



# *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

Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Food Baskets  
Nov. 20 & 21 Membership Drive  
Nov. 25 Thanksgiving  
Dec. 4 Put up lights for Keep Christ in Christmas  
Dec. 5 Pancake Breakfast  
Dec. 18 & 19 Christmas Food Baskets  
Dec. 19 Council Christmas Party in Lewis Room  
Dec. 25 Christmas

## **Grand Knight**

Brother Knights,

To all the Knights, families, and friends who were there for the pot luck dinner Thursday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> I would like to thank you.

Vivat Jesus

**Thomas Smith, Jr. - Grand Knight**

## **Deputy Grand Knight**

Brothers,

I want to give you some dates of upcoming events for the remainder of this calendar year.

11/20 & 11/21 - Food pick-up and distribution in Raphael Hall for Thanksgiving. Call Jeff Price at 261-0246 to volunteer to assist.

11/20 & 11/21 - Membership Drive in atrium. I need to know what mass you can help with. Call me at 971-1087.

12/4 - Put up lights for Keep Christ in Christmas. Call John Gunther at 848-1759 if you can assist.

12/5 - Pancake Breakfast to help fund food baskets at Christmas.

12/18 & 12/19 - Food pick-up and distribution in Raphael Hall for Christmas. Again, Jeff Price is overseeing this event.

12/19 - Council Christmas Party in Lewis Room in the afternoon.

We can use some input from our members to make this the best council it can be. If you have an idea for an event, let us know what it is. We are always looking for new things and new people to help. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving season and be safe.

Vivat Jesus,

**Tom Smith, DGK**

## **Thanksgiving Baskets**

The Knights of Columbus will be providing Thanksgiving food baskets for 25 families in need. Several changes to the food basket program have occurred this year. The Madey's will no longer be providing their behind-the scenes help this year. Jeff Price and Dave Demo will be coordinating with the Hispanic Ministry and the Social Concerns Ministry (and associated ministries) to provide the names of the families in need. Newsletters have been provided to the faith formation students and St. Raphael school students encouraging non-perishable food donations for the food baskets. In addition, several families and the Mothers group have offered to provide food and/or monetary donations to offset the cost for several families. Please consider helping with the food baskets by helping to prepare the baskets on Sunday November 21st in Raphael Hall 10am-noon or by helping distribute the baskets to the families on Sunday November 21st in Raphael Hall from noon-6pm. We will not be distributing the food baskets on Monday to make it easier staffing the help and make it easier for the families to pick up the food baskets.



Jeff Price

## **Council # 9880 Christmas Party**

Brothers,

It is again time for our annual council Christmas Party. It is on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 3:00pm in the Lewis Room.

This year the festivities will feature a gift exchange (bring one wrapped gift per family, \$10-15).

Please bring a small dish as this is a potluck dinner. Also bring a Sunday sweet (cake, cookie, pie, etc.) to share. The Knights will provide drinks, music, entertainment, and a festive atmosphere.

So please mark your calendars and plan on attending this fun event.

Thank you and God Bless,

**Andy Demchak – Lecturer**

**Knight of the Month for October is Bill Hast  
Family of the Month for October is Terry & Nancy Miner**

## **Business Meeting Minutes**

November 9, 2004

- Meeting Called to order at 7:30pm
- Minutes were accepted as printed in the KnightLife

### **Officer's Reports**

- Two Form 100s were collected from the Pancake Breakfast. Tom Smith will contact these potential new members
- Financial Secretary Report: We generated \$1180.06 in donations with \$457.43 for food for a profit of \$722.63. We currently have \$13976.90 in the money market and \$9155.16 in the scholarship fund. We still need to write a check for \$4000 for this year's scholarship donation. We have paid our new liability insurance to the state council for our members.
- Received notice for 2 transfers and three form 100s. Received updates on the status of membership dues for 15 individuals.
- Clayton Rogers suggested that the members present at the meeting to "Pick a Knight" to bring to the next meeting. He presented small slips of papers with contact information for our brothers. He suggested that we contact one of these Knights to increase the number of brothers active in our meeting and events.

### **Committee Reports**

- Rick Gall mentioned that Mary Lynne Whittaker needed Rosary card for the faith formation students. Rick also reported that the new chair for the Welcoming Ministry suggested that the Knights host a Pancake Breakfast on a regular basis, such as monthly.
- Church Service program inquired in the cost line item for the Church Service program in the latest Knightlife. The costs were related to maintenance on the rectory.
- Family Service Program: The Knights will be hosting a Potluck dinner for the parish on November 11 in the Lewis Room from 7-9pm. Please bring a dish to share and non-perishable food donations for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets.
- Knights of Columbus Membership Drive in the Atrium on November 13th and 14th.
- Community Service Program: Local area churches will be celebrating an Interfaith Thanksgiving Mass at St. Raphael's on November 22nd at 7pm. Non-perishable food donations are being collected for the NC Food Bank.
- Kathy McElwee memorial Birth Choice Auction Dinner Banquet will be hosted at Father Price's Knights of Columbus Council on New Hope Road on Friday November 12th. The dinner will start at 6pm and the auction will start at 7pm. If you have any items that you wish to donate for the auction, please bring them with you.
- Jeff Price reported progress with the Thanksgiving baskets. He has contacted the other church groups that he and his wife are involved about the Thanksgiving baskets and the Knights events to support this program. He reported receiving many e-mails from families offering monetary and non-perishable food donations. Some individuals have offered to provide

notices to the faith formation students and St. Raphael school students to support the Thanksgiving food baskets with non-perishable food donations. The faith formation food drive will end on November 14/15th. Jeff will be picking up food from Aldis grocery store on Louisburg Road (just south of New Hope Road) on Saturday November 20th at noon. Jeff provided sign-up sheets for helping prepare food baskets in Raphael Hall on Sunday November 21st from 10am-noon and distribution of food baskets on Nov. 21st from noon-6pm.

- Breakfast with Santa program from last year will be continued this year with a new name, "Family Breakfast at St. Raphael" on December 11th (Saturday). The Knights of Columbus will be providing the manpower to cook and serve the food. There will be three shifts 8-9:30am, 10-11:30am, and 12 (noon)-1:30pm
- Capital Towers: Four Knights helped the residents of Capital Towers on November 6th from 9-11am. The next Capital Towers event will be on December 4.
- Road Cleanup will be scheduled sometime in January or February.
- John Gunther reported that we received \$410 with the dining guides.
- John Gunther reported that a meeting will be held in Room 107 on November 16th at 7pm to begin preparations for the NC State Convention. Nine local councils will be hosting this year's convention. Each council will be assessed seed money based on the number of members (less than \$1 per member). The State Convention will be at the North Raleigh Hilton. The councils will be paid back this seed money loan based on profits raised via advertisement sales in the convention book. Three hundred convention books will be printed. If you have a business, please consider purchasing an ad in the convention book. Please plan to attend to provide ideas and possibly be a Chairman for a committee.
- Andy Demchak reported that the social event for November will be the Thanksgiving Food Baskets on November 21st. The social event(s) for December will be the Christmas food baskets and the Christmas party immediately following December 19th. The Christmas party will be in the Lewis Room from 12:30-2:30. Please bring a \$10-\$15 gift per family for a gift exchange and a dish for the potluck dinner. The Christmas party is for the Knights of Columbus and their families.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Rick Gall brought a motion to use the proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast and possibly the Parish fair proceeds to pay for the Thanksgiving baskets. Motion passed.
- Rick Gall brought a motion to continue the food basket program for Christmas. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

- Mark Parish reported that the Knights of Columbus could have a web page associated with the St. Raphael church web page. Our page could have links to the Knights of Columbus web page, a calendar with our events, and post a copy of the Knightlife.

Motion brought forward to start our own web page via the St. Raphael web page. The motion was modified to exclude any financial information related to the Knight's funds or events. Motion passed. Mark will handle the details.

- Mark Parish brought a motion forward to initiate a yahoo groups (yahoo.com) that would help sending e-mails to members of our council. Each member would register with the e-group to participate. A mediator (aka Mark Parish) would be responsible for accepting and rejecting members. The members would then be responsible for maintaining their current e-mail address. The members could then send one e-mail to the e-group. The yahoo e-group would then send the e-mail to all current members. The motion passed.

- Knights of Columbus will be hosting another Pancake Break in the Lewis Room on December 5th after masses until 1pm. Donations will contribute to the Christmas Food baskets. Please plan to attend and/or help. We will need brothers to help prepare the food at 7am-1pm with clean-up following.

- Food Lion will donate up to \$500 per quarter to a Knights of Columbus council if each MVP card holder registers their card at [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com). A portion of the money spent associated with the card will be donated to the foundation/council registered to the card.

- Jack Manning will be moving to Iowa. We will all miss his jokes and long service to the Knights.

- Gilbert reminded the members that we will need a new inside guard to replace Jack Manning.

- John Gunther suggested that we re-vitalize our efforts to place a "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign on Falls of the Neuse Road. We would put a Christmas tree and lights to draw attention to the sign. John will ask Father Gillespie for approval. December the 1st is a possible date to put up the tree and sign with tree lighting on December 8th.

- John Gunther also suggested that we light luminaries on the church ground for Christmas. John will ask Father Gillespie.

- Terri Miner reported the need for the Degree team members.

- John Gunther reported that a dinner for the new 4th degree members will occur on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Fr. Price's council. Please wear your tuxedo (or suit). Open to all members.

- John Gunther reminded those in attendance that we will be doing the Shrimp Dinners on Fridays in Lent in Raphael Hall.

- Andy Demchak reported again that he is an expecting father (sometime mid-June). Please keep Andy and his family in our prayers.

- John Gunther's brother-in-law is in poor health and is not expected to live long. Please keep all of their families in our prayers.

- Meeting concluded at 8:35pm

### **Successful Pancake Breakfast for both the Knights and the Parish Community**

On Sunday, October 31st, the Knights hosted another pancake breakfast over in the Lewis Room.

Instead of the usual tricks that Frank Castillo and his devoted crew create for those attending, they were instead treated with an overwhelming support from the parish community. Following the first serving, after 7:45 a.m. Mass, DGK Tom Smith had calculated that donated proceedings actually covered the initial outlay of monies invested in this event. From what the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. services provided in donations, it became apparent that enough had been donated to cover the purchasing of Thanksgiving food baskets for this year. Speculation also existed that there would have been enough for even the Christmas food baskets!

GK Tom Smith and Head Cook Joe Foley proved to be a dynamite "tag team" when it came to flipping flapjacks! The support of Dave Demo, Jeff Price, Rick Gall, under the inspiring action of "Town Cryer" Frank Castillo ensured that the food was served in an orderly fashion, that plenty of it was available to go around and that the Lewis Room was left in a better state of cleanliness than when it was opened earlier that morning. In short, St. Raphael's Knights of Columbus demonstrated once again what a determined group of men can accomplish once their hearts (and stomachs) are focused on a worthwhile project!

**Frank Castillo**

### **K of C Insurance –**

#### **NOVEMBER -". ..RENDERING PECUNIARY AID"**

The month of November in the Knights of Columbus is traditionally the time during which we remember our deceased Brother Knights -those who have gone to their eternal reward.

Our thoughts also turn, naturally, to those who our Brother Knights have left behind their widows and children. These are the same people, though of a different generation, who occupied Father McGivney's thoughts in 1882 when he founded the Order.

The first two reasons listed on our charter for the establishment of the Knights of Columbus are: "rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families and beneficiaries of members" and "rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled and needy members and their families".

My position as a field agent for the Order has evolved from those principles. I am here to help you plan financial security -both for yourself and for those who you may leave behind. I am not here to sell you insurance because you might die and be a part of our remembrances next November. I am here to sell you insurance because someone else might live. ..And I think you love that someone and would like her to continue to live with dignity.

It's not a pretty thought, but picture the first November your loved ones will spend without you. How does it look?

Call me today for an appointment. I want to hear from you...

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