



# Knightly News

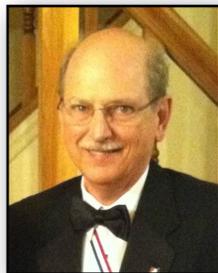
## Grand Knight's Report

This calendar year began with a lot of activities for the council--and we aren't slowing down any time soon. As I write, the Lenten Fish Fry is coming to a close.

This is our largest fund raiser for the year and it requires a lot of work to successfully pull it off.

We have a very dedicated group of people that work this event every week and we thank all of our volunteers for their support. We do this every year; I encourage you to work a night or two if you have not in the past. It is a good way to meet both your brother Knights and your fellow parishioners.

There are several issues that continue to challenge us as practical Catholics. The issues regarding the violation of first amendment rights of religious



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organizations related to the health care mandates by HHS and the NC Carolina Marriage amendment are the two major issues right now. All Catholics should educate themselves on these issues, what they mean and what the impact is on our faith. Please review the materials that have been distributed by the NC Catholic Bishops and research the issues. Then make a prayerful and faith-based decision on how to react to these topics. Do not be swayed by the media on this. They have a bias and we have seen how they sometimes report in such a fashion as to make a story news rather than report on a news story. Investigate, research, pray and form an opinion based on your Catholic beliefs. Then in May when the

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### NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH

The National Right to Life March this year set a new record for attendance at approximately 400,000 marchers. Sadly, it was ignored by the media. Our diocese sent 60 buses. It was reported to be a very spiritual and fraternal time of prayer and fellowship.

### 3rd Degree Honors Our Pastor

Our Council's 3rd Degree in January was offered in honor of our Pastor, Fr Douglas P. Reed.

He has been an active supporter of our Council and even attends meetings, as able. Thank you, Fr Doug, for your support.



### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

“When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT CONTINUED:

amendment is on the ballot don't sit at home and wait for the outcome; go out and vote and make your Catholic conscience count.

I am trying to work more closely with other Councils in the area and with the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly. I am hopeful that in the future we can do more joint fund-raising activities together with these other Knights. There will be more to come on this later as we work out some details. In the meantime the Assembly will be hosting a food booth in Bond Park for Cary Spring Daze to be held April 28, 2012. They can use some help from our council members. The Assembly helps us with our Fish Fry, therefore this is a good way to return the favor and help them out so that they may also continue their charitable works.

## Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday was celebrated on February 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael during the 6 PM Mass. Over 100 Scouts and family members attended on behalf of the three units our Council charters; Pack 216, Troop 216, and Troop 212. The Mass was celebrated by Father Doug Reed. At the end of Mass, Father Doug blessed a number of Catholic religious awards the boys had completed during the previous year and presented to each successful Scout. Cub Scouts (ages 5-10) earned a number of Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei awards for their effort in completing a workbook learning about God and family. One Boy Scout (ages 11-18) earned his Ad Altari Dei award which explores the seven sacraments. Five older Scouts



In March the trustees of the Council began to assemble a list of candidates to run for council office. We need some of our newer and younger members to start getting involved in Council leadership. Taking on one of the entry level offices or becoming a program director is a good way to get started. These initial offices do not require a lot of time. Consider getting involved and when the nominating committee is formed let them know of your interest and willingness to become involved.

I wish you all peace and happiness through this Lenten season as we prepare for the Holy Week and Eater.

VIVAT JESUS!

were awarded the Pope Pius XII award where the Scouts learned about three major vocations – married life, lay ministry, and religious (priesthood).

The latter involved a session with Father Ned Schlessinger, Diocesan Director of Vocations, and a terrific review with our Father Doug - oh, and I was their facilitator. Very few boys pursue the Pope Pius XII award; I am one of only a handful of trained facilitators in our

Diocese, and in ten years, I have

only seen 15 Scouts complete this program, so this was a very important day! Brother Tom Harmon (Council 7186) was my co-facilitator. Picture by Brother Brian Brezina's wife Danielle – both are also uniformed Scout leaders.

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Please send me your inputs by email, if you can. Include pictures and commentary. Send info on successes and upcoming events. Current plan is to produce the newsletter quarterly.. with an eye toward bi-monthly. Thank you for your help.

# Fasting, Alms Giving and Prayer

In the Jewish tradition, there are three main ways in which we are all tempted to sin; lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life (1 John 2:16). The lust of the flesh represents the desires of our appetites (ie: gluttony and sexual pleasure). The lust of the eyes represents our desire for all we want (ie: greed and envy). The pride of life is our disordered desire to be greater than we are (ie: pride and vainglory).

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were tempted by the Devil to disobey God. When Eve considered her actions, Genesis 3:6 records that she “saw that the tree was good for food [flesh], and a delight to the eyes and that the tree was desirable to make one wise [pride of life]...”. In other words, from a Jewish perspective, they were tempted in every way...and the Bible records their failure.

In preparation for His earthly ministry, Our Lord spent 40 days in the desert. Luke 4 tells us He was led there by the Spirit for the purpose of temptation by the Devil. Jesus fasted for that whole period. When the Bible says He was hungry, note that he wasn't just ready for a meal... there comes a time without food where the body begins to consume what it can of itself. After 40 days, His Body was ravenous. Enter the Devil.

Satan's first temptation is for Christ to turn rocks into bread. Here, he is playing on the lust of the flesh--and he knows Jesus is VERY hungry.

In the second temptation, the Devil took Jesus to a high mountain and offered Him all of the kingdoms of the world in return for Christ's worship. This temptation is challenging Jesus through the lust of the eyes as Christ came to call all people to Himself--but definitely not this way.



In the third temptation, Jesus is taken to the pinnacle of the Temple and told to throw Himself down since the angels will rescue Him from harm. This is the temptation of the pride of life by tempting Jesus to reveal His Glory to all before His hour had come.

Luke 4:13 tells us that “all temptation” was ended. Again, Christ suffered temptation in all ways possible... and He succeeded where Adam and Eve failed.

Where Our Lord led, we are to follow and He has given us tools to help us on the journey. What can we do to control temptation and the occasions of sin? We can focus our efforts on the opposite of the sins mentioned here... when we are focused on fasting and abstinence, we won't

be focused on the lust of the flesh. When we focus on alms giving, it would be hard to also focus on thoughts of greed and envy in the lust of the eyes. When we turn our hearts to God in humble prayer, we acknowledge our lowliness and leave behind the pride of life.

So, in following Christ, listen to the Church, His Bride, as She exhorts us to lives of fasting, alms giving and prayer. She is leading us to deeper faith and closer communion with Her Bridegroom through self-denial, supplication and sacrifice.

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## First Friday Adoration

Will not be held April 6th in observance of Good Friday

## Upcoming Blood Drive Dates

April 30, June 25, September 17, December 3

## Calendar at a Glance

### 2nd and 4th Mondays

Regular Meetings (Rosary at 7 pm)

### April 30th: Blood Drive at 2 pm

### Degrees Coming up Locally

3rd Deg: April 14th at Durham 13812

4th Deg: April 21st in Waynesville

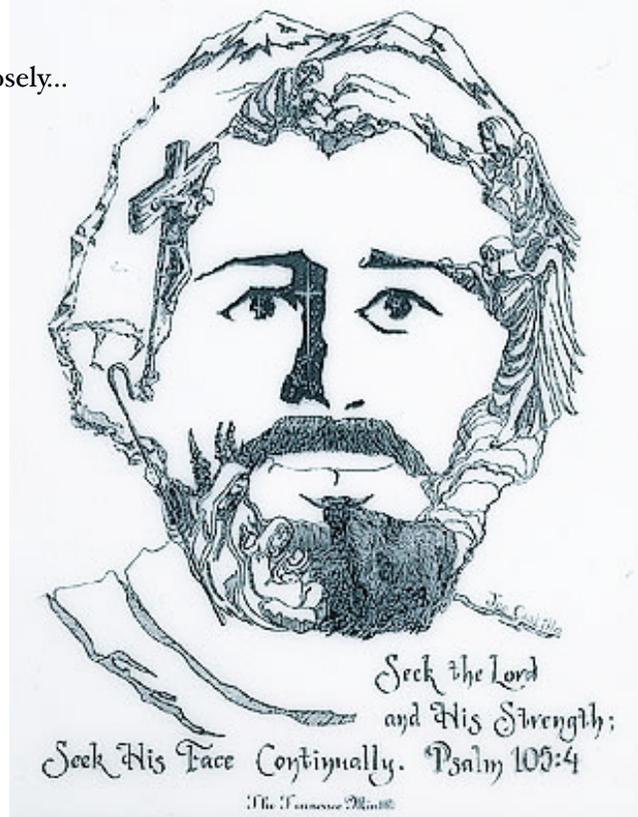
### Children's Charities Golf Classic

Saturday, June 2nd at Lochmere Golf Club. Shotgun start at 1 pm.

### Note: New Council Website!

Have you seen our new website? Go to [www.kofc6650.org](http://www.kofc6650.org) for more information. It's a great tool for keeping up on news of the council--and our calendar of events. Please leave comments if you have suggestions or want to help keep it current.

Look closely...



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