

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

St. James Council 7450
Concord, NC

March 2022

Charity * Unity *
Fraternity * Patriotism

2021-2022 Officers

Worthy Grand Knight

Joseph Amodeo, Sr.

Worthy Chaplain

Fr. Jerome Chavarria, C.Ss.R.

Worthy Deputy Grand Knight

Jeff Mathews

Worthy Chancellor

Joe Ernst

Worthy Recorder

Al Servicky

Worthy Financial Secretary

Bob Wheeler

Worthy Treasurer

Joe Andruzzi

Worthy Advocate

Dennis DeVito

Worthy Warden

Gustavo Gallo

Worthy Inside Guard

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Council 7450 Meeting Tuesday March 8, 2022



Knights Blood Drive

Next drive is
Sunday, March

6th. Come give the gift of life! Tell your friends and neighbors, all are welcome! 29 units were donated in December.



LAMB charitable Giving Days at El Amigo
Monday, March 21

11-9

The Knights of Columbus places a special importance on honoring the Blessed Mother. Every



man who joins a K of C council receives a rosary and is encouraged to seek Mary's

intercession by praying it regularly. In addition, many join Council 7450, 6:00 PM as we lead the

rosary before the Monday night Novena on the 2nd Monday of the month.



State Raffle Tickets are for sale! The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The Council keeps a portion of the sales for our charitable donations throughout the year. Here is a perfect opportunity to help the Council, especially if you are limited from helping in other ways. Sell them to friends, family. First prize is \$5000 so be sure your first sale is to you!! Contact Bob Wheeler 732-241-7994 for tickets!



If you are going to represent the Knights at anytime you must first receive permission from Grand Knight Joe Amodeo (845)234-8631



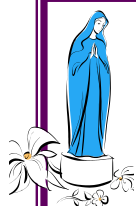
Please volunteer for one of our standing committees for service programs. See the committee names to the right. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED if we are to help in our parish and community!. "In service to one, In service to all"



Next Knights Breakfast March 20

Please come and help us serve the parish. Bring the family and friends and enjoy the best breakfast in town for the price!

Knights of Faith



Knights have always been dedicated to Our Lady. Pray the Rosary daily..... Select your intention . Pray as a family or by yourself.

Attend the Monday Novena, Rosary 6:30

In Memory of Knights
Mass for departed Brothers:

Please remember those on the Good of the Order list in your prayers!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs EVERY

Monday between 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM in the Church. What a wonderful gift you can give to yourself to spend time with Jesus!



Knights Of Columbus Officer Roles and Duties

To keep Council 7450 strong, vibrant and meaningful to our Order, Parish and Community it requires many different voices. Leadership of our Council only requires the desire to further our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism to Brother Knights, our Parish and Community. All eligible Knights should strive to serve their Council by becoming an officer, leading a committee, or at the very least serving on one of the standing committees to help move our efforts forward to benefit our Parish and Community.

To be a council officer, a Knight must be a Third Degree member in good standing of the Order.

[Contact John Green greens220@hotmail.com](mailto:greens220@hotmail.com) to stand for election to one of these offices.

GRAND KNIGHT

The Grand Knight is responsible for the overall welfare of the council. Elected annually by the council membership, the grand knight must provide thoughtful and inspired leadership to the council officers, the Service Program directors, chairmen and members of the council.

More specifically, his duties include: presiding over council meetings; acting as an ex officio member of all committees; appointing the membership and program directors and working with them on the selection of Service Program activities chairmen and membership recruitment teams and retention chairmen; convening officers for a monthly meeting; appointing special committees not mandated by the laws of the council; overseeing the proper exemplification of new members; and, finally, making sure that all reports and reporting forms required by the state or Supreme Council offices are submitted on time.

The Grand Knight also interacts with the Financial Secretary and Treasurer to ensure the council is meeting its financial obligations to the Supreme and state councils, and others. The Grand Knight countersigns all orders drawn and signed by the Financial Secretary and all checks drawn and signed by the Treasurer. He also reads the vouchers from the Financial Secretary of moneys paid to the Treasurer and from the Treasurer of moneys deposited in the bank. By these procedures, the Grand Knight monitors the performance of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, working with them to help the council meet its financial obligations.

Finally, the Grand Knight, together with the Deputy Grand Knight and Trustees, are responsible for recommending a chaplain to the ordinary of the diocese for his appointment.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

The Deputy Grand Knight is the second in command in the local council. He is also elected annually, assists the Grand knight in the operation of council affairs and is responsible for any duties assigned to him by the grand Knight. In the absence of the Grand Knight, the Deputy Grand Knight presides at council meetings and functions as the Grand Knight would. It is suggested that the **deputy grand knight and the board of trustees serve on the council's retention committee.**

CHANCELLOR

The Chancellor is elected annually to serve the council in a variety of ways. Primarily, he assists the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight in the execution of their duties and takes charge of the council during the incapacity or extended absence of both.

With the cooperation and support of the Grand Knight, the Chancellor has the important duty of strengthening the members' interest in council activities. It is recommended that the chancellor serve as the chairman of the council's Admission Committee.

RECORDER

The Recorder is responsible for keeping a true record of all the actions of the council and maintains all correspondence of the council. **He should use the "Recorder's Minute Book" to record the minutes of all council meetings.**

TREASURER

The Treasurer is the elected official in charge of handling all council funds. He receives money from the Financial Secretary and issues a receipt for such. He is also responsible for depositing all money in the proper council accounts and providing a voucher or certificate of deposit to the grand knight for each transaction. Finally, the Treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate accounts of the monies in the general expense fund of the council and the amount of money in any special funds established by the council. He must be able to provide up to-date records on these accounts to the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary or Board of Trustees. The Treasurer is also responsible for issuing payments to the Supreme Council on all assessments made by it to the council and for all orders of the council.



ADVOCATE

The Advocate is the parliamentarian for the council. He need not be a member of the legal profession; however, he should be **thoroughly familiar with all of the laws of the Order as stated in the “Charter, Constitution and Laws” and with the council by-laws.** When a by-law is to be revised, the Advocate serves as chairman of the revision committee.

The Advocate should also have a working knowledge of “Robert’s Rules of Order,” and the Supreme Council flyer, “Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting”. An understanding of both of these will help keep meetings on track.

When needed, the Advocate shall seek legal assistance from the State Advocate. In matters of trial of council members, the Advocate shall prosecute the charges on behalf of the council.

WARDEN

The Warden is responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property, except that which belongs to the Financial Secretary.

He sets up the council chambers for meetings and degrees and appoints and supervises guards for ceremonial exemplifications. The Warden should also oversee the Inside and Outside Guards and make sure they are fulfilling the duties assigned to them.

INSIDE and OUTSIDE GUARDS

The Guards attend the doors of the council chamber, checking on current membership cards before allowing entrance.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees consists of the Grand Knight and three members elected by the council. Trustees supervise all financial business of the council. They serve as auditors for the semiannual audits and oversee the work of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer. The Grand Knight is the chairman of the board. It is suggested that the Board of Trustees and the Deputy Grand **Knight serve on the council’s retention committee.**

Trustees are elected for terms of three years, two years and one year. At each regular election, the position of each trustee will be voted upon, and the current three and two year trustees move on to become two and one year trustees, respectively.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Financial Secretary’s important role is underscored by the fact that he is not elected by the membership but, his appointment – upon the recommendation of the Grand Knight and Trustees – is approved by the Supreme Knight for a period of three years. His work has a direct effect on council members, his fellow officers, the state council and the Supreme Council.

Basically, the Financial Secretary’s duties revolve around two key areas of council activities: financial records and membership records. The Financial Secretary collects and receives all moneys that come into the council from any source. He then turns that money over to the treasurer for deposit in the council account.

One main function of the Financial Secretary is to collect money, in the form of dues, from members. He sends out billing notices before the start of the billing period and initiates retention measures to prevent members from being suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The compilation of membership records is another of the Financial Secretary’s important roles. He must ensure that new members sign the constitutional roll of membership at the time of their exemplification. The Financial Secretary also applies to the Supreme Council office for honorary and honorary life membership cards for qualified members.

Besides these two major responsibilities, the Financial Secretary has several others. They include: handling supply orders for **members with the Supreme Council Supply Department; filing the “Report of Officers” with the Supreme Council office; and reporting all membership/insurance transactions to the Supreme Council office in a timely and correct manner.**

The Supreme Council also makes available personal computer software and associated reports and supplies to assist Financial Secretaries to automate record keeping/billing tasks.



Lent

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Each year, through Mother Church, God **"gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed... as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ"** (Preface of Lent I). We can thus journey from Easter to Easter towards the fulfillment of the salvation we have already received as a **result of Christ's paschal mystery – "for in hope we were saved"** (Romans 8:24). This mystery of salvation, already at work in us during our earthly lives, is a dynamic process that also embraces history and all of creation. As Saint Paul says, **"the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God"** (Romans 8:19). In this perspective, I would like to offer a few reflections to accompany our journey of conversion this coming Lent.

1. The redemption of creation

The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of **Christ's passion, death, and resurrection**, the culmination of the liturgical year, calls us yearly to undertake a journey of preparation, in the knowledge that our being conformed to Christ (cf. Romans 8: 29) is a **priceless gift of God's mercy**.

When we live as children of God, redeemed, led by the Holy Spirit (cf. Romans 8:14) and capable of acknowledging and **obeying God's law, beginning with the law** written on our hearts and in nature, we also benefit creation by cooperating in its redemption. That is why Saint Paul says that creation eagerly longs for the revelation of the children of God; in other words, that all **those who enjoy the grace of Jesus' paschal mystery** may experience its fulfillment in the redemption of the human body itself. When the love of Christ transfigures the lives of the saints in spirit, body, and soul, they give praise to God. Through prayer, contemplation, and art, they also include other creatures in that praise, as we see admirably expressed in the **"Canticle of the Creatures"** by Saint Francis of Assisi (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 87). **Yet in this world, the harmony generated by redemption is constantly threatened by the negative power of sin and death.**

2. The destructive power of sin

Indeed, when we fail to live as children of God, we often behave in a destructive way towards our neighbors and other creatures – and ourselves as well – since we begin to think more or less consciously that we can use them as we will. Intemperance then takes the upper hand: we start to live a life that exceeds those limits imposed by our human condition and nature itself. We yield

to those untrammelled desires that the Book of Wisdom sees as typical of the ungodly, those who act without thought for God or hope for the future (cf. 2:1-11). Unless we tend constantly towards Easter, towards the horizon of the Resurrection, the mentality expressed in the slogans **"I want it all and I want it now!"** and **"Too much is never enough"**, gains the upper hand.

The root of all evil, as we know, is the sin, which from its first appearance has disrupted our communion with God, with others and with creation itself, to which we are linked in a particular way by our body. This rupture of communion with God likewise undermines our harmonious relationship with the environment in which we are called to live, so that the garden has become a wilderness (cf. Genesis 3:17-18). Sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for his own interests, to the detriment of other creatures.

Once God's law, the law of love, is forsaken, then the law of the strong over the weak takes over. The sin that lurks in the human heart (cf. Mark 7:20-23) takes the shape of greed and unbridled pursuit of comfort, lack of concern for the good of others and even of oneself. It leads to the exploitation of creation, both persons and the environment, due to that insatiable covetousness which sees every desire as a right and sooner or later destroys all those in its grip.

3. The healing power of repentance and forgiveness

Creation urgently needs the revelation of the children of God, who have been made **"a new creation"**. For **"if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come"** (Second Corinthians 5:17). Indeed, by virtue of their being revealed, creation itself can celebrate a Pasch, opening itself to a new heaven and new earth (cf. Revelation 21:1). The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion, and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery.

This "eager longing", this expectation of all creation, will be fulfilled in the revelation of the children of God, that is when Christians and all people enter decisively into the "travail" that conversion entails. All creation is called, with us, to go forth "from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Romans 8:21). Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal

mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to **"devour" everything to satisfy our voracity** and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. **And thus to rediscover the joy of God's plan** for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

Dear brothers and sisters, the "Lenten" period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the desert of creation had the goal of making it once more that garden of communion with God that it was before original sin (cf. Mark 1:12-13; Isaiah 51:3). May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to **creation, so that it may be "set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God"** (Romans 8:21). Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to **Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.**



**PERSON****WE ARE IN PRAYER**

<u>FOR</u>	<u>RELATION</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>DATE ADDED</u>
Bob Connor	Brother Knight	Passed away	12/2021
For All Deceased Brother Knights			
April Kiesznowski	Columbiette	Illness	02/2022
Yvonne Gandron	Wife of Bro Dave	Surgery	01/2022
John Green	Brother Knight	Surgery	03/2022
Tim Chase	Brother Knight	Illness	09/2021
S/K Jeff Mathews	Brother Knight	Illness	10/2021
Connie Bertollette	Wife of Brother Barry	Illness	10/2021
Amy Bertollette	Daughter of Brother Barry	Cancer	10/2021
Mary Lehman	Wife of Brother Steve	Illness	01/2022
Kristen Bray	Columbiette	Illness	10/2021
Don Belofski	Brother Don	Illness	09/2017
Keven Casey	Brother Knight	Illness	09/2021
Linda Cawa	Wife-Brother Knight	Illness	08/2020
Sal Cawa	Brother Knight	Illness	08/2020
Clivia Chin	Sister-in-law -Bob Wheeler	Illness	03/2021
Mark Cormier	Son-Ted Cormier	Illness	06/2020
George Coyle	Brother Knight	Illness	
David Crispi	Brother Ken Johnson req.	Illness	
Richard Glass	Brother Knight	Detached Retina	
Ellen Guttridge	Wife-Bill Guttridge	Illness	07/2016
Vic Haugen	Brother Knight	Illness	03/2021
Karen Hopper	Sister of Brother John Green	Cancer	08/2016
Jan Johnson	Wife-Ken Johnson	Illness	03/2020
Beverly Kachmarik	Wife-S/K Bob Kachmarik	Cancer	05/2018
Mrs. McEachern	Mother of S/K Eddie	Illness	05/2021
S/K Eddie McEachern	Brother Knight	Illness	03/2020
Doug McEachern	Brother of S/K Eddie	Surgery	05/2021
Ron Mikesh	Brother Knight	Parkinsons	08/2016
Lake Speed (family)	Family of Brother Knight	Illness	03/2021
Bill Waterson	Brother Knight	Cancer	03/2017
Michelle Belofski	Br. Don Belofski Daughter	Illness	03/2021
Hyacinth Wheeler	Wife of Bro. Bob	Illness	05/2021
Regina Morris	Daughter of Bro Art Eberhardt	Heart Attack	07/2021
Mike Connor		illness	10/2021



Oppressed Christians
All Affected by COVID-19

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March 2022



Lent

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Officers Meeting Guadalupe Hall	Ash Wednesday		Stations of The Cross 7 PM	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Donate to St. James		Business Meeting - Guadalupe Hall			Stations of The Cross 7 PM	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Donate to LAMB	Knights lead Rosary 6:00 PM	Family Dinner			Stations of The Cross 7 PM	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Knights Breakfast HELP 7-12:30	Eat for LAMB El Amigo				Stations of The Cross 7 PM	
27	28	29	30	31		
Donate to LAMB						

Council 7450 graciously thanks these establishments for their support of OPERATION L.A.M.B. Charitable Giving Days. Brothers, Please support them by dine-in or order take out from our generous sponsors!



- El Amigo Restaurant specializes in authentic Mexican cuisine. Enjoy all of your traditional favorites prepared by our friendly staff, just the way you like it. We are proud to serve the finest Mexican food in the area. We look forward to serving you delicious Mexican Cuisine. OPERATING HOURS:
- Sunday to Thursday 11:00am to 10:00pm. Friday & Saturday 11:00am to 10:30pm .
- ADDRESS: 1776 SOUTH CANNON BLVD, Kannapolis, NC. 28083
- TELEPHONE:(704) 938-1111



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Concord, NC 28027 704-795-7437**



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Special Olympics



Special Olympics will be held on Wed/Thurs April 6 & 7 at Cabarrus Arena. Knights Council 7450 sponsors and presents the awards on these days. This is a very special event to work.

Come marvel at the competition and share their excitement!

Please contact Joe Andruzzi 704-796-0075 to sign up.



Join us Saturday, March 19th —
Geiger Hall Classroom 6:00 PM
Trip Presentation & Video with
Q & A!

GRAND EXPEDITION

WITH JOHN & SUE GREEN

Amsterdam, Luxembourg, Brussels

WITH EXTENSION TO BRUGES

April 8-17, 2023

EXTENSION APRIL 17-19, 2023

All Are Welcome

Go to
<https://www.grouptoursite.com/tours/greenABL> for full itinerary and pricing

Knights In Action



Operation L.A.M.B.

George and Jeff present 3 checks, each for \$2366 to Amy Channell, Department Head for Special Needs, Cabarrus County Schools. These represent the funds raised during 2021 for Operation L.A.M.B.

Thanks to all who donated and/or supported our effort, especially George Twigger & Jeff Mathews!

Remember—Our Charitable Giving Days, the Mother's Day and Christmas Breakfast are some of our largest efforts to help.