



The Golden Plume

District of North Carolina

July 2007



Master's Message

Worthy Sirs,

Vivat Jesus!

Another Fraternal Year has come and gone. It seems that they go faster every year, maybe it is due to my getting a little older each year.

I want to thank all of the Assembly Officers for the work they have accomplished this past year. As a District, we have been very successful. This does not happen accidentally, but is due to dedication and hard work.

I want to especially thank those FDM's, FVSM and PFN's who assisted me when I was unable to be at an event at a local Assembly. The cooperation in North Carolina cannot be matched anywhere in the Order.

A Big Thanks goes to the Faithful Navigators who led their Assemblies to another terrific year. Of course you could not have accomplished all you did without the cooperation and assistance of all of your local Sir Knights.

A Special Thanks goes to the four Sir Knights who organized and carried out the starting of New Assemblies. These Sir Knights are: SK Richard Hamel, Maggie Valley, Sir Knight, Kevin McGrath, Kill Devil Hills, Sir Knight Lee Heavlin, Chapel Hill and Sir Knight, Jean Dion, Kernersville. With the leadership of these Sir Knights, North Carolina was able to achieve 200% of their goal for new assemblies.

Now I realize that no One Sir Knight could get a New Assembly going, all by himself, but these are the Sir Knights that I personally worked with to achieve these four new Assemblies.

Another terrific accomplishment for the fraternal year was our increase in membership. We ended the year at 122% of our Goal, set by Supreme. This

was due, in large part, by the extremely successful Mini-Exemplification, hosted by the New Bern Assembly. Not only did this Mini gain us 97 new members, but it also gave some Knights the opportunity to become a Sir Knight as they are elderly and cannot travel long distances to receive their Exemplification. Also the terrific turnout by our active Military personnel at this Mini.

I would be remiss if I did not congratulate the newly elected Officers of our State Council. I look forward to working with New State Deputy, John Gouldie and his entire staff.

Last but not least, I want to encourage each Assembly in North Carolina to do their best job of recruiting for the October 29, 2007 Exemplification to be held at Concord Mills Embassy Suites Hotel. I have set a goal of 200 New Sir Knights for this Exemplification. With it being 5 years since we last had an Exemplification in the Charlotte area we should be able to exceed this number. I will guarantee a good time for all those who attend this Exemplification, as Candidates or Observers. We do not often get the opportunity to honor a Local Supreme Director as Honoree of an Exemplification. This year's honoree will be Supreme Director, John Harrison. Please all do your best job of recruiting so we can have our greatest Exemplification every.

Fraternally,

Robert J. "Bob" Singer, PSD
North Carolina District Master



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH
DEGREE
Highest degree of Knighthood.

SIR KNIGHT of the MONTH JUNE 2007

The “Sir Knight of the Month” for June 2007 is as dedicated a Sir Knight as I have known. He has given of his time, to the Knights of Columbus, and has been extremely helpful and cooperative to the North Carolina Fourth Degree. Many people with his responsibilities would beg off any additional requests for help, but not this Sir Knight.

No one in North Carolina has had more responsibility, during the past two years, than our Sir Knight for June. In May of 2005 this Sir Knight was elected to be our State Deputy beginning in July 2005. With this kind of responsibility it is understandable that one would have to back away from other responsibilities to give all their effort in leading the North Carolina Knights of Columbus. This Sir Knight did not shirk any requests made of him, but volunteered assistance on many occasions. In September 2006 this Sir Knight accepted an invitation to attend the District Masters Provincial Meeting in Atlanta, GA. Due to other commitments for this same weekend, this Sir Knight drove in early morning hours, and at night, to and from Atlanta so he could meet his other obligations, but still attended this important Provincial Meeting.

Never have I asked this Sir Knight for anything that he has not agreed to assist me. This kind of working together is not available in every State.

Of course with the above description of this Sir Knights work, it is apparent that my Sir Knight of the Month for June 2007 goes to:

State Deputy Robert J. Grabasky

I can assure you that if he was aware of this recognition coming, he would have asked me to refrain from naming him and giving the recognition to the many Sir Knights in North Carolina who are so dedicated to the Order.

Worthy Sir Knight, State Deputy Bob Grabasky, you have made my job as District Master easier and enjoyable through my working with you and your State Officers.





**North Carolina Fourth Degree
Exemplification**



Honoring

Supreme Director John A. Harrison, PSD

October 20, 2007

Embassy Suites Hotel

PHONE (704) 455-8200

Concord Mills, North Carolina

(Located between I85 and Lowes Motor Speedway, Exit #49)

**Candidates - \$70.00 (set by Supreme)
Includes pin, baldric and candidates banquet**

**Guest Banquet - \$47.00
Ladies Luncheon - \$20.00**

**Candidate Form 4/with Assembly check to
District Master by October 1, 2007**

**Candidate must be Third Degree Member.
Candidates with 6 months but less than one year of
Membership in the First Degree must have a Waiver.
Form 4 to Master by October 1, for Waiver.**

**The Hotel Suite Rate is: \$129.00/Day
Includes Full Cooked Breakfast for 2, with each Suite
Managers Hospitality Hour each evening**

**Goal is for 200 Candidates,
Recruit, Recruit, Recruit**