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THE CROSS AND COMPASS

"The Hardest Working Council in the Carolinas"

Grand Knight Report



In light of the new reports of abuse within the Church, I thought it important to provide Father Pat's statement about the crisis. In addition, we will start discussing about what we, as Knights of Columbus, can do to help heal the wounds in the Church and ensure this sin never happens again.

As a first step, let us all pray for Our Church and for guidance in this crisis. In addition, I am asking every Brother in Our Council, to take the Safe Environment Program training provided by Supreme, which can be accessed at: <https://armatus2.praesidiuminc.com/Armatus/security/anonymous/selfRegistration>

The Registration Code is: **kofcsafe**

Let us all do everything we can do to ensure this evil never happens again!

VIVAT JESUS!
Tom

Please Congratulate our:

KNIGHT of the MONTH: *Scott Davis*

FAMILY of the MONTH: *Ann and Randy Mazur*

Pastor Father Pat Hoare Addresses the St. Matthew Parish Family Following the Release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report:

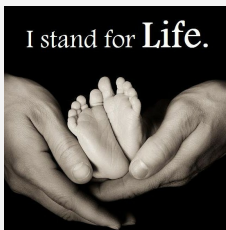
The release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report this past week reminds us once again of the terrible crimes that were committed by some members of the clergy, and reveals inexcusable instances of poor judgment, deception, and negligence in the pastoral care of the victims of sexual abuse. This, and the recent accusations against former Cardinal McCarrick, once again open wounds that cause many of us great pain, and have led some to question our faith and trust in the institution of the Church founded by Christ Himself.

I have had multiple discussions over the past several days with priest friends of mine, and also with the clergy here at St. Matthew. These reports cause us great pain and in some cases anger toward those entrusted with the authority to administer justice and to keep vulnerable children and adults out of harm's way. The priests that I know well answered the call to the priesthood to serve you, to share with you God's love and mercy, and to bring you the power of the sacraments, and we can't understand how such abuse and injustice was tolerated by those with the power to stop it.

I humbly ask you to pray with us above all for healing and consolation for those who have been harmed, for justice to be done in each case of abuse, and that the hierarchy would decisively institute additional reforms to prevent this from happening again. While the Grand Jury report itself acknowledges that much good work has already been done in the last 20 years in responding to reports of abuse, much more is still necessary at the highest levels of the Church to root out any element of evil from among us.

I also ask that, as you pray with us, you also pray for us, the priests and deacons who serve you at this parish, and for all clergy, that we would always live up to our high calling of serving you, the people of God.

Prayerfully,
Fr. Patrick T. Hoare
Pastor, St. Matthew Catholic Church, Charlotte, NC



CULTURE of LIFE

40 Days for Life

Thanks to all of your help, we had a very successful start to our **2018 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** the weekend of August 4th and 5th. We passed out all but 30 of the 1,300 Baby Bottles. We have already received a number of them back that were placed in the 3 Collection Boxes in the Narthex. We have been placing additional empty Baby Bottles on the Collection Boxes for individuals to take and to fill. We invite everyone to participate in this recycling effort.

We will again need the help of Knights after the Masses on October 6th and 7th, when we are asking everyone to return their Baby Bottles. You will again be asked to sign up on Sign-Up Genius, which will be available soon.

Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life

USCCB **Call to
PRAYER**
Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty

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This month, due to the historic moment in U.S. Supreme Court history, the Knights of Columbus is urging everyone to join the USCCB in praying a nine-week Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life.

The novena begins on Aug. 3, 2018, and concludes Sept. 28.

Through our united prayers and sacrifice, we pray that God will guide our nation in becoming one in which every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.

Join the prayer movement and subscribe to weekly reminders here.

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



Some of the organizations that we donate our LAMB funds to are Holy Angels in Belmont, UMAR (group homes), Special Olympics and, of course, the St. Matthew SPRED program.

This year we have added a new organization which specifically serves individuals with Down Syndrome and their families. This organization is Gigi's Playhouse. This is a national organization which just recently opened a center in Charlotte, its 33rd location. To learn more please visit www.gigisplayhouse.org/charlotte.

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.

The next Operation LAMB date is Saturday, 9/29.

[SignUp Here!](#)

May God Bless all Knights.



SCBC Pricing for Knights

At a recent meeting of the Columbus Club of South Charlotte, the subject of pricing of beer and wine at Council only meetings or events was discussed in response to the increase in prices this year. Ann Robb, Banquet Center manager gave a detailed report of current costs, including tax and ABC service charge. She noted that beer and wine prices have increased as well as they are stocking better wines. She also provided current pricing for public events: beer \$4.00 and wine \$7.00 vs. Council only pricing of \$3 for all beers and \$6 for wine. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the price of wine would be reduced to \$5 and no chance for beer. Going forward, the price at Council only meetings or events will be \$3 for beer and \$5 for wine for the remainder of the calendar year. Pricing will be reviewed again at the end of the year.

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 August 2018

A big thank you to all volunteers that help the St. Matthew Donated Goods Ministry! Next monthly collection of donated goods is Saturday September 8 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.

Amazing July information: we delivered 3 truckloads of donated goods to WNC and also about 80 boxes of clothing were delivered to Crisis Assistance Ministry in Charlotte.

August 2018 highlights:

- Saturday August 11 as we had 19 scheduled pickups and ~90 drop offs of donated furniture, clothing and household items
- The first truck load of donated items was delivered to REACH in Hayseville, NC. The truck was driven on Tuesday August 14 by Dan Troy and Hank Kempton
- A second truck load of donated items is planned for delivery to WNC on Tuesday August 28
- We supported the Veterans ERG at UTC Aerospace Systems as we were able to:
 - Supplied donated furniture and household items to furnish 1 apartments or homes for 1 veterans and families in the Charlotte area.
 - The ERG team delivered and setup the furniture that day
 - Some items will be donated to local charities such as Crisis Assistance Ministry and Monroe Outreach

Note: We are searching for volunteers to become the leaders of the Donated Goods Ministry



Annual Car Raffle

Our Council's annual; Car Raffle has begun! Most Knights have been sent two tickets in the mail, to buy or sell. As in past years, the tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. If you need additional tickets, please contact Ron Schumacher at 704-618-2442 or e-mail

reschu8@gmail.com.

Sales of tickets will continue to September 16, 2018, with the drawing during our Annual Family Picnic and Celebration of 1st Responders at the South Charlotte Banquet Center. Until then we ask that you sell tickets to your family and friends as well as at Church. We have a PayPal link so everyone can purchase tickets online - just go to our website at www.kofc-stmatthew.org/car-raffle/ You can copy the link into an e-mail or FaceBook or Tweet and send it to you friends, families and colleagues, to easily increase sales of tickets!

Our annual Car Raffle is our major fund raiser, with proceeds supporting our Council and it's charitable activities, such as SPRED, Holy Angels, UMAR and many more! Your efforts are necessary to ensure we continue to support these fantastic organizations!

Knights of Columbus

St. Matthew Council 10852

3rd Annual Family Picnic

Celebrating Our 1st Responders!

**Sunday, Sept 16th, 2018
2 pm to 6 pm**

**LOWER
PRICES!**

South Charlotte
Banquet Center
9009 Bryant Farms Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28227

Activities Include:

2:00 pm - Gates Open

- > THANK YOUR 1st Responders and Check Out Their Emergency Equipment and More!
- > Snacks and Beverages Served - Cash Bar Open

2:30 pm - Flag Retirement Ceremony - Bring Your Torn or Worn American Flags to Properly Retire Them.

3 pm to 6 pm:

- > Food Served: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Salads, Chips, Cookies, Ice Cream, Snacks
- > Family Fun: Water Ballon Toss, Sack Races, Corn Hole Contest, Games, Face Painting & More!

6:00 pm - Drawing for a Keefer Hyundai or \$15,000 - Raffle Tickets Available at the Door or goto:

www.kofc-stmatthew.org/car-raffle/



LOWER PRICES! LOWER PRICES! LOWER PRICES!

Adults \$ 7.00

Children (5 to 15 yrs) \$ 5.00

Children (4 yrs and under) FREE

Family MAX (Dad, Mom & Kids) \$20.00

1st Responders and Their Families FREE

LIMITED

to 150 People

Register NOW! Email:

[grandknight@](mailto:grandknight@kofc-stmatthew.org)

kofc-stmatthew.org

To Register for the Picnic - [CLICK HERE!](#)

To Sign-Up to Help at the Picnic - [CLICK HERE!](#)

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!

Operation Exodus: Handicap Access Ramp for Betty Spires



On August 28th and 29th, Operation Exodus built a new Front Porch and Handicap Access Ramp for Betty Spires in Fort Mill, SC. Pictured above at left is the old Porch and Steps that 87-year-old Betty Spires had to transverse on her Walker to access the driveway to her residence:

Pictured above right is Betty Spires front and center along with Dianne Davis who owns Betty's residence. Brother Knight Ted Clement from St. Ann's Council in Rock Hill took the picture. Brother Knights in the picture from left to right are PGK and LAMB Director Bob Desch, PGK and Lecturer Chuck Elgin, PGK and DGK Bill McKenna, Leo Tosto, St Gabriel Parishioner John Trojan, PGK and Trustee Ron Schumacher and GK Tom Larkin.

Other members of the Operation Exodus Team who helped build the ramp but are not pictured are: Alan Miller, Umberto Silvagno, Tony D'Angelo and Tony Ingram.

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 Check can 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!



Lumberton Needs YOU!

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.

September 2018

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16 Donuts/Coffee after Masses 2 PM: Family Picnic SCBC	17 BINGO	18	19 7:30 PM: Knights Mass At Day Chapel	20	21 11pm- Midnight: Eucharistic Adoration	22 Holy Angels Visit
23	24 BINGO	25 Assembly 780 Business Meeting	26 6:30 PM: Officer Meeting	27	28 11pm- Midnight: Eucharistic Adoration	29 LAMB at Harris Teeter
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October 2018

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