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THE CROSS AND COMPASS

"The Hardest Working Council in the Carolinas"

Grand Knight's Report

VOTE!



Regardless of your political affiliations, **VOTE next Tuesday, November 6th!** It is a right that few have in this world and what makes our country great! If you need a ride to the polls, remember Uber and Lyft are offering discounted rides. You can contact me by Monday and I or a Brother Knight will get you there. Those who can provide rides to the polls, please let me know.

VOLUNTEER!

We had a lack of volunteers at several events last month, significantly burdening those who worked with long hours or reducing the amount of money collected for LAMB. And those who helped were mostly the same Brothers who are always there when needed. It is particularly disheartening to see so few "younger" Knights participating.

While there are many reasons why someone cannot help, in a council of 470 members, we should have no problem with filling the slots needed to make our events a success. There are so many opportunities to fulfill your pledge as a Knight to support our Church and Charities - like serving dinner at the Men's Shelter, working Donated Goods, collecting for LAMB, building ramps for Operation Exodus, cooking or serving breakfast at our Parish Breakfasts, to name just a few. This month you are asked to consider donating \$35 to provide all the fixings for a Thanksgiving dinner to those in need. More on that below.

We will be sending out a short questionnaire to each Brother to find out why people are not volunteering and what we can do to increase participation. YOU are asked to return the questionnaire quickly so we can implement recommendations as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response!

VIRTUS!

Last month I asked every Brother in Our Council, to take the Safe Environment Program training provided by Supreme. Below is the link and registration code:

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.

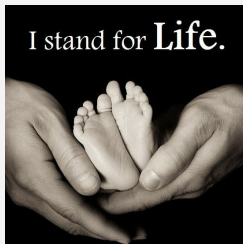
VIVAT JESUS!

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Please Congratulate our:

KNIGHT of the MONTH: *Dr. Jeff L. Zitel*

FAMILY of the MONTH: *Bob, Sharon and Christopher Desch*



CULTURE of LIFE

40 Days for Life

Baby Bottle Campaign - By the end of October we have collected \$17,957, up from the the \$17,500 collected during the whole 2017 campaign. From this point forward, last year, we collected another \$1,200. Since we were asked to remove the Baby Bottle collection boxes from Church, bottles should now be returned to the Office or

the Information desk at the Main Campus. Postings to Facebook and Twitter will provide similar instructions to parishioners.

A big THANK YOU to all the Knights, their families, all our parishioners and to our priests for all they have done to make this year's Baby Bottle campaign such a success.

Life Chain - St. Matthew's Respect Life Committee sponsored the Life Chain event on the sidewalk in front of Church on Respect Life Sunday, October 6, 2018. This year's Life Chain had even fewer participants than the previous year, even though all sermons that day urged us to attend. Life Chain calls us together to proclaim the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death in a prayerful, peaceful manner. It only takes one hour from 2 PM to 3PM each year. Please pray to change our hearts.

40 Days for Life, Sept. 26 to November 4, 2018 - There are only a few more days to pray in vigil for saving babies and for an end to Abortion. We must do all we can to end this scourge on our society. A nation that condones killing innocent babies in the womb is capable of almost any atrocity. Don't wait until the next 40 Days for Life Campaign. Continue to pray at home or at the Latrobe Abortion Clinic for the babies in crisis and for their mothers.

Norm Gemignani, PGK

St. Matthew K of C Council 10852

Pro-Life Director

205-547-7919

Thank you to the faithful volunteers who make the effort to give of their time to work for Operation LAMB fund raising at local grocery stores. This past weekend, twenty-two brother Knights raised \$1,588 for LAMB. Of special note and gratitude are for those Brother Knights who have already participated in Operation LAMB several times this year. At the same time, there are Brother Knights who have not participated in any way to help with this charitable endeavor.

You may recall that our Council's LAMB goal this year is \$59,721. For each of the past 14 years our Council has raised more than \$50,000 - that is more than \$700,000. This year we are expected to reach over \$1mm in total giving since we started 15 years ago! Each Council in the state is given a goal based on the number of members in the Council. The annual total that our Council achieves is comprised both of funds raised at grocery stores, what we call street collections, as well as large personal and corporate gifts. The past two years the street collections have been 35% of the total LAMB funds our Council has raised. It used to be about 50%. Additionally, there are several Knights who make personal donations to LAMB when they remit their annual dues.

For those who have not already made donations, or have not been inclined or able to participate in the LAMB campaigns throughout the year, perhaps you may want to consider a personal gift now. As a guide, please note that, in the aggregate, street collections at grocery stores generate \$35 to \$40 per hour volunteered. Please prayerfully consider how you might support LAMB, the primary Charity of the Knights of Columbus in North Carolina. LAMB is a 501(c)3 public charity and donations to LAMB are tax deductible.

Next opportunity to solicit for LAMB is Saturday, November 10th at Food Lion in Waxhaw!

[Sign Up 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 October 2018

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

Next monthly collection of donated goods is Saturday November 10 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.

October 2018 highlights:

Amazing October information: we delivered 4 truckloads of donated goods.

- Tuesday October 9 we delivered another truckload of donated items from our September collection to WNC. Dan Troy and John Feathers delivered to Celebrate Grace Ministries in Robbinsville, NC
- Saturday October 13 as we had 24 scheduled pickups and ~75 drop offs of donated furniture, clothing and household items
- The first truck load of donated items was delivered to Receller Friendship House in Murphy, NC. The truck was driven on Tuesday October 16 by Bob Kerfonta and John Feathers.
- A second truck load of donated items is planned for delivery on Monday Oct. 29 to WNC to be delivered to Lumberton, NC. This is to help those affected by Hurricane's Florence and Matthew.
- A third truck load of donated items is planned for delivery on Tuesday Oct. 30 to WNC to be delivered to REACH in Hayesville, NC.

Note: We are need of volunteers for the NOVEMBER 10th Donated Goods collection!

[Sign Up Here!](#)



Knights of Columbus Memorial Service

On November 28th, 2018 at 7:30 PM, St Matthew Knights of Columbus Council 10852 will be celebrating the Annual Memorial Mass for deceased

Brother Knights, Columbiettes and Family Members.

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. Mass will be celebrated by Father Peter Ascik, Chaplain of Council 10852 at 7:30 PM in the Day Chapel. Following Mass there will be a Memorial Service followed by snacks and refreshments in the New Life Center Banquet Room.

If you have a Family member or know of Knight or Columbiette who has passed that you would like to have included in this celebration of life, please contact Past Grand Knight Chuck Elgin at atcelgin01@earthlink.net or Past Grand Knight Richard White at rmpwhite@gmail.com.

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
Charles Bowling, PGK
Gerard Brown
Robert Burns
Michael Carney
James Coogan
Christopher Cotter
Frank DeRolla
Leo Ells
Eugene Fitzpatrick
Richard Forbes
Edward Gannon
Nelson Gennari
Kirk Glunk
Lawrence Henkel
Timothy Heyer
Mark Houle
William Laird
Ernest Leskody
Edward Luisa
Raymond Lynch
Edward Meyer
Harold Moran
John Norton, PGK
Kenneth Ostendarp
Joseph Papura
Alfonse Peccatiello
Pete Santos
Gerard Senatore
Stanley Stasiulewicz
Philip Tierney
Milton Young

Boyd Blackney
James Brennan
Michael Buckley
William Cameron
Andrew Chinigo
Thomas Corrigan
Mark Creasser
Richard Edgeworth
Albert Finnochio
Robert Flood
Bruce Forness Sr.
Robert Garner
Lawrence Geppert
Simon Gutierrez
Ralph Herrick
Richard Hollowell
Joseph Hughes, PGK
Robert Lane
Albert Lisza
Dec. Matthew Lyberg
Brian Maher
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 full breakfast of the new fraternal year was Sunday, October 21st. We served 254 people and made \$420. The next breakfast will be Sunday, November 11th 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 - Breakfast for Ghosts & Goblins!

November 11 - Breakfast to Give Thanks!

December 23, 2018 - Breakfast with St. Nick!

January 12, 2019 - Breakfast for the New Year!

February 17 - Breakfast for St. Valentine!

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

April 28 - Breakfast for Springtime!

May 12 - Breakfast for Mom and Grandmom!

June 16 - Breakfast for Dad and Granddad!

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

[Sign Up Here!](#)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Where: South Charlotte Banquet Center
9009 Bryant Farms Road, Charlotte, NC 28277

When: Every Monday with doors opening at 5:30 pm.

Who: Open to the general public.

Games: We play a total of 17 games. The "Early Bird" game starts at 6:45 pm with 100% of the money collected going to the winner(s). 16 more games follow starting at 7:00 pm.

Prizes: Prizes vary based on the number of people playing and the number of cards purchased. The typical nightly game prizes have been around: Early Bird game - over \$300 ... 8 Regular games - \$75 per game ... 7 Special games - \$130 per game ... Coverall game - \$500.

Cost: The minimum cost is \$10. That lets you play 9 of the 17 games. If a person wants to play all 17 games the minimum is \$18. The average player spends around \$25. Young children can pay \$2 to play the 9 games minimum or \$10 to play all 17 games.

How Long: Bingo is normally done by 9:45 pm.

Supports The profits from Bingo goes to the Charities of the Knights of Columbus. We have donated primarily to St. Matthew Catholic Church in the past but have also made contributions to LAMB.

CALLING KNIGHTS TO HELP:

We group our volunteers into 5 teams. Each team is scheduled to work once every 5 weeks. Holidays nights are covered by a volunteer team, so a team may work once every 6 weeks on occasion. We can use more callers (we can train). We record all items on a computer and if interested, we can train you for

that process also.

There are a few husbands and wives working on a team. In addition, we have wives that play while their husband works on a team. If you have a high school or older child that would like to help, we can use them also. If you work, all items from the Bingo kitchen are free. This can be a great family team event.

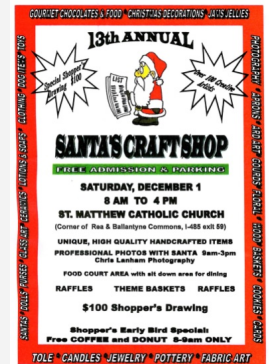
If you have questions or want to help please contact:

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

13th Annual Santa's Craft Shop **Sat Dec 1st 8am to 4pm - Main Campus**

Our Council will be providing the food at Santa's Shop. We will need Knights Friday to prepare food and Saturday to cook and serve it. Sign-Up to Come.

So reserve the date to work and shop! And bring the whole family to enjoy this great event!



Operation Exodus: Handicap Access Ramp for Rupa Nanda

On October 18th, Operation Exodus built a new Handicap Access Ramp for Rupa Nanda's mother in Charlotte, NC. Rupa is planning to bring her 92 year old mother home to live with her and needed a Handicap Access Ramp to enter/exit their home. Pictured below left is the new handicap access ramp built in the garage of the Nanda home:



Pictured above right is the Operation Exodus team that built the Nanda Ramp. Brother Knights in the picture from left to right are: Jim Gilsdorf, Tom Libhardt, and Alan Miller. Next to Alan is John Trojan, a St. Gabriel Parish member who helped build the ramp and is a member of the Operation Exodus Build Team. Joe Carro

Parishioner who helped build the ramp and is a member of the Operation Exodus Build Team. Joe Corso, President of the Columbus Club of South Charlotte is standing in front of John. Standing in front of Joe Corso is Rupa Nanda. Not pictured is the picture taker Chuck Elgin, Past Grand Knight and President of Operation Exodus.

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!

VIVAT JESUS!

Chuck Elgin, Past Grand Knight & 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: * 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.

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