



February 2018 Grand Knight Note

If you are not paying attention to the Coming Attractions that are emailed routinely every week, you need to! There are a number of exciting events planned in the next few months. Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day, and golf outings are currently being planned. Please plan on attending and volunteering. Your fellow brothers have spent countless hours planning these events. As seen in years past, these are always enjoyable. The monthly breakfasts are also on-going. The addition of the new kitchen equipment recently was due to the tremendous efforts of your fellow brothers. These events, whether they are planned as a fundraiser or solely for the purpose of fostering Catholic brotherhood, happen because of the hard work and dedication of the membership



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COLOR CORPS COMMANDER'S REPORT -

Assembly 780 2017 Statistics

We participated in a total of 51 regalia events.

35 Sir Knights attended one or more events.

573 hours were spent participating in the 51 events.

268 additional hours were contributed by Sir Knights from other Assemblies.

A total of 841 hours were spent over the 51 events.

Top five Sir Knights: John Wasco (33 events), Tom Van Sistine (21 events), Bob Waller (16 events), Johan Rief (14 events), Bob Reilly (14 events)

Bishop William Curlin – Rest in peace our friend.

Bishop Emeritus William G. Curlin died on December 23rd after slipping into a coma. The homilies of Monsignor Anthony Marcaccio and Archbishop William Lori painted a man loved by many for his joy, his true love of people in need, and his generous spirit of giving. "In his heart, Christmas wasn't a day. Christmas was a way of life," Monsignor Anthony Marcaccio, said in his homily at the Mass. Archbishop William Lori said, Bishop Curlin was like "...the self-giving love of Jesus who expended himself endlessly, preaching and ministering to the sick and poor, and then laid down his life out of love for us and all the world." Bishop Curlin's friend Robert Gallagher said, "Bishop Curlin was an ever present figure in Charlotte hospitals. He was gifted in bringing the peace of Christ to the sick, the dying and to the discouraged."

Sir Knights were present as an Honor Guard for the full visitation Monday from 1:00 PM to 11:00 PM and again on Tuesday from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Six Sir Knights had the privileged of being the pall bearers bringing Bishop Curlin into St Gabriel Church for the visitation. The funeral Honor Guard consisted of over 36 Sir Knights of several ranks making a great cape rainbow I am sure Bishop Curlin would have loved. Bishop Curlin was laid to rest at Belmont Abbey College. Monsignor Marcaccio, in his homily, thanked the Knights for their solidarity with priests, being so kind to the Bishop, promotion of vocations, supporting seminarians, and service to the Church.

I, highly recommend, watching the youtube videos of the two homilies: Monsignor Marcaccio

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vy5BLISDOCM>) and Archbishop Lori

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zx9IA887hRk>)

Also present were the Catholic Daughters of America, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Knights and Dames of Malta.

Many in attendance, priests, deacons, and lay people thanked us for being there and wearing our regalia. Jack Murray DM sent a personal thank you for all Knights who participated.

John Wasco

Culture of Life

Take Action: Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act Scheduled for Senate Vote Today

January 29, 2018

Washington, D.C. - The Senate has scheduled a vote on the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act today, Monday, January 29, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. ET.

This bill would end abortions on babies at 20 weeks gestation and later since they are known to feel pain. Operation Rescue has long advocated for this legislation because it would save thousands of lives every year.

"Since we have an opportunity to save these babies, we should do all within our power to support this legislation," said Troy Newman, President of Operation Rescue. "We wish it spared all babies, but those it will save deserve our help and the protections this law will provide for them."

The bill passed the House last year. If it passes the Senate today, President Trump has promised to sign it into law.

However, getting the approval of the Senate will be an uphill battle since he at least 60 votes are required to break the Democratic filibuster and allow a vote on the bill.

"The fact that Democrats would want to continue brutal late-term abortions, which dismember viable babies that feel pain, really shows the depths of human depravity - and how far our nation has slipped into barbarity," said Newman. "If this bill doesn't pass today, the blood will be on the hands of the Democrats once again.

Please contact your Senators now and urge them to vote in favor of the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and pray today for its passage.

[Contact your Senators \(Democrat and Republican\).](#)

[Watch the vote live on C-Span 2. Live stream here.](#)

[Learn more about Late-term abortions.](#)

[Read this message online.](#)

Make A Difference

Donated Goods

A big thank you to all volunteers that help the St. Matthew Donated Goods Ministry!

Next monthly collection of donated goods is Saturday February 10 from 8am until noon.

Volunteers needed for all activity including sorting and packing but especially those that can help load and unload furniture and those that have trucks that can pick up from households that are donating furniture.

Visit our Sign up Genius page to volunteer.

January 2018 highlights:

Record setting collection on Saturday January 13 as we had 25 pick ups and over **125** drop offs of donated furniture, clothing and household items

We had ~ 9 Knights volunteer their time to help with DNG on 1/13. We need more knights to help with loading and unloading furniture (must be able to lift items)

Garrett Chisum from Beds 4 Kids assisted with pick ups using a B4K box truck and we donated furniture items to B4K.

The first truck load of donated items was delivered to Robbinsville, NC. The truck was driven on Tuesday Jan. 16 by Chuck Curtis and Jerry Carpenter

Over 80 boxes of clothing was delivered to Crisis Assistance Ministry in Charlotte on Sat. Jan. 20

A second truck load of donated items will go out to WNC on Jan. 30

There were no items donated to the Charlotte Bridge Home and the Veterans ERG at UTC Aerospace Systems as a veteran was not identified for January. We expect one or two for February.

Monroe Outreach picked up items for their ministries

Randy Mazur

HELP FLOOD VICTIMS OF HURRICANE MATTHEW IN LUMBERTON, NC

As stated in the January 21, 2018 St. Matthew Church bulletin, St. Matthew has three more weekends that are planned to go the Lumberton, NC:

February 16 to 18

March 16 to 18 (can go just 16 & 17 if you still want to do Breakfast on the 18th)

May 4 to 6

If interested or need more information, contact Joe George at jmecgeorge@aol.com or 704-906-0784 or Ron Schumacher at reschu8@gmail.com or 704-618-2442.

It has been very rewarding for me (Ron Schumacher) to do two of these last year. They say they may have 5 more years to get all done in this area that needs to be done.

Ron Schumacher, PGK

Make A difference Cont....

FIRST AREA:

Need help at your Knights of Columbus Bingo Program that is held each Monday night. We have 5 teams:

Team 1 - Captain - Joe Corso, George Sholler, Craig Mazzucca, Quentin Vultaggio, Phip Chukwueke

Team 2 - Captain - Earl Hartenstine, Frank Mifsud, Mike Krysak, Doris Krysak, Paul Stewart

Team 3 - Captain - Jack Hickey, Bob Kerfonta, Marcie Nugent, Chuck Elgin, Sharon Elgin

Team 4 - Captain - Ron Schumacher, Steve Lattimore, Tom Schilly, Mike Hawkins, Jake Mauth, Bill Kenney, John Kenney

Team 5 - Captain - Bill LoPresti, Ed Craig, John Coudriet, Don Gavevich, John Kenney, Tom Schilly, Ron Schumacher

A special Thank You to all of the above volunteers! We also have had several that have done this for years and want to thank them also. As you can see we have ladies and even one lady who just has help over the years.

So if you can help, you and your wife can help, your wife can come to play Bingo and you work, you have a son or daughter that would like to help, etc. We would like to have around 7 people per team. Hope you can help with your KofC Bingo Program, just let us know.

Your Bingo committee:

Ron Schumacher - Chairman 704-618-2442 or reschu8@gmail.com

Bill LoPresti

Craig Mazzucca

Mike Harper

South Charlotte Banquet Center Set Ups

We need help with set ups at the South Charlotte Banquet Center. If you can help just contact Larry Perez at 704-572-5204 or larryccsc2gmail.com. Help is needed all times of the day, evenings, weekends, etc. So just let Larry know what works for you. Most set ups are less than an hour.

Mens Shelter

Leo Tosto would like to thank the following people who together served a record number of over 300 people in December. John Wasco, Jim Gilsdorf, Sally & Mark Mall, Hank Compton, Rick & Rita Bonamo, and Bob & Mary Estock. This couldn't have been done without their efforts! We can always use your help cooking every First Monday of the month followed by serving on the first Tuesday of every month!!!! Sign up *Genius* available!!!

Make A difference Cont...

2018 Lenten Fish Dinners - HELP WANTED!

St Matthew Council 10852 will once again be serving an "All You Can Eat" Lenten Fish Dinner this year every Friday of Lent (Except Good Friday). We'll be serving a menu of Whitefish (Breaded or Broiled), Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter. Cost is \$9.00 for Adults, \$8.00 for Seniors (62+) and \$5.00 for Children (12 and under). Pregnant women, widows of Brother Knights and children 3 and under FREE!

Past Grand Knight Chuck Elgin will procure the food and organize the event. We will be serving dinner from 5:00 PM thru 7:00 PM.

THANK YOU to the Brother Knights and their families who have helped in the past. This year, Brother Knights Mike SantaMaria, Joe Corso and Ron Schumacher have stepped up to lead the Kitchen Food Preparation and Cooking for the Lenten Fish Dinners. THANK YOU!!

We need help each Friday of Lent. Kitchen help is needed starting at 3:00 PM to prepare the food. We can also use help with Setup starting at 4:00 PM, Serving and Clean-up starting at 5:00 PM. We especially need Dishwashers in the Kitchen starting at 4:30 PM. Please sign-up using Sign-Up Genius. Look for the Lenten Fish Dinner tab.

You can also contact Chuck Elgin at 704-614-0504 (call or text) or celgin01@earthlink.net.

January's Breakfast was a success, netting over \$1,200 and serving 416! We are now at 77.08% of our profit goal, and would be ahead of it, if not for a horrible September. **Next breakfast is February 11 and we'll be celebrating the Valentines Day! Our Parish Breakfast is one of our Council's major fund raising projects.**

But more so, it's a great opportunity to showcase all that our Council does for our Parish and Community. Who knows how many men will be inspired to join the Knights after enjoying our breakfast and our Council's camaraderie?

If you haven't volunteered before, you are missing out on a very rewarding experience.

There are a wide choice of areas to help with - from procuring the food

to prepping, cooking or serving it. Or you can help with setting-up or cleaning-up - whatever you do, you'll help make a real difference in our Parish and Community. If you can't volunteer, how about enjoying a GREAT breakfast prepared by your brother Knights!

Please contact Jack at jjhickey@att.net or Chuck at cscurtis9@gmail.com if you have issues with signing-up or comments about our breakfast.

St. Matthew Lenten Fish Dinners

February 16th to March 23rd

FRIDAY FISH DINNER

by the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Friday evenings during Lent

(except Good Friday)

5:00 to 7:00PM - In the Parish Center Family Room

Adults \$9 each, Seniors \$8 (62+)

Children (4 to 12) \$5, 3 & under free

FAMILY MAXIMUM PRICE OF \$30

Credit Card, Cash or Checks Accepted

ALL YOU CAN EAT Fish (breaded or baked whitefish) with choice of side dishes (Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw), Roll and Butter.

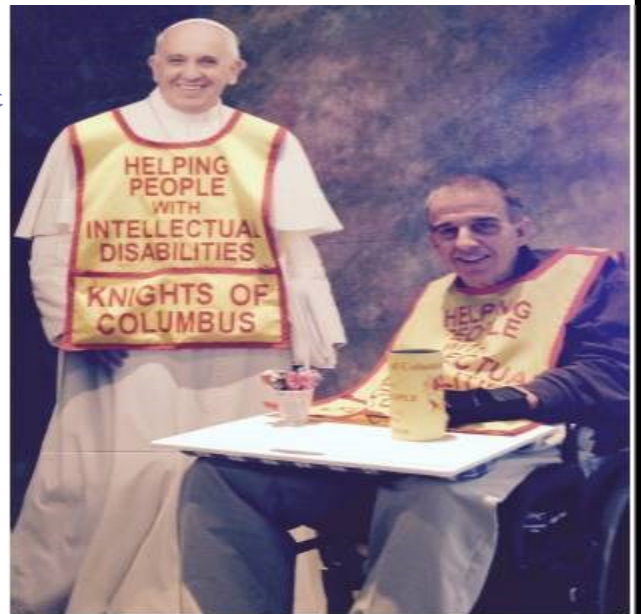
Coffee, Water, Lemonade and Iced Tea Included

Desserts will be available from the Columbiettes at an additional cost.

We'll start serving at 5:00 PM and will continue serving until 7:00 PM. Parishioners are encouraged to come early with the Family and eat so that they can then attend the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM.



LAMB
FOUNDATION OF NC
Helping the developmentally disabled



There was a flurry of activity in the last part of December, which included a substantial corporate donation. The total funds collected for LAMB in 2017 through our Council was \$58,550 compared to a goal of \$52,750. This is truly an outstanding year.

We were most fortunate in 2017 that we received a number of corporate donations and some substantial individual contributions which pushed the final figure. The portion that we as Council members raised was 35% of the total. Historically, what the membership raised had been something greater than 55 to 60%. Without the generosity of the extraordinary gifts, we would have failed to attain the 2017 goal.

Yes, we are most grateful for the results of 2017. AS we look forward, let us all, as Knights of Columbus whose first principle of the Order is Charity, resolve to do a better individually in 2018. Let us all commit now to participate in the scheduled Operation LAMB weekends for 2018.

May God bless all Knights and their families.

Bob Desch, LAMB Director & Past Grand Knight

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Officer Meeting: Wednesday, Feb 28th at 6:00 PM at the SCBC

The majority of our events take place at either St. Matthews Catholic Church, or our Banquet Center located in South Charlotte. For more information on upcoming events, please visit our website at

www.kofc-stmatthew.org

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