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Grand Knight's Report

Brothers –

Thank you to all who supported our annual Turkey Drive. Because of the generous donations we received, we were able to buy close to \$4,000 of turkeys and food which we brought to the Missionaries of Charity convent and packed into 100 individual bags for the Sisters to distribute. There is no better way to show our commitment to our founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity than for knights to perform acts like this for our community.



Our raffles have been going well – not a full replacement for our regular fund raisers, but successful enough to let us spread a little help to a few groups. Our “Ring in the New Year with Cash” raffle is currently underway. If you haven’t bought a ticket, you can’t win! Drawing is January 6th.

Bingo has begun! The crowds are growing and if you want something to do Monday nights, come and join in the fun at the SCBC.

Now we turn our attention to the start of the Advent season. Just four more weeks until our celebration of the birth of Christ and the end of the year. After almost a year of pandemic, quarantine and social separation, we are ending this year on a high note.

For some families, though, there will be little joy because of lockdowns, lost jobs and the depression that accompanies worrying over how to pay for the most essential needs. As the year comes to a close, I’m asking that you continue to provide any help you can for the charities we support to help those in need, as well as our own emergency relief fund.

Please try to make an additional donation, regardless of the amount, to our council. All of the funds we receive will go directly to help people in need. Send your checks to K of C Council 10852, 9009 Bryant Farms Road, Charlotte, NC 28277, and note “Y/E Charity” in the memo. Thank you for your generosity.

Now, on behalf of our council, I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year, and in the words of an old Irish Blessing,

The Light of the Christmas Star to you,

The warmth of home and hearth to you,

The cheer and Good Will of Friends to you,

The Love of the Son and God's peace to you.

Vivat Jesus!

Rory Wall, GK

Letter from Fr. Peter Ascik

In our Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent, Jesus commands us: “Be watchful! Be alert!” Advent is a time to rouse ourselves in the spiritual life and to be alert – to watch, and to “watch out.”

What should we “watch out” for? Those sins that can keep us away from Jesus. Those areas of our life where we are too “sleepy,” where we are cutting corners. These are things we should bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent in order to cleanse our hearts and prepare the way of the Lord.

What should we “be alert” to? The ways that Jesus is speaking to us and guiding us. The invitation He is giving us to grow closer to Him. The many blessings He has given us, and that He continues to give us. These are things we should bring to our daily prayer and meditation this Advent in order to open wide our hearts to God's grace.

As the pandemic continues, Christmas celebrations will be different this year. Yet Christ is still coming, and He comes to meet us wherever we are, in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. Let us rouse ourselves to live Advent in an intentional way. Let us be faithful to Mass (in person or online) and to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us find time to spend with Jesus lying in the “manger” of the tabernacle in the heart of our church. An alert and watchful Advent will prepare us to fully receive the blessings Christ wants to give us on Christmas.

COUNCIL NEWS

Golf Tournament – We need a Program Chairman for a Golf Tournament in the Spring. If you can organize this activity and would like to volunteer to run it, let me know.

South Charlotte Banquet Center - Ongoing Maintenance – We are always in need for help maintaining the Banquet Center. If you can volunteer a few hours, please let Chuck Elgin know. (Celgin01@earthlink.net).

Bingo Chairman - Joe Corso, Mike Harper, Bill LoPresti and Ron Schumacher have done a terrific job managing Bingo in the past, but Ron moved to Texas and we would like to get some new blood on the committee. If you would like to help with Bingo, let Joe, Mike, Bill or Gil Borrero know.

Photos from the recent Turkey Drive last month....



The Clay Shoot Courtesy of Sister Nancy Nance at Holy Angels took place in September at Meadow Wood Farms with the following teams:

Team #1: Bill Schuler (Team Captain), Ed Craig, Kharen Stewart. George Banks

Team #2: Norman Smith (Team Captain), Richard White, Bill McKenna, Rory P. Wall Jr.

A couple of photos of the participants:



Support the Charities of KofC St. Matthew Council 10852!

The pandemic has severely hampered our Council's ability to raise funds for the Charities we support. No car raffle; no All-You-Can-Eat breakfasts nor Lenten dinners. But the needs of our Charities continue, increasing every day.

YOU can help by buying a ticket (or 3 or 30) to our 50/50 Drawing - ***3 Winners will share a Total Payout of 50% of the net proceeds or \$1,000, whichever is greater!*** 1st Place wins 50% of the Total Payout or \$500 minimum; 2nd Place wins 30% or \$300 and 3rd Place 20% or \$200!

***Live ZOOM drawing Wednesday,
January 6, 2021@ 7 pm!***

All proceeds go to helping the Charities we support, like Holy Angels, SPRED, St. Matt Youth Ministries, UMAR, MiraVia, Christian Responders, LAMB and many more!

**Click on the Link Below to Enter
our 50/50 Drawing and be One of the Lucky Winners!**

Enter to Win Now!

Thank YOU for supporting our Council, and the Charities we support. Please consider helping now by entering our 50/50 drawing. 3 Winners will share a Total Payout of 50% of the net proceeds or \$1,000, whichever is greater!

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Look for more raffles and ways to support our Charities in the months to come!

Sincerely,

Raffle Chairman

Knights of Columbus - St. Matthew Council 10852

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Council Awards and Recognition

This month, the **Knight of the Month** is Earl Hartenstein and the **Family of the Month** is Bill and Debbie Kane.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Immediate PGK Bill McKenna was finally able to track down Brother Don Gacevich at BINGO on November 2 and present him with the Golden Knight of the Year Award for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year

Congratulations to Brother Don!



Columbus Club of South Charlotte

Updates to the SCBC

Columbus Club of South Charlotte
Update: Current Activities

The Columbus Club of South Charlotte (CCSC) membership consists of Council 10852 Brother Knights in good standing (e.g. current dues paying members). The Columbus Club of South Charlotte owns the South Charlotte Banquet Center (SCBC), a for-profit business whose aim is to raise funds for local charities.

The South Charlotte Banquet Center reopened for business in June. All State guidelines are being followed such as Social Distancing, Sanitizing, and appropriate signage to protect our Clients and Employees. Financially, the South Charlotte Banquet Center has been able to weather the storm thus far thanks to the prudent fiscal management of the current and past CCSC and SCBC Board Members. Business is building back slowly.

We have a monthly Board Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday each month (currently via ZOOM). We ask that Board Members also help out at the SCBC when they can (setups, maintenance, etc.)

If you would like to learn more about the CCSC/SCBC Board, please contact CCSC President Chuck Elgin at celgin01@earthlink.net or 704-614-0504.



Freshly painted bar and rearranged pictures on the Knights wall.



New double wide door into the bar, new dance floor and new carpet in the Banquet Room.

Culture of Life Corner



MARCH FOR LIFE CHARLOTTE – January 8, 2021- 12:00 PM

Gather at 11:00 AM at parking lot at corner of W. Palmer and S. Church St. and march at 12:00 PM to Trade & Tryon St. Go to www.marchforlifecharlotte.org for an event flyer.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2021 Washington DC – January 29, 2021

This was such a huge event in 2020 but will have many virtual components and, due to Covid 19 restrictions, it may be much smaller in 2021. Go to MarchforLife.org for much more information.

Pray in Thanksgiving for Confirmation of Judge Amy Barrett to the Supreme Court

In a year filled with tension, it seems that the judicial version of Mother Teresa has been confirmed as a judge on the Supreme Court. Judge Amy Coney Barrett is a universally respected jurist, accomplished legal scholar, committed Christian known for her kindness, and mother of seven children (two of whom she adopted from Haiti). She is the third Trump nominee to the Supreme Court. Her confirmation established a conservative Pro-Life majority in the highest court of the land.

“Catholics in Poland requesting prayers,” as pro-abortion violence and protests against Catholics continue.

Pro-abortion supporters protested in Poland after “the Polish Constitutional tribunal last month approved a measure to restrict abortion except in cases of rape or incest.” Anti-family activists used physical violence against peaceful Catholics, invaded churches, defaced statues of the saints, and interrupted Sunday Masses.”

Year End Tax Deductible Contributions – The Pandemic leaves many entities with reduced funding:

Mira Via – MiraVia.org
Be Not Afraid – BeNotAfraid.net/donate
Priests for Life - PriestforLife.org

Help Pregnancy Center Monroe – MonroeHELP.com/en/donate
Students for Life - StudentsforLifeofAmerica.givingfuel.com
March for Life 2021 – MarchforLife.org

Sidewalk Advocates and prayer partners needed at the Hebron Abortion Facility

The Hebron Abortion facility performs abortions from 9 AM to 1 PM on Fridays and Saturdays. The defenseless unborn babies need us there. Email me at ngemignani@gmail.com if you need directions. The Sidewalk Advocates training course for Sidewalk Advocates will be available on-line. To get started, fill out an application at www.sidewalkadvocates.org/trainingapp. For questions contact our Charlotte chapter at: Prolifesignup@gmail.com.

Submitted by Norman Gemignani, 803-415-2979, ngemigani@gmail.com.



Least Among My Brethren ***By Bob Desch***

As we all know, this has been a most unusual year and the impact of the pandemic has affected so many people and individuals. The LAMB Foundation purpose is to financially support organizations which serve those with intellectual disabilities, those individuals whom Jesus included in His comment “the Least Among My Brethren.” The needs of these individuals are greater than ever.

Some of us may not have been adversely affected economically by this pandemic, either because we continue to work and get paid or that we continue to receive retirement income. Won’t you please consider making a donation to the LAMB Foundation to support those who rely solely on the generosity of others. The LAMB Foundation is a charity of the North Carolina Knights of Columbus. Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Can we count on you to help? Checks should be made payable to the LAMB Foundation of NC and mailed to my address at 8929 Challis Hill Lane, Charlotte, NC 28226. Thank you all for you do to help others.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO: If you have questions or want to help please contact: **Joe Corso, Mike Harper, Bill Lo Presti or Gil Borrero.**

Mark your calendars!

December-January Calendar Events:

Dec 2 - Council Business Meeting at 7 pm
 Dec 9 - SCBC Board Meeting at 7 pm
 Dec 16 – Council Officers Meeting at 6:60 pm
 Dec 22 – Assembly 780 Meeting
 Jan 6 - Council Business Meeting at 7 pm
 Jan 13 – SCBC Board Meeting at 7 pm
 Jan 26 – Assembly 780 Meeting
 Jan 27 - Council Officers Meeting at 6:30 pm

Happy December Birthday!

The Grand Knight and Council Officers wish all Brother Knights with December birthdays a Very Happy Birthday! May God bless you with good health and much happiness for many more years!!!!

Anthony	D'Angelo	1	Christopher	Johnson	16
Steven	Ferreira	1	Norman	Getz	19
Michael	Huiss	1	Scott	Hickey	19
Anthony	Infanti	1	Desmond	Anyanwu	22
Godfrey	Mbah	1	Robert	Carmichael	22
John	Miller	1	Don	Gacevich	22
Frank	Lutz	2	Mark	Hicks	22
Ron	Marchetti	2	David	Perzinski	22
Christopher	Maino	5	Michael	Brannon	23
William	Eckerman	6	Gabriel	Piepmeier	23
Fr. Pat	Hoare	6	Robert	Prestifilippo	23
Christopher	Mardany	6	Leo	Tosto	23
William	Adamczyk	7	Gary	Bettin	24
Robert	Anderson	9	Michael	Hinchey	24
Glenn	Galanos	10	Stephen	Tanyi	26
Michael	Pfeilschifter	10	Joe	Zullo	27
Mike	Butala	13	Jack	Hickey	28
John	Quealy	13	E J	Mcdonald	28
David	Ruiz	13	Michael	Betlejewski	29
Leo	Hohman	14	Jon	Gauthier	30
James	Nass	15	Paul	Gerba	31
David	Burke	16			

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Wives born in December!!!!

Catherine Fortier	5
Donna Hartenstine	8
Molly Borrero	9
Jo-Anne Dilesio	16
Christine Stein	18
Sharon Elgin	28
Diana Cifuentes	30

HAPPY December Anniversary to our Brothers and their Wives!!!

Joseph & Dalia Aho	2
Bill & Maureen McKenna	4
Roger & Nila Fish	14
Randy & Molly Vaca	31



For The Good of the Order:

Please pray for your Brother Knights, their families, and friends, those who have died, are sick, or in distress.

Especially remember:

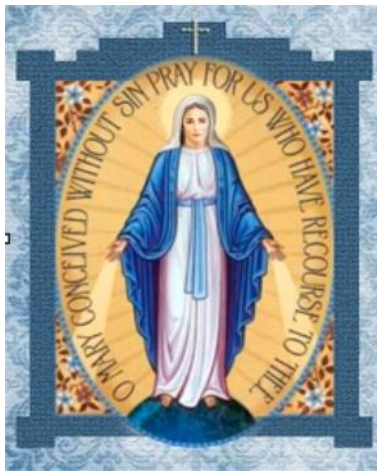
Michael F. Mazzucca, father of Craig Mazzucca. Michael was a 4th degree Knight from Hollywood Florida. He moved to Charlotte in late September but unfortunately passed away November 16th peacefully after battling Dementia and Alzheimer's with his two sons holding his hand and immediately following a visit from a priest from Our Lady of Lourdes in Monroe.

Norma Matko, sister of Ron Schumacher who was shot and killed on Thanksgiving Day, and also Ron's niece, Thoue Nichole who also is missing since that day.

Donna Hartenstine is recovering from successful surgery but has a long road to full health. Brother Earl asks for your prayers for Donna.

We ask that in His mercy God may bless them, watch over them, and fill them and their families with the presence and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Mary, Queen of Knights Pray for us



Officers – 2020/2021

Chaplain	Fr. Peter Ascik	704-543-7677	ext. 1185
Grand Knight	Rory Wall	704-281-6737	
Deputy Grand Knight	Ray Misiunas	704-231-2469	
Chancellor	Chuck Curtis	803-984-2462	
Warden	Hank Kempton	770-508-8208	
Financial Secretary	John Coudriet	704-965-0048	
Treasurer	Tom Larkin, PGK	803-762-8989	
Recorder	Norm Smith	704-614-3700	
3 Year Trustee	Bill McKenna, PGK, PFN	704-560-6997	
2 Year Trustee	Richard White, PGK, St. LAMB Chair.	704-975-2953	
1 Year Trustee	Bob Desch, PGK	704-618-0428	
Advocate	Don Gacevich, PGK, FDD, PFN	626-393-1876	
Lecturer	Tony D'Angelo	704-256-1354	
Inside Guard	Dave Donovan	704-904-7492	
Outside Guard	Bob Mrkus	607-742-9354	

Service Program - Directors & Chairmen

Program Director	Ray Misiunas, DGK	704-231-2469
Faith Director	Fr. Peter Ascik, Chaplain	704-543-7677
Vocations Chairman	vacant	
Community Director	Chuck Elgin, PGK, PFN	704-614-0504
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Family Director	Bill McKenna, PGK, PFN	704-560-6997
Membership Director	Don Gacevich, PGK, FDD, PFN	626-393-1876
Recruitment Chairman	vacant	
Retention Chairman	Rory Wall, GK	704-281-6737
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Health Service Chairman	vacant	

Public Relation Chairman	Tom Larkin, PGK	803-762-8989
Bingo Chairman	vacant	
Car Raffle Chairman	Norm Smith, Recorder	704-614-3700
Family Picnic Chairman	vacant	
Free Throw Basketball Chairman	vacant	
Golf Outing Chairman	vacant	
LAMB Chairman	Bob Desch, PGK	704-618-0428
Lenten Dinner Chairman	vacant	
Men's Shelter Chairman	Hank Kempton, Warden	770-508-8208
Parish Breakfast Chairman	Chuck Curtis, Chancellor	803-984-2462
Remembrance Activities Chairman	vacant	
St. Patrick's Day Parade Chairman	vacant	
St. Patrick's Day Party Chairman	vacant	
State Raffle Chairman	vacant	
Thanksgiving Turkey Drive Chairman	vacant	
Valentine's Day Party Chairman	vacant	
Youth Scholarship Chairman	vacant	
The Cross and Compass - Editor	Gil Borrero	828-417-5968

Past Grand Knights

James	Nass	1992 - 1993
Mike	Brannon	1993 - 1994
Kenneth	Conroy	1994 - 1995
Charles	Bowling *	1995 - 1997
John	Norton *	1997 - 1999
Tim	Clare	1999 - 2001
Ed	Switzer *	2001 - 2003
Tim	Clare	2003 -
Joe	Hughes *	2003 - 2005
Greg	Argenas	2005 - 2007
Richard	White	2007 - 2009
Bob	Desch	2009 - 2011
Chuck	Elgin	2011 - 2013
Rick	Caron	2013 - 2015
Ron	Schumacher	2015 - 2017
Andrew	Burton	2017 -
Tom	Larkin	2017 - 2019
Bill	McKenna	2019 - 2020

* Deceased

PGK's By Affiliation:

Bob	Cantwell	1975 - 1976	266
Norm	Gemignani	1987 - 1989	7444
Don	Gacevich	1991 - 1992	3851

Council

Luis	Colon	2001 - 2002	1672
Rob	Ferrigno	2006 - 2007	2616
Michael	Hankins	2006 - 2010	11145
Eric	Piepmeier	2010 - 2012	4797
Michael	Younger		11422

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