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THE CROSS AND COMPASS

"The Hardest Working Council in the Carolinas"

Grand Knight's Report



Rosary Coast To Coast

Sunday, Oct 7th @ 4 PM

Much has been brought to light in our Church recently, that casts a shadow upon the wrongs that so hurtfully destroy lives, cause fear, and push many away from any trust of our priests. The devil has already delighted in the darkness and the lies that damaged Mother Church. And he delights in the damage that has been done and continues to be done with the lies and deceit.

Many honorable priests will be caught in the snares, and many people will use this as a way to discourage our faith. But we are men of courage and honor. Today I ask you to pray. To pray like you have never prayed before. We cannot turn our heads and let the perverse infiltration destroy Mother Church. We cannot forget those that have been victims, but we must hold them close, as they have done nothing wrong, but have been wronged so severely

I ask you to join forces on October 7th, and pray for our Church. The movement has begun. Join hands together in your parish. Bring to your council, priest, deacons and lay brothers and sisters, the strength of the rosary.

Vivat Jesus!
Jeffrey Hoffman

In Charlotte:

**Sunday, October 7th at 4 PM
Holy Trinity Middle School
3100 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209**

Last month I asked every Brother in Our Council, to take the Safe Environment Program training provided by Supreme. At last night's business meeting, I reiterated that request. Below is the link and registration code:

<https://armatus2.praesidiuminc.com/Armatus/security/anonymous/selfRegistration>

The Registration Code is: **kofcsafe**

If you have any contact with minors in the Parish or Community, you should also take the Parish and Diocese **Protecting God's Children workshop**. This 2½ hour program is intended to educate volunteers to recognize and prevent sexual abuse. Preregistration is required. **Sign up online at www.virtus.org**.

Please advise Bob Desch when you have completed either training. He is maintaining a database for the Council.

At this month's business meeting, Chancellor Chuck Elgin read the following parable. I thought it was worth including in the newsletter.

PARABLE OF THE MOUSE

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" The mouse wondered - He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning. "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap - alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house - like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife.

The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well; she died.

So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

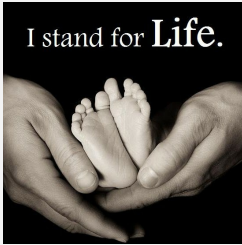
So, the next time you hear that someone else's neighborhood is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember - when one community is threatened, all are at risk.

VVAT JESUS!

Please Congratulate our:

KNIGHT of the MONTH: *Hank "Hot Dog" Kempton*

FAMILY of the MONTH: *Robin and Ron "Raffle King" Schumacher*



CULTURE of LIFE *40 Days for Life*

The end of our **2018 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** is the weekend of October 6th and 7th. We will be collecting the 1,300 Baby Bottles we passed out in August. We invite everyone to participate in this collection effort.

We will again need the help of Knights before and after the Masses on October 6th and 7th. Please signup at

Sign-Up Now!

Life Chain - Sunday, Oct 7th

Life Chain this Sunday, Oct. 7th from 2 to 3 p m
(Assemble in front of the church at 1:45 pm)

Join us for the annual St. Matthew Life Chain as we gather to proclaim the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death in a prayerful, peaceful manner. Afterwards, enjoy refreshments provided by the Knights of Columbus.

We need the participation of all the Knights and their families. Additionally we will need 4 Knights to act as Marshalls to assure the safety of all, to give direction to participants and to take a headcount of all participants.

Norm Gemignani, PGK
St. Matthew K of C Council 10852 Pro-Life Director
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LAMB
Least Among My Brothers



Here's a bit of good news. The September 29th Operation LAMB raised **\$1,528**. Thank you to those who volunteered their time to accomplish this.

The news could have even been better had all the available two hour shifts been covered. There were

25% of the potential shifts that went unfilled. Had all been filled, the results could have been \$2,000. An opportunity lost.

We will again have 28 opportunities to volunteer for Operation LAMB on October 27th and 28th. Each opportunity asks for just two hours of your time. Please prayerfully considering giving two hours of your time to help those who Jesus called "the Least Among My Brethren

And, when you are asked to volunteer for an Operation LAMB fundraising event this Fall, just say YES! You will be serving those whom Jesus called the Least Among My Brothers.

[SignUp Here!](#)

May God Bless all Knights.
Bob Desch, PGK

Council's Thanksgiving Turkey Drive!



Our Council's annual Turkey Drive is scheduled for the third week of November. Our Council will purchase 150 Thanksgiving Turkey dinners for families in East Charlotte. The Council provides frozen turkeys and other food items to the Sisters of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity who distribute the food.

Your donation of \$35 will help cover the cost of one Thanksgiving meal for a family. Checks should be made payable to K of C Council 10852 and mailed to 9009 Bryant Farms Road, Charlotte, NC 2827. You can also give checks to either Ron Schumacher or Earl Hartenstine. Please put "Turkey Drive" on the memo line of your check. We can take Credit Cards (see Ron for gifts by credit card).

Donated Goods

PLEASE NOTE:

Randy and Anne Mazur are retiring as leaders of this fantastic ministry after 6 years. They are looking for a well-organized individual or couple who can commit to one hour a week of organizational activities and six hours on the second Saturday of each month. For more information or if interested, contact Ann McDonald at 704-543-7677 x1039 or amcdonald@stmatthewcatholic.org.



Donated Goods - Highlights for September 2018

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

Next monthly collection of donated goods is Saturday October 13 from 8am until noon.

Volunteers needed for all activities 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.

Amazing September information: we delivered 2 truckloads of donated goods to WNC.

September 2018 highlights:

- Saturday Sept. 8 as we had 28 scheduled pickups and ~70 drop offs of donated furniture, clothing and household items
- The first truck load of donated items was delivered to SAFE Again in Young Harris, GA. The truck was driven on Tuesday Sept. 11 by Hank Kempton and Chuck Curtis.
- A second truck load of donated items is planned for delivery to WNC on Tuesday Sept. 25 with delivery to Church Mover in Robbinsville, NC. The truck will be driven by Bob Kerfante and John

delivery to Church mouse in Robbinsville, NC. The truck will be driven by Bob Kerronta and John Feathers.

- We will still have a large number of donated items in the cage area and have some stored out at the St. Matthew storage facility and may plan another delivery locally.
- Some items will be donated to local charities such as Monroe Outreach
- After all Masses Sept. 22 and 23, the parish is holding a Ministry Fair. Donated Goods Ministry will have a table setup to introduce parishioners to the ministry and invite those interested to volunteer for the ministry. We have a sign up Genius Page for volunteers to man the table after each Mass.

Note: We are need of volunteers for the October 13th Donated Goods collection! [SignUp Here!](#)



Annual Car Raffle

Our Council's annual Car Raffle came to an end on September 16th, in the midst of Hurricane Florence! Rev. Fr. Pat drew the winning tickets:

- 1st Place - \$25,000 car from Keffer Hyundai - Noah Vaca (son of SK Randy Vace)
- 2nd Place - \$1,000 - Pat Formosa
- 3rd Place - \$ 250 - Paul Polking
- 4th Place - \$ 250 - Robert Grimaldi
- 5th Place - \$ 250 - Jim Strauss

The raffle was a great success and the Council netted almost \$1,600 more than what we budgeted. Everyone who sold or bought (or both) tickets are Thanked for their efforts - especially those who stood outside Church. Special thanks go to Charlotte and Chuck Curtis for their sales in the Caroline Lakes community. They were very successful in using social media to advertise and sell tickets. This is how we need to handle future raffles as our access to selling at the Church will be limited.

The car raffle would not have been a success if not for Robin and Robin Schumacher - our Family of the Month! They put in countless hours in sending out tickets to Brother Knights, organizing Brothers to cover sales at the Church as well as maintaining records of sales and tickets. **Thank You Robin and Ron! Job Well Done!!**

And Last But Not Least - THANK YOU to JIM KEFFER and THE KEFFER AUTO GROUP for their support of Our Council, LAMB and Operation Exodus! Your continued support each year is essential to the success of Our Council and our ability to support our Charities!



Knights of Columbus Memorial Service

November 28th, St Matthew Knights of Columbus Council 10852 will be celebrating the Annual Memorial Mass for deceased Brother Knights, Columbiettes and Family Members of Brother Knights of St Matthew Council 10852. Following Mass in the Day Chapel at 7:30 pm, there will be a service and reception in the NLC Banquet Center. Please RSVP to Chuck or Richard to ensure we have adequate refreshments.

We particularly wish to recognize any of the families of our deceased Brother Knights and Columbiettes at this celebration of life and recognize any other family members of Brother Knights and Columbiettes who have passed.

If you have a Family member or know of a Knight or Columbiette who has passed that you would like to have included in this celebration of life and who is not listed below, please contact PGK Chuck Elgin at celgin01@earthlink.net or PGK Richard White at rmpwhite@gmail.com. **Please RSVP to Chuck or Richard if you plan to attend to ensure we have adequate refreshments.**

This Mass and Service are being presented in honor of the following Knights, Columbiettes and their Family Members who have passed away since the inception of our Council:

Brother Knights

Francis Achando	Boyd Blackney
Charles Bowling, PGK	James Brennan
Gerard Brown	Michael Buckley
Robert Burns	William Cameron
Michael Carney	Andrew Chinigo
James Coogan	Thomas Corrigan
Christopher Cotter	Mark Creasser
Frank DeRolla	Richard Edgeworth
Leo Ells	Albert Finnochio
Eugene Fitzpatrick	Robert Flood
Richard Forbes	Bruce Forness Sr.
Edward Gannon	Robert Garner
Nelson Gennari	Lawrence Geppert
Kirk Glunk	Simon Gutierrez
Lawrence Henkel	Ralph Herrick
Timothy Heyer	Richard Hollowell
Mark Houle	Joseph Hughes, PGK
William Laird	Robert Lane
Ernest Leskody	Albert Lisza

Edward Luisa	Dec. Matthew Lyberg
Raymond Lynch	Brian Maher

Edward Meyer
Harold Moran
John Norton, PGK
Kenneth Ostendarp
Joseph Papura
Alfonse Peccatiello
Pete Santos
Gerard Senatore
Stanley Stasiulewicz
Philip Tierney
Milton Young

Joseph Moore
Richard Neff
Dennis O'Neil
Raymond Palatta
Allan Peccatiello
Foster Renwick
Rev. Eugene Schellberg
Thomas Smolen
Edward Switzer, PGK
Declan Turner

Columbiettes

Gene Marie Alfaro
Louise Plati
Rose Titolo

Dottie Burns
Kathleen Tetu

Rosemarie Lemon
Pat Thompson

Spouses of Brother Knights

Nedra Clare, Wife of John Clare Marge Glunk, Wife of Kirk Glunk
Rosemary Geyer, Wife of Bob Geyer Lynn Hines, Wife of Dan Hines
Sally Ann Schmidt, Wife of Richard Schmidt

Spouses of Columbiettes

Vic Plati, Husband of Louise Plati

Parents of Brother Knights

Doris Holt Larkin, Mother of Tom Larkin
Dorothy Lowell Wakker, Mother-In-Law of Tom Larkin

Parents of Columbiettes

William Schumacher

Children of Brother Knights

Lisa Cimmento, Daughter of Nick & Joyce Comment
Timothy Cimmento, Son of Nick & Joyce Cimmento
Peter Clare, Son of Past Grand Knight Tim Clare

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed,
Rest in Peace, Amen
May God have mercy on their souls. Amen

Parish Breakfast Schedule

The first breakfast of the new fraternal year is Sunday, September 16th. Since it is the same day as our Annual Family Picnic, we will only be serving donuts, pastries, juices and coffee for donations only. Full breakfasts will be served on the following Sundays after the 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:45 am Masses at the Main Campus:

September 16 - Donuts, Pastries, Beverages Only

October 21 - Full Breakfast for Ghosts & Goblins!

November 11 - Full Breakfast to Give Thanks!

December 23 - Modified Breakfast with St. Nick!

January 12, 2019 - Full Breakfast for the New Year!

February 17 - Full Breakfast for St. Valentine!

March 17 - Full Breakfast for St. Joe and St. Pat

April 28 - Full Breakfast for Springtime!

May 12 - Full Breakfast for Mom and Grandmom!

June 16 - Full Breakfast for Dad and Granddad!

Please help us make it the best year yet by volunteering or attending!

[Sign Up Here!](#)

Operation Exodus: Handicap Access Ramp for Pete Bennett



On September 13th, Operation Exodus built a new Handicap Access Ramp for Pete Bennett's wife in Charlotte, NC. The Bennett family are parishioners of St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Pete's wife is confined to a wheelchair and needed a handicap access ramp to enter/exit their home. Pictured at left is the new handicap access ramp built off the back porch of the Bennett home:

Pictured at right is the Operation Exodus team that built the Bennett Ramp. Brother Knights in the picture from left to right are PGK and Lecturer Chuck Elgin, Jim Gilsdorf, President of the Columbus Club of South Charlotte Joe Corso and Alan Miller. Not pictured is John Trojan, a St. Gabriel Parishioner who helped build the ramp and is a member of the Operation Exodus Build Team.

Operation Exodus is always looking for helpers. We could really use some younger Brother Knights and/or Father and Son teams to help out. You do not need construction experience, just a willingness to help. Operation Exodus provides all the tools and expertise needed to complete the Design and Construction of the Handicap Access ramps. If interested in joining the Operation Exodus team, please contact Past Grand Knight Chuck Elgin at 704-614-0504 or celgin01@earthlink.net.

Operation Exodus is a 501©3 Charity and accepts Tax Deductible, Charitable Contributions. Make Checks payable to "Operation Exodus" and mail to: Charles Elgin, President, Operation Exodus, Inc., 1204 Churchill Downs Drive, Waxhaw, NC 28173. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

VIVAT JESUS!

Chuck Elgin, PGK & President of Operation Exodus



Lumberton Needs YOU - Now More Than Ever after Florence!

In October of 2016, Hurricane Matthew wiped out Lumberton, NC. It is about 2.5 hours east of Charlotte. Hundreds of families are still not in their homes, and at the current pace, it's expected to take another 2 years to complete restoring all houses impacted.

- St. Matthew is helping them, one house at a time, but we need more volunteers like you.
- This is an ideal activity for families. Minimum age for children accompanied by a parent is 14. All minors must be accompanied by a parent.
- No Experience Required! There are many tasks that can be learned on-the-job, or if you do have expertise, we

will find a perfect match for your skills.

- For those volunteers staying overnight there are free accommodations at the United Methodist Church in Lumberton, so no need to make your own arrangements.
- Volunteers typically arrive Thurs evening and return to Charlotte on Sunday., This is totally flexible.
- **Future dates: * Oct 11-14 * Nov 8-11 * Dec 1-4 ***

For Details and/or to sign up, contact one of the following;

- Carolyn Balsley, carolynbalsley@gmail.com
- Joe George, jmecgeorge@aol.com
- Ron Schumacher, reschu8@gmail.com



American Flags for Sale

The George L. Gettier Assembly 780 is selling 3 ft x 5 ft. American Flags for \$25. These flags are made in the good old United States of America.

When flags are purchased by a St. Matthew Knights of Columbus Council 10852 member, \$5 of the proceeds is returned to Council 10852.

Sir Knight Chuck Elgin, Faithful Navigator of Assembly 780, will have the flags available for sale at Council 10852 and Assembly 780 Business Meetings. Cash, Checks and Credit Cards are accepted.

If you cannot attend an Assembly 780 or Council 10852 Business meeting but are interested in a flag, please contact Faithful Navigator Chuck Elgin at Email: celgin01@earthlink.net; Call or Text: 704-614-0504.

October 2018

	1 BINGO Men's Shelter: Cooking	2 Men's Shelter: Serving	3 7:00 PM Knights Business Meeting	4	5 11pm- Midnight: Eucharistic Adoration	6 Baby Bottle Collection
7 Baby Bottle Collection Life Chain CC Rosary	8 BINGO	9	10 7:00PM CCSC Board Meeting	11	12 11pm- Midnight: Eucharistic Adoration	13 Donated Goods
14	15 BINGO	16	17 7:30 PM: Knights Mass At Day Chapel	18	19 11pm- Midnight: Eucharistic Adoration	20
21 Parish Breakfast	22 BINGO	23 Assembly 780 Business Meeting	24 6:30 PM: Officer Meeting	25	26 11pm- Midnight: Eucharistic Adoration	27 LAMB at BiLo and Harris Teeter
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LAMB at BiLo	BINGO	4th on 5th Dinner Cantina 1511 off Woodlawn			
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11 Parish Breakfast	12 BINGO	13	14 7:00 PM CCSC Board Meeting	15	16 11pm-Midnight: Eucharistic Adoration Thanksgiving Turkey Drive	17
18	19 BINGO	20	21 7:30 PM: Knights Mass At Day Chapel	22	23 11pm-Midnight: Eucharistic Adoration	24
25	26 BINGO	27 Assembly 780 Business Meeting	28 5:30 PM Officers Mtg Remembrance Mass, Service & Reception	29 THANKS-GIVING DAY	30 11pm-Midnight: Eucharistic Adoration	

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