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NEW STATE WARDEN

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I am extremely pleased to share with you that Joe McCarthy was elected the new **State Warden of the Knights of Columbus in North Carolina**. This is a significant accomplishment for Joe, and one that is certainly well-deserved.

Joe will serve a one year term as State Warden, then begin his journey through the roles of State Advocate, State Treasurer, State Secretary, and then to the top job in the Knights of Columbus in North Carolina as State Deputy.

Joe has a long career in the Knights, joining in 2000 in Milford, Massachusetts. He has served as Grand Knight of two councils (Valencia and All Saints), Faithful Navigator (St. Francis of Assisi), District Deputy (Massachusetts and North Carolina), and is currently serving as the Regional District Deputy for District 2 -- which has been a role that fits perfectly into Joe's passion — Servant Leadership. Joe spends many hours helping Grand Knights and District Deputies reach their goals and grow their Councils and Districts. Joe has shared his insight and his vast experience to help others succeed. He is a senior statesman who offers his wisdom and his encouragement with a friendly smile and a gentle hand, leading his Brother Knights by his example of faith, service to others, and commitment to the principles of our Order.

Congratulations Brother Joe. Your Brother Knights of St. Francis of Assisi are very proud of your accomplishments. May God guide you on your journey and may He help you lead your Brother Knights in service to others. God Bless.

Written by: Mike Wrzesien. PGK

The State Warden is similar to the Council's warden/Assembly's pilot, I will be responsible for setting up the room for all state events and making sure all attending are Knights. In addition, I will be responsible for making sure the State has the forms from all of the councils. It should be interesting! Especially as I make my way through State Advocate, State Treasurer, State Secretary, State Deputy and, finally, Immediate Past State Deputy! I have much to learn in the years to come!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, THE WAY OF SORROWS



This past Easter season, on Good Friday evening, our Council directed a procession for the Stations of the Cross. PGK, Bob Weisenberger and his wife Jackie, organized the prayerful event by diagramming an outdoor trek which guided over 75 parishioners throughout the Church campus starting at the TFS courtyard, continuing around the school buildings, pausing at the Chapel and ending in Memorial Garden. The prayers at each of the 14 Stations, describing the passion of Our Lord, were read by Knights while another group led the parishioners along the route. Having the Stations of the Cross as an outdoor event, which began two years ago at the request of Father Jim, has gained popularity among the parishioners and will continue in the future.

FOOD DRIVE AT ST. FRANCIS



FOOD DRIVE

The weekend of May 8-9th was designated as a food collection drive for Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Louisburg. Brothers Steve Becker and David Payne joined Ashley Watson and Mary Arleth in collecting and delivering over 8,000 pounds of food and necessary commodities which were generously donated by our parishioners. Besides this bountiful of food, \$3,200 was added to the collection. Again, our parishioners illustrated their charity and generosity recognizing the needs of the Church in Louisburg.

DURHAM BULLS BASEBALL



After the suspended baseball season of 2020, the Durham Bull's 2021 season was re-instated but with many adjustments to include a limited number of games, reduced allowed attendance, hence less operating concessions. Since the Durham Bulls represent the Council's main fundraiser, we were anxious to get back to work but were worried if we would still be part their concession operations. Thanks to Brother Mike Wrzesien who kept in constant contact with the Bull's organization and due to our Council's past reliability, we were selected to continue to be part of the limited sales staff. Brother Mike signed us up for 21 games which requires 4 to 5 Brothers operating 2 beer stands at each game. With just a few games into the season, our earned commissions so far will exceed the fraternal year's budget. Obviously, these outstanding results will enable the Council to get back to supporting our charitable causes.

SOCIAL DINNER IN THE PARK, MAY 18



For the first time in over a year, our Brothers and spouses met for a face-to-face social dinner. As covid restrictions began to mitigate, the desire to renew our monthly socials started to gain more interest. In order to ensure extra precautions, the event occurred outdoors at Laurel Hills Park in a picnic area. And, to put additional safeguards in place, attendees were asked to bring their own food. The evening was filled with laughter, stories and good old friendship very much missed for a long time!! The plan is to continue with the popular monthly socials.

JUNE SOCIAL AT THE CAROLINA ALE HOUSE



The attendance at our second social this year was exceptional, probably one of the best, as over 40 guests came to have a good time. Brother Michael Rock rightly chose the Carolina Ale House in Brier Creek because we were assigned to their patio area enabling us to have lots of privacy. At times the chatter got a little loud but that's one of the reasons for the monthly gathering, to socialize and have fun. At one point our Grand Knight, Bryan Kozak, thanked the group for the outstanding turnout and also took a few minutes to explain a new award, The Fr. David McBriar Lifetime Achievement Award, that was created by the Council officers. Next, came the presentation to the chosen recipient, Dino Pinelli, who received applause and acclamation from the entire group.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD GOES TO DINO PINELLI



THE FR. DAVID MCBRIAR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The criteria established by our Officers in order to be considered for the Lifetime Achievement Award requires a Knight, year after year, to far exceed Council expectations. The achievements are based on the principles of the Knights of Columbus: charity, unity and fraternity. Dino Pinelli has consistently applied these principles, often without solicitation and always without seeking recognition. Here are a few examples: he raised funds (\$4,100) for the ravaged people of Italy who experienced a 6.2 earthquake in 2016. He raises funds, year after year, for the Veterans Life Center in Butner, NC whose goal is to help at-risk veterans suffering from social and personal problems. He has supported our Council in many ways by buying large quantities of the State Raffle tickets every year, by helping the Council raise funds for the Taste of Italy dinners at St. Francis, by offering low prices for the Council's Christmas and Valentine family dinners at his restaurant, Capri. The list can continue but we know that Dino Pinelli is a well-deserved recipient of our Council's first Fr. David McBriar Lifetime Achievement Award.

STEVE BECKER AWARDED KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

There are 17,000 Knights in North Carolina. Among that population, Brother Steve Becker was chosen KNIGHT OF THE YEAR 2020-2021. Why? Here are some of the reasons: As lector at St. Francis of Assisi Church, often with his wife Cece, he volunteers to serve in numerous Masses. As a Brother Knight, he demonstrates a commitment to his fraternal pledge by attending to Brothers that require personal care, driving them to the doctors, delivering food during covid, even mowing their lawns. As Deputy Grand Knight, and Grand Knight elect, his leadership enabled the Council to achieve many successes, namely exceeding the Council's State Raffle goal, organizing Food Drives for people in need, just to name a few. **Brother Steve, E Pluribus Unum--Out of Many, One!!**



OFFICERS ELECTED FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2021-2022

Grand Knight--Steve Becker
* Deputy Grand Knight--David Payne
* Chancellor--Keith Houchin
* Financial Secretary--Sean Flanagan (appointed)
* Treasurer--Mark Baumgartner
* Advocate--Tony Rivezzo
* Warden--Antonio Lopez
* Recorder--Omar Bashi
* Outside Guard--Gerald Kearney
* Inside Guard--Akuro Adoki
* 2 Year Trustee--Bob Weisenberger
* 1 Year Trustee--Mike Wrzesien

Happy to Announce that Fr Jairo will be our Chaplin

APRIL-MAY-JUNE MONTHLY AWARDS

* Knight of the Month--Antonio Lopez, Fr. Jairo, Chuck Hennesen
* Family of the Month--Bill and Donna Quirk, Brian and Peggy Denison,
Gerald and Michelle Kearney

--MEMORIAL DAY MASS --



MEMORIAL DAY, MAY31

To express our gratitude, the Council continues to pay homage on Memorial Day to the men and women who served in the military, those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while in the line of duty and those who have passed away after serving. Each year on May 31 a Mass is offered at St. Francis of Assisi for all veterans. Monsignor Clay celebrated this years Mass in Memorial Garden. After Mass, a Military Honor Guard conducted a flag ceremony to honor two men who have served their country: Henry A. Michal, Sergeant, Army and Richard S. Wrzesien, Staff Sergeant, Air Force, who is the deceased father of PGK and FN Michael Wrzesien. Over the years, SK Jeff Rohman has been responsible for organizing this patriotic event which enable us to give thanks to the veterans for their service and pray for their souls.



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The Questions at retirement become...
What is protecting my retirement portfolio which will be generating income for me and my surviving spouse?

What are the funding sources to pay for the extended care I will likely need?

Most common reasons people need long-term care

- Fractured bones from a fall or accident
- Recovering from an illness or surgery
- High Blood Pressure and Diabetes
- Alzheimer’s disease and dementia
- Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
- Parkinson’s Disease
- Heart Disease
- Strokes
- Head injury, again commonly caused by falls
- Obesity and other chronic or terminal medical conditions



Annual Median Costs: North Carolina (2020 vs. 2030)

	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2030
Home Health Care - 44 hours a week		
Homemaker Services	\$45,760	\$61,498
Homemaker Health Aide	\$48,048	\$64,572
Adult Day Health Care - 5 days a week		
Adult Day Health Care	\$15,340	\$20,616
Assisted Living Facility		
Private, One Bedroom	\$45,600	\$61,283
Nursing Home Care		
Semi-Private Room	\$87,600	\$117,727
Private Room	\$96,725	\$129,990

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



The summer solstice has come and passed and with that, the end of the fraternal year is upon us. I wanted to take this time to thank, to reflect and to look forward in a manner very similar to the daily *Examen* prayer of St. Ignatius that I find myself using very often.

- Relish the moments that went well and all of the gifts I have today.
 - Request the Spirit to lead me through my review of the day.
 - Review the day.
 - Repent of any mistakes or failures.
- Resolve, in concrete ways, to live tomorrow well.

First of all I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, your support, your critiques and concerns. All of these items allowed me in conjunction with the council of officers to steer and guide the council through arguably the most challenging year our council has faced during the height of the COVID pandemic. Personally I would like to thank our Deputy Grand Knight, Steve Becker for being my shoulder to lean on when my work and family obligations stacked up and he was able to quickly respond with day-to-day operations within the council. To our Financial Secretary Sean Flanagan and our Membership Director Shawn Bayle through your team's efforts we were able to have one of the most successful membership and retention campaigns in recent memory. Most importantly I owe thanks to my wife Kathleen and my family who serve as my backbone and are the crux of our organization to ensure perpetual support of our spouses and children as we live our faith life as Catholic Gentlemen.

Reflecting on the past year we were able to rebalance our charity to efforts of time and talent recognizing treasure would be difficult with the loss of the 2020 Durham Bulls Baseball Season. Some highlights of the efforts of the last year include:

- Support of the parish essential needs drive and multiple Catholic Charities drives that saw us help deliver multiple trucks filled with items necessary for healthy daily life and basic sustenance.
- Helping keep our faith tradition alive by being an active, physical presence of the liturgy when the church was "closed" or participation was limited to no more than 100 parishioners.
- Keeping the street in front of our parish clean with quarterly highway cleanups.
- Hosting multiple blood drives that saw St. Francis as the single largest religious affiliated source in the region for blood.
- Development of an activity repository to allow seamless transition and continuity of all council activities
- Creation of the Fr. David McBriar Memorial Award to recognize profound longstanding support provided by brother's within our council
- Help with construction and expansion of "321 Coffee" at the State Farmer's market to allow the company to increase its operational capacity and profits to benefit groups that support people with disabilities and allow those employed to work with dignity and respect
- Adding dedicated time within our business meetings to pause, pray and remember our departed brothers
- Many other activities above and beyond those listed here

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I also know there were several ideas and projects that I could not get off of the ground. Those projects circled around trying to develop a retreat for the council that focused on St. Joseph during this year of St. Joseph. For this and my other shortcomings as the Grand Knight I ask for your forgiveness.

Looking forward to the future I strongly feel the council is in a solid position to emerge from this COVID pandemic strong. The NC State Council Knight of the Year is our incoming Grand Knight, Steve Becker. We now have a Chaplain to fill a longstanding void within our council (a thousand thanks to Father Jairo), we have an officer on the state council with Joe McCarthy being elected to be the position of State Warden. Add to these highlights the tremendous benefits coming from the return of Durham Bulls baseball and a solid core of officers filling new roles the sky is the limit for All Saints Council.

Once again thank you for the honor of being able to serve you, my brothers, as Grand Knight, continue your prayers for the many ills of the world, for the strengthening of our faith and our families and the continuous of the many deeds and works of this Council and the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!



Bryan Kozak



PRAYING THE ROSARY

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 councils promote devotion to the rosary in their families and parishes by scheduling [rosary prayer services](#).

Pope Francis launched a rosary [marathon](#) at the beginning of May, encouraging the faithful around the world to pray daily for an end to the pandemic. And there is no better time to honor the Blessed Mother.

Article taken from the Knightline