



# Knightslife

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## Council Calendar

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7:00 Officers' Meeting rm. 107  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:30 Business Meeting rm. 107

- Feb 21 State Free Throw contest 10-12noon (St Francis)
- Feb 21 Cupids Bingo Night – 6:00pm to 9:00 pm
- Feb 27 Lenten Soup Night – 6 – 9pm Lewis Room
- Feb 28 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at Fr. Price
- Mar 2 Officers Meeting
- Mar 5 Lenten Soup Night – 6 – 9pm Lewis Room
- Mar 6 Capital Towers – 9:00am to 12 noon
- Mar 9 Business meeting
- Mar 12 Lenten Soup Night – 6 – 9pm Lewis Room
- Mar 14 Pancake Breakfast 7am – 12 Noon
- Mar 19 Lenten Soup Night – 6 – 9pm Lewis Room
- Mar 26 Lenten Soup Night – 6 – 9pm Lewis Room
- Apr 2 Lenten Soup Night – 6 – 9pm Lewis Room
- Apr 3 Capital Towers – 9:00am to 12 noon
- Apr 6 Officers Meeting
- Apr 13 Business meeting
- Apr 13 1<sup>st</sup> Degree – St. Raphael
- Apr 25 Blood Drive – Raphael Hall

## Grand Knight

I was hoping for a little breather after the holidays, but it doesn't look as though this is going to happen. We just completed our 2nd Annual Chilifest and are now moving into the Lenten Season. We will be serving soup each Friday, before the Stations of the Cross, during Lent with the exception of Good Friday. After this, we move towards feeding the Masses, no pun intended, the second weekend in March with another Pancake Breakfast. As one Knight mentioned, we are the 'Cooking Knights' of St Raphael!!

As a reminder to all, March is our Membership Blitz month. We have a membership drive scheduled for the weekend of March 20-21. If anyone knows of a potential member, please talk to them about joining the Knights of Columbus.

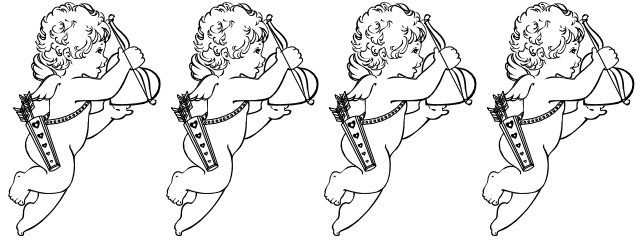
I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events.

Vivat Jesus,

**Gordon Perry, Grand Knight**



## Cupids Bingo Night



Brothers, please mark your calendars for February 21st for we are having a Cupids Bingo night from 6 – 9pm in the Lewis Room. We will be playing bingo with prizes. Prizes will be gift certificates from restaurants, stores, and others. We do ask that you bring some kind of party food. We will supply the beverages. This is a social gathering so bring your families.

We look forward to seeing you there for fun and social interaction with all.

God Bless you all,

**Andy Demchak – Social Director**



## Lenten Soup Supper

Council 9880 will host a Lenten soup supper on each of the six Fridays in lent. This will include 2 or 3 types of soup, bread or crackers, coffee or tea. All Knights, their families, friends and all other members of the parish are welcome. There is no cost to the guests. We are doing this as a service to the parish and to help keep Fridays meatless. Soup will be available from 6:00 - 7:00 (before Stations of the Cross) in the Lewis Room. We will quit serving at 7:00 for the Stations and come back after to clean up. If anyone wants soup after stations, we will serve them at that time as well. Dates are Feb. 27, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2. All Knights and families are welcome to help setup and cleanup or just enjoy each other's company. Soup preparation begins at 5:00 (or so).

**Mark Parrish 919- 848-1708**

## **Capital Towers**

Our next capital towers visitation is on Saturday, March 6th. We help the ladies out by turning mattresses, vacuuming the carpets, wash windows, hang pictures, and other small jobs that they can not do themselves.

We need more knights to come help us out so please let Bill Hast or myself know that your will be there. You can email or call us. Our info is on the last page of this newsletter. Thank you and God Bless You All.

**Andy Demchak, Lecturer**

## **Business Meeting Minutes**

The February business meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Gordon Perry followed with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the January meeting were voted on and accepted as published in the Knightlife. There were no new applications for membership.

Grand Knight Gordon Perry reported on the chili fest. We were about 100 people short on sales but the fest went very well. Thank you to all the brothers who helped out. A pig-pickin will be on May 1st. Gordon brought up the possibility of starting a squires program. A discussion followed and was decided that it would interfere with the churches other youth programs. Mark Parrish volunteered to organize the Lenten Soup Nights.

Treasurer Clayton Rodgers reported that we are \$154.00 in the black.

Financial Secretary Ron McCord reported that there are presently 155 members with 10 pending suspensions bringing the total to 145. We still have 6 unpaid memberships.

Joe Holloran reported on the Free Throw contest on February 21st at St. Francis gym from 11 to 12. We will need 3-4 brothers to help with free throws starting at 10. The districts will follow in the afternoon.

### **Unfinished business:**

A road clean-up will be in March.

The motion from January's meeting to buy sets of regalia for the 4th Degree team was brought to the floor and discussed. Terry Miner made a motion to postpone a decision on this issue. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

### **New business:**

Rick Gall suggested that the Knights buy a first aid kit for Raphael Hall. Gordon Perry said he would look into it.

District Deputy Tom Smith reported on the State Convention May 14-16, 2005. We will elect delegates at the March business meeting. A 1st degree will be at St. Raphael on April 13th.

### **Good of the order:**

Pray for John Harrod's friend Corinne, Mgr. John J Williams and his parents golden anniversary.

The meeting was closed with prayer and the closing ode at 9:00.



## **Free Throw Contest**

The annual K of C Free Throw Contest will be held on Saturday, February 21 at St. Francis Church from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

I am in need and am asking for a few volunteers to help keep score and snag rebounds. With five guys we can keep things rolling smoothly.

If you have questions or to volunteer you may contact Joe at 873-0467 after 5:30pm. The contest is open to boys and girls, 10 -14 years of age. Council winners will qualify for the District competition to be held that same day. Thank you.

The directions to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church are as follows:

From St. Raphael go North on Falls of the Neuse Rd. Turn left onto Strickland Rd. Then turn right onto Six Forks Rd. At the intersection with I-540 turn left onto the West bound entrance ramp. Proceed West on I-540 to Leesville Rd., Exit 7. Turn right onto Leesville Road and proceed to 11401 Leesville Road. Entrance to the Church grounds will be on the left.

**Joe Halloran**

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## **Upcoming Knights Sporting Events**

Here are the dates for the next sporting events:

- Free throw contest 2/21/04-council and district at St. Francis starting at 9am
- State Bowling 3/20/04-Hosted by St. Joseph The Worker Council #9746 at Newton, NC
- Free throw contest 4/3/04-State held at St. Pius The X School Gym 2200 N.Elm St., Greensboro, NC
- Annual Golf Tournament 4/30/04- Hosted by Council #11266 held at The Neuse Golf Club
- State Golf Tournament 8/24-26- Held at Foxfire Country Club in Southern Pines, NC
- International Bowling Tournament 4/16-18,4/23-25,4/30-5/1-2 Held in Utica, NY

**Any questions or comments see John Gunther, Tom Smith, and/or Thomas Smith, Jr.**

## **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**

The Knights of Columbus, in coordination with the Triangle Chapter of the American Red Cross, will be hosting a blood drive for Sunday, April 25th, at St. Raphael's Hall. In order to facilitate the early morning Masses, their doors will open for donor business at 9:00 AM, and continue until 1:30 PM. If you have been a donor in the past, please consider stepping up to the plate once again! Your life-giving gift is needed, especially for a variety of patients. As you know, victims of automobile accidents, people undergoing chemotherapy, operations, leukemia treatments and a host of other metabolic disorders are in need of whole blood or blood products. Your efforts will be life saving and very much appreciated!

Please consider setting aside that Sunday morning to donate.

For any further questions, please contact Brother **Frank Castillo at 510-9589**

## **Cub Scout Pack, #371, sponsored by St. Raphael's Knights of Columbus**

For those who have not heard, the Cub Scout Pack, #371, has had an active first half of the year, since they began their activities in August of 2003. Now as the new year has begun, it is important to make known some of the highlights of their undertakings.

The Pack consists of Tiger Cubs, Bears, and Wolves. Headed by Frank Castillo, Steve and Colleen Henion in their respective posts of den leaders, they have led the boys in a variety of activities. Initially, an effort was to meet at one of the local state parks, but with the onset of rain, Plan B took into effect, and bowling was the order of the day, over at Buffalo Lanes, off of Capital Blvd. The following month was dedicated to preparing for a camping trip by actually practicing to set up the tents and associated camping gear. That Saturday ended with Field Games and Competitions. In October, the entire pack participated in the Boy Scout Camporee, over at Normandy Beach Drop Zone, in Ft. Bragg Army Base. Hosted for the weekend by the 82nd Airborne Staff and Personnel, families from all over the state had chances to see up close Black Hawk and Chinook Helicopters, a mobile communications station, weather station, medic station and weapons station. Apart from the experience of "roughing it" in the field, the families also learned about teamwork and cooperation. Some of the boys also assisted during the K of C Blood Drive, offering refreshments to those who donated blood. There was also a trip out to Occoneechee Mountain, in Hillsborough, for a guided tour by a park ranger of the different trees and an explanation of the changing of their leaves. For November, there was an organized visit to a National Cemetery on the weekend of Veteran's Day to collect some tombstone rubbings from some of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this country's freedoms. That event was rounded up with a visit to the NC History Museum which offered a walk-through tour of a Civil War exhibit. Finally, in December, there was a coordinated effort with the K of C to assist those needy families for the Holiday Food Baskets. A Christmas party was held over one family's house, with gift exchanging, caroling and plenty of munchies.

The leadership, all the while, has been very busy earning their credentials in order to lead this Pack. Boy Scout Leadership standards are high, and much is expected of those who choose to lead by example. It is hoped that this will continue as the boys have much to learn, and many experiences yet to undertake as they aspire towards Eagle Scouts. Only good things are hoped for in 2004, so stay tuned for further developments!

**Frank Castillo**

### **K of C Insurance –**

#### **Seven Resolutions for the New Year**

1. Schedule a visit with your Knights of Columbus field agent. First things first: Life insurance can protect your family if something should happen to you. Before you do anything else, be sure that your family will be protected -

come what may. As your field agent I can provide you with a no-obligation family needs analysis. Just give me a call!

2. Don't spend more than you earn. We all expect our government to balance the budget, but what about our own personal finances? Living within your means is actually more important than earning a big income to gaining a sense of security and personal satisfaction.

3. Save more by avoiding unnecessary expenditures. Unless you achieve self-discipline, you'll never be able to save for the future. If it's a mystery just where your money goes, try saving the receipts for every purchase you make during a month.

4. Take advantage of all savings options available to you. Everybody likes ways to cut taxes - and you probably have one or more savings options that can cut your taxes for you. (P .S. Ask your Knights of Columbus agent about tax-deferred annuities, IRAs and Roth IRAs in the U.S. and RRSPs in Canada.)

5. Adopt a long-term perspective. Beware of get-rich-quick schemes -few of them work for ordinary people. Instead, patience is the more productive approach - and it requires less of your daily energy as well. A long-term outlook is even more crucial if your financial goals (higher education for children, retirement) are well in the future.

6. Trim down your high interest debt as fast as possible. Would you have bought that \$1,000 big-screen TV if the price were \$1,180? That's what you'd pay if you added the 18 percent annual interest typically charged by a store credit card. Even if you're loath to tap your savings account, you'll come out ahead by using it to liquidate a high-interest debt that's been hanging around for months, if not years.

7. Be prepared for unexpected expenditures. When these occur, it certainly helps to have some money in reserve. Some examples of these expenses might include a tax bill, vehicle repairs or purchases, moving costs, unanticipated home repairs - maybe even a discretionary purchase, such as a big-screen television.

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#### **"The 7 Second Prayer"**

Just repeat this prayer and see how God moves!!

**"Lord, I love you and I need you, come into my heart, and bless me, my family, my home, and my friends, in Jesus' name. Amen."**

#### **Editor's Note**

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