the USA?**

**The answer to the December Challenge is: Until 1752 the new year was celebrated on March 25. In 1752, it was changed to January 1 because England adopted the Gregorian Calendar that year.**

**January Challenge: Who was the last vice president to die while in office?**

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