



Knightslife

St Raphael's Council 9880 Knights of Columbus

July 2002

Grand Knight Report

Brothers,

I have just returned from the State Organizational Meeting in Greensboro and I must say that the State Officers did a great job in organizing the meeting. I want to start off my first report by laying out my goals for the council this year. The four themes that I want to focus on are:

- 1) Take care of our own
- 2) Increase participation of active members
- 3) Make sure we win awards for Family, Council, Community, Sports, and Membership
- 4) Make a positive impact in people's lives.

Well, you are probably asking, "How do you propose we do this?" I am glad you asked.

1) Take care of our own. As a council we do a poor job of helping our own members and their families who need it. We do such a great

job for everybody else that we tend to neglect our own members in need of aid. It's time to be a little more selfish. At the last meeting Don Lawrence (850-9248) and John Hall (846-1587) stepped up to be the go to brothers if a knight or family member is sick, disabled, or in need of assistance. If you or a brother knight you know of is sick or in need of help contact Don or John.

Ed Cody (782-1215) is the necrology and widows contact. Widows and orphans of Knights should be looked after and contacted quarterly. They should also have a free pass to all of our dinners and functions. If you are interested in helping Ed with the widows or Don and John please let them know.

2) Increase Participation. This is the goal of every volunteer organization. I understand that this is a volunteer organization so every bit of help is appreciated. For us to accomplish our goals we need broader participation. I don't expect to have 100% attendance at the meetings or the projects. What I am going to do is to make the following requests of the membership: 1) If you haven't attended a

meeting in the last 12 mos., please make it a point to attend one before 2002 is out. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 in room 159. After the meeting we socialize and enjoy some food and beverages. 2) There are four major events of the year; Op Lamb; Octoberfest; the Winter Dinner; and the Car Raffle. I would like 100% support of all four. Ok not likely but shoot for three out of four. Support is Working at the event; attending the event as a paying customer; donating to the raffle or Op Lamb; helping behind the scenes in the preparation of the event. We have a number of knights who attend the events but do not work them and that is equally appreciated. 3) Work on a couple of projects. Show up to Capital Towers or help build a ramp. Pick one project a year. Every little bit of help is appreciated.

The next plan I am implementing at the officer meeting is the phone list. The officers will be handed a phone list or mailed on if they aren't there on the 30th. For us to increase participation I am pleading to the officers for help on calling members to solicit volunteerism.

3) To win awards we need to complete projects and get reports in. Gordon and I will be calling a meeting of the program directors in the next month to set the agenda for the year. Program directors - stay tuned.

4) If we can do the first three we will have made a real positive impact on peoples lives. The more people that step up the more good things we will be able to do. We need broad participation so the same people do not get burned out. We have a lot of great men in this council with many different talents. The parish of St Raphael's is very lucky to have us. Let's go forth and make our organization stand out so much that the other men in the parish will break down our doors to join!

Vivat Jesus, Jack G Giamportone GK

Flash ... New Nightlife Editor

Starting with this July issue of St. Raphael's Council 9880 newsletter, *Knightslife*, Mark Parrish (848-1708) will take

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the long-honored post of editor. In a recent interview, Mark was all smiles saying, "It'll be a snap! The way my predecessor Andy Demchak has laid everything out makes my job easy." Mark was quick to point out that Andy had the post for several years and had brought the monthly newsletter to its present, well polished condition.

Mark went on to say, "I hope the readers don't expect the Award winning, Demchakian level of excellence on the first issue. It will take a while, but I will get there." The future looks hopeful as Mark intends to develop an internet web site where the newsletter can be read or downloaded. The web site will also contain back issues of Knightlife, a member directory, calendar, current events, a chat room of some sort, and several other features.

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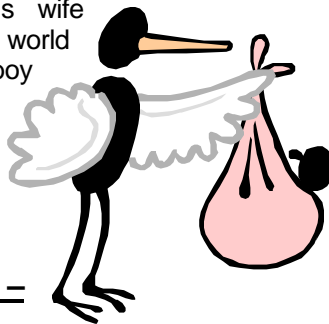
Council Calendar

1st Tuesday Officers' Meeting
2nd Tuesday Business Meeting
4th Tuesday Social Gathering

July 27 Habitat for Humanity
July 30 Officers' Meeting
Aug 10 Handicap Ramp (Gordon Perry)
Aug 30 Council Meeting
Sep 10 Council Meeting
Sept 13-15 State Golf Tournament, Southern Pines
Sept 26-29 Operation Lamb
Oct 3-6 Operation Lamb
Oct 8 Council Meeting
Oct 18-27 NC State Fair
Oct 26 Octoberfest, St. Raphael Campus
Oct 26 4th Degree, Embassy Suites, Cary
Nov 9 Third Degree, Raphael Hall
Nov 12 Council Meeting
Nov 24 – 26 Thanksgiving Basket Sorting and Distribution, Raphael Hall
Dec 9 Council Meeting

Grand Knight Increases Population

GK Jack Giamportone and his wife Carey brought new life into the world on June 28 when their baby boy was born. The bouncing baby, Joesph Jack tipped the scales at 8 lbs, 8 ozs. All are home and doing well. Congratulations, Jack!



8th Annual Run For Life – Sept. 28

Past GK Rick Gall has proposed that the Council support the **2002 Run For Life** fundraiser with a \$300 gift. Run for Life has previously supported Birthchoice, Christian Life Home, AngelPlace, Triangle Down Syndrom Network and Project Rachel. The **8th Annual Run for Life** will benefit **Hannah's House**. The race will be run from St. Luke's Church at 12333 Bayleaf Church Road in Raleigh, NC.

About Hannah's House: This is an after-care home for young women who have recently placed a child for adoption. While there, girls will experience the love of Christ in a family-style home. Houseparents who oversee the home are available to love, comfort, and encourage girls as they recover through the grieving process associated with adoption.

Residents must meet weekly with a counselor on staff during their entire stay. As healing progresses, girls are able to focus more on the continuation of their schooling or can begin work on a GED or job-training program. Residents are able to work full-time and save money for when they complete the program. Houseparents work with the girls on independent living skills and teach them the important Biblical principles of responsibility and discipline. At the same time, the staff are also ministers of God's grace and mercy to these young women.

While not advocating adoption over parenting, the women who make this difficult decision are affirmed. They are often looked upon negatively by society. For a mother to unselfishly look beyond her own desires in favor of choosing what is in the best interest of her child demonstrates a high level of maturity. These women deserve to be honored.

For further information about Hannah's House or to make a referral, call Amy Jones, Director at 919-510-5400. For more information on the Run call: Mary Angelini, 919-845-9296, E-mail: maryangelini@mindspring.com or Paula O'Neal, 919-550-9016, Pager: 919-713-9948, E-mail: rpd2400a@aol.com

Revised Scholarship Program

Past GK Rick Gall proposed several changes in the rules governing the disbursement of scholarship funds from the Knights of Columbus Council 9880. These were accepted by the Council at the July 9 Business Meeting:

1. Each year, the council's trustees will serve on a Scholarship Committee for the purpose of overseeing and controlling the disbursement of scholarship funds for that fraternal year.
2. For the 2002-03 school year, six scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be provided to students in need of financial assistance at St. Raphael Elementary School. Also, two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be provided to students in need of financial assistance at Cardinal Gibbons High School.
3. Each succeeding year, as long as money is available, eight scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be provided to students in need of financial assistance at St. Raphael Elementary School.
4. The council will not recommend, pursue, or be involved in any manner in the selection of the scholarship recipients.
5. Each year, the scholarship committee in concert with the Grand Knight will provide the school's principal with a letter describing the scholarship program and

specifically stating that year's level of assistance. A copy of this letter will be sent to the church pastor.

6. The scholarship committee will be responsible for obtaining the names of the recipients, which will be shared with the Grand Knight, but otherwise held in confidence. The committee will arrange to send each of the recipients a letter of congratulations.
7. All monies currently in the scholarship account, and any added specifically to this account in future years, will be spent on scholarships, and nothing else.
8. The monies shall be held in an interest-bearing account, as determined by the Scholarship Committee.
9. It is the council's intent to perpetuate the scholarship program by giving at least \$4000, and preferably \$6000, annually. Of course, this hinges on the success of yearly fundraising efforts.

Project Gabriel

PGK Bill Hast has been directing the Council's efforts to help project Gabriel and has this report on recent activities. This organization helps single mothers to get back on their feet. On June 22, nine brother knights from our council helped move Leslie Burrell from an apartment off New Bern Ave to another apartment off Marsh Creek Road. Brothers Ed Cody, his sons Dan and Tom, Fred List, Ron McCord, Clayton Rodgers, John Gunther, Rick Gall, and Bill Hast pitched in to move furniture and personal items for Miss Burrell. Many thanks go out to all the brothers for their help and support.

2001-2002 Council 9880 Awards

PKG Rick Gall finished up his term as Grand Knight at the Installation ceremony on July 13 with recognition of individuals and families for their contribution to K of C ideals over the past 6 months. Here is a brief synopsis:

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

January: **Bob & Gerry Madey** for the countless hours they put in on the Christmas Food Baskets and Gifts. Organizing the parish's annual giving tree is a no small task. The Madeys, with plenty of help from their extended family, are responsible for many smiles on Christmas morning.

February: **Steve & Colleen Henion** for organizing and successfully launching the Children's Liturgy during the Sunday 9:30a Mass. This marks the second time that the Henions have been selected Family of the Month this fraternal year.

March: **Tom & Tencha Smith** for organizing the St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance. Along with their sons Thomas (a Knight) and Joseph, the Smiths pulled off a successful

event. About 120 people from the parish and surrounding community enjoyed an Irish dinner, which was followed by a band and dancing.

April: **Frank Castillo and two of his children** "worked" the Kroger on Atlantic Avenue during our one-day bonus Operation Lamb fundraiser.

May: We can always count on **Ron and Diane McCord** to help out on big events, and the Car Raffle was no exception.

June: **Ed, Dan & Tom Cody** pitched in to move a Project Gabriel client from a rough to a nice neighborhood. Did a lot of the heavy lifting and installed the washer/dryer at the new place. Thanks to the Codys, we were done in about an hour.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR: **Henions.** Steve served as Treasurer and Car Raffle Chairman. He's been named the Director of Stewardship and Development for the parish. Colleen launched the Children's Liturgy, was instrumental in bringing back the nursery, leads several Bible Study groups, serves on the Liturgy Committee and Parish Council, and is a member of the Mothers' Group and babysitting coop. They and their children have attended and worked numerous K of C functions, throughout the fraternal year.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

January: **Gilbert Hendricks** goes beyond the call of duty as Warden. He handles the set-up for many of our events and works hard time and again. He often does a lot of the "dirty" work, such as taking out the garbage, wiping down tables, and sweeping. When most people have called it a night, Gilbert is still there working. He's often one of the last Knights to leave.

February: **Joe Halloran** ran our council's most successful Free Throw Contest in years. Nine boys and girls participated. That's almost double the number of the previous three years combined!

March: **Andy Demchak** wore many hats this year ... Recorder, Capital Towers Coordinator, and Newsletter Editor. Thanks to Andy, 9880 won second in the statewide newsletter competition this year.

April: **Andy Rodak** organized our one-day bonus Operation Lamb fundraiser. With help from NC State University students, our council raised more than \$1500.

May: **Jason Cotter** ran our first ever Mother's Day plant sale and

raised more than \$300 for Birth Choice.

June: **Steve Henion** ran the Car Raffle for a second year. It was a big success, netting more than \$11,000.

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR: **Bill Hast** could have went into hiding after finishing his year as Grand Knight. Instead, he participated in more K of C events and projects than any



other member of this council. Often times, when most had gone home, and it was clean up time, he was there to the end. No one works harder than Bill, period.

GOLDEN KNIGHT OF THE YEAR: Gene Knight ... joined the Knights in 1970. Served as Grand Knight three years ago. Continues to be very active. He and his wife Jackie attend many of the social get-togethers. Can count on Gene for good advice ... and also a helping hand. From Capital Towers to distributing Food Baskets to selling Car Raffle tickets, Gene is in the thick of things. This spring, he was the mastermind and chef behind St Patrick's Dinner. Gene is what a Knight should be, and we're proud to have him as a member of this council.

SHINING ARMOR AWARD: Bill Hast, Steve Henion, Jack Giamportone, Rick Gall.

Also, Council 9880 received a Distinguished Council Award from the State and took 2nd Place in the State Newsletter competition.

Octoberfest 2002

Ernie Beauregard is organizing this years Octoberfest fundraiser and has submitted this report. The final date for Octoberfest 2002 is October 26th. The plan is to start 11am and keep open until 9pm. This will be a major indoor/outdoor event. Unfortunately, there will be a conflict with the fourth degree, so we need any (all) of the knights that won't be at the degree to help out. Contact Ernie (850-9733, RLREEFER@aol.com) for more information and to find out how you can help. At the August Council business meeting, Ernie will be giving us the details on Octoberfest. This sounds like the social event of the season!

Letter From Sr. Dolly Glick

Knights of Columbus Council 9880
My dear Brothers in Christ,

This is to acknowledge your very generous check of \$500 which expresses your never ending care for those in need. I wish all of you could come to visit our parish and see what has been accomplished because of your generosity of time and talents. Your folks came in the early days to scrape and paint, power wash, etc. Today our parish house provides opportunities for our parishioners to have faith formation for students and adults, and conduct other parish functions as well as providing comfortable living quarters for me and Rebeca, our lay missioner to the Hispanics. For all of these accomplishments we are very grateful.

When I read KNIGHTLIFE I am always impressed with your challenge to the members to grow closer to God and your outreach in so many ways to those less fortunate; children, senior adults, and handicapped. You are truly following Our Lord's request to "care for the little ones."

I look forward to visiting your parish in August and to meet with you all. May God's spirit remain in your hearts and continue to motivate your actions in the kingdom.

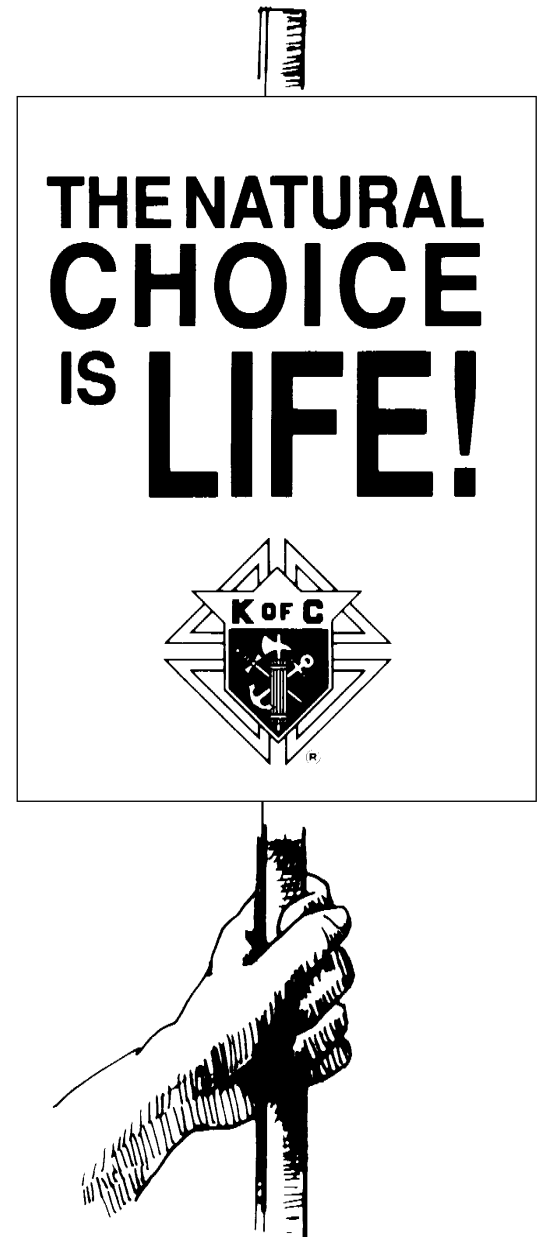
Gratefully in Jesus' Spirit,
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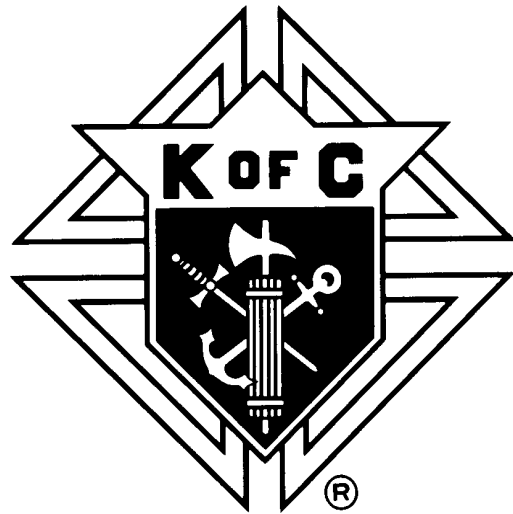
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