



# Knights Life

Official Newsletter of St. Raphael's Council 9880 Knights of Columbus - October 2005



**From the Grand Knight**  
*Tom Smith, Grand Knight*

**Worthy Brothers,**  
Let me start this article by saying thank you to all our members for the good works that has been put forth at all events we have completed to this point. Operation Lamb just ended and we had better collections than last year. We also had better participation from the council that made the collections happen. When you volunteer for an event like Operation Lamb, involve your family. We have found out in the past, and it was true this year, if you take your young children with you, you will collect more money. Let them see what you do, and maybe it will make them want to do the same thing when they are older. The Octoberfest with the HSA was a great success. Maybe we should do this again next year. The Parish Fair with the Women's Guild was also a success. Thanks to all who helped at these two events. The last pancake breakfast was a success also. Thanks for the help from all who were there. We will be donating \$400 for hurricane relief. Our next breakfast will be on 11/6/05, and the money will be used to help with the holiday food baskets. Last year we had a wonderful breakfast, and I expect it to be the same this year.

At our last business we held a 1st degree and installed 2 new members in our council. We have 4 new members this year, and we haven't held a membership drive yet. That is about to change. We will be holding a membership drive this week-end. This gives us a chance to promote ourselves to the entire parish. Our quota for new members this year is 8 and for insurance members is 4. Year to date we have 4 new members and 1 new insurance member. There is no reason we can't be at 100% for both by year end.

As I have said in the past, let yourself be seen and known as a Knight. When you go to mass on either Saturday or Sunday, wear your name badge. Be proud to be a Knight. I wear my badge every time I go to mass, and I see a lot of people look at it when I walk past. At times someone will ask me questions about the Knights. It is a good recruitment tool. Use it.

With the holiday season coming up, we will be traveling or have family and friends coming to Raleigh. Whichever you are doing, be safe and have a wonderful time. In November and December we will be giving away food baskets for needy families of our parish. At our November and December I am asking everyone to consider donating a few cans of non-perishable food for our drive. By us bringing a few cans at these meetings will allow us not to spend as much for the rest of the food, and will also allow to increase the number of families that we furnish food baskets too.

Vivat Jesus!



**From the Deputy Grand Knight**  
*Brian K Kasprowicz, Deputy Grand Knight*

**Rosary Check!**  
That is right folks I said rosary check. Starting with our next business meeting in November, we will be doing a rosary check to see who has their rosary and who does not. If you do not have your rosary with you, a \$1 fine will be imposed upon you. This is something that other councils have implemented and Tom has decided to bring it to ours.

Remember, we are still looking for a council and church activity director.

**K of C Insurance**  
*Timothy G. Kilpatrick, FIC, Field Agent K of C*

**A NEW WORLD OF PROTECTION**  
Many of you have asked about The Discoverer - one of the latest additions to the Order's portfolio. The Discoverer is a new plan of insurance offered to you and your family. In a nutshell, it is the most modern method of protecting your life - a custom designed package of life insurance at low rates. You decide how much coverage you want. You decide on the amount of your premium. We will match the two, and The Discoverer will do the rest by blending whole life and term insurance just for you.

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**From the Financial Secretary**  
*Clayton Rodgers, Financial Secretary*

Council 9880 has 158 members. As I update my data, I see several Knights who have not paid their 2006 dues. I will be sending a Second Notice to those who are in arrears. If you believe that you have paid your dues, please contact me at werrun@nc.rr.com or 848-1793. Also, remember that should you be in distress and unable to pay you 2006 dues of \$25, please know that some of us understand your plight better than you may guess. So, pursuant to our resolution of last year, if you cannot pay your dues due to hardship, and you wish to remain in good standing with Council 9880, just see any officer and ask for special consideration for your circumstances, and it will be granted, and you will be a member in good standing. Contact me if I can assist.

Q: Have you changed your email address? Perhaps you could tell us your new address?



## Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2005

Jeff Price, Recorder

|                   |   |                |   |            |   |
|-------------------|---|----------------|---|------------|---|
| Grand Knight      | P | Inside Guard   | P | Lecturer   | - |
| Dpty Grand Knight | P | Outside Guard  | A | Warden     | P |
| Fin Secretary     | P | 1 Year Trustee | A | Chancellor | P |
| Treasurer         | P | 2 Year Trustee | A | Chaplain   | - |
| Spiritual Advisor | E | 3 Year Trustee | A | Advocate   | P |

- Meeting Called to order at 7:30 PM
- Meeting started with a 1st Degree. Three members joined, two for us
- Motion to accept Business Meeting Minutes from August as published in the KnightLife. Motion passed

### Grand Knight's Report:

- Please sign up as a blood donor on October 15/16th in the atrium following mass. The Blood Drive will be on October 23rd in Raphael Hall. Volunteers will be needed to help. Please contact Frank Castillo.
- 2nd Degree will be offered on October 20th by either our council or St. Francis council.
- 2nd Degree will be offered on October 22nd by the Fr. Price council on New Hope Road.
- October 22/23 Showcase following masses. Please stay after mass to staff a table for a Membership Drive
- There will be a rehearsal on October 27th at 7pm in the church for the closing ceremony for the ending of the Year of the Eucharist
- Our council will host at 3rd Degree in Raphael Hall on November 5th. Volunteers will be needed to prepare and serve a dinner.
- Council will host a Pancake Breakfast on November 6th in the Lewis Room. Approximately 8 volunteers will be needed per shift to prepare and serve the food as well as cleanup. Proceeds will be for the Thanksgiving Baskets.
- November 10th will be another Open Meeting. Theresa Davis from the Madonna House will present to talk about how we can help with their good works.
- November 20th we will be preparing the Thanksgiving Baskets starting at 10 am in Raphael Hall. The Thanksgiving Baskets will also be distributed to the families in need that afternoon. Please contact Jeff Price and Dave Demo if you are interested in helping or donating non-perishable food or a monetary donations.
- Discount cards for four local companies will be printed at no cost for the Council. The Council will be good for 1 year from September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006. The discount cards will be sold for \$3/card or \$5/2 cards.
- Next Road Cleanup will be on November 19th. Please meet at the corner of Six Forks and Lynn Road at 8:30 a.m. Typically takes 1 to 1 1/2 hours.
- The last Pancake Breakfast for hurricane relief had a net income of \$380. The next two Pancake Breakfasts will be for the food baskets.
- We are looking for additional volunteers for the 1st and 2nd Degree Teams.
- Our council are staffing the Monitor Program on October 24-27th from 6:30-9pm.

### Octoberfest Report:

- We had large crowds (823 meals total) on both days and lots of volunteers. Ernie would like to thank all of the volunteers, especially Tom Smith, Jim Welte, and Gene and Jackie Knight. Saturday we did not run out of food, but did not have much left. We doubled our order of beer and still had to go out and get one more keg. The excess food was donated to a shelter. The profits will be split between the Knights of Columbus and the Home School Association. Both organizations will provide matching donations to the Hospice plus another \$130 direct donations to the Hospice.

### Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account September income \$352.42 (State Seed Money return), \$529.27 (Pancake breakfast), \$10 (50/50 Raffle), and \$775.00 (Dues). Expenses for September were \$1640 (Octoberfest), \$428.25

(Administration), \$100 (Run For Life), \$295.33 (Pancake Breakfast), and \$78.38 for a net income of (\$875.27). Total checking account \$5728.06, Money Market Account \$8543.49, and Scholarship Account \$9803.06.

### Financial Secretary's Report:

Council has 158 members, with a +1 net membership.

### Service Programs:

#### Community:

- Capital Towers: Two weeks ago two fellow Brothers helped the residents on October 1st for about one hour. The next scheduled Capital Towers will be on the second Saturday in November at 9:30 am.
- Operation Lamb: Completed both weekend collections for Operation Lamb. A total of \$3916. There are extra boxes of totsie rolls that can be purchased for \$5 for 50 pieces. Please contact Bill Hast if you are interested in purchasing totsie rolls.

#### Youth:

Richard O'Brien has the information on the Essay Competition and the Poster Contest. The council will provide a gift certificate or a savings bond to the winners.

#### Athletics:

- The next State Bowling Tournament is March 25, 2006 at Jacksonville.
- Looking for members for the Bowling League. The Brothers meet on Monday nights at 6:30 pm at Pleasant Valley Bowling Lanes on Glenwood. Please contact John Gunther.

### New Business:

- Jeff Price and Dave Demo are coordinating the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets this year. The council has been doing the Food Basket program for approximately 15 years. The Food Basket program collects monetary and non-perishable food donations for various organizations and individuals as well as turkeys from US Food Service and UPS. The remaining food is purchased to provide several bags of groceries for families in need of help. A motion was put forward to provide Food Baskets for 50 families for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. The list of families in need will be obtained from the Hispanic Ministry, God and Neighbor, and various other church ministries. The cost will be approximately \$2000 for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Motion passed.
- 4th Degree will occur on October 29th at the Sheraton Hotel in RTP. A Texas Hold-em tournament will be held on Friday with proceeds going to the RDU USO, VA homes, and VA hospital. A hospitality room will also be provided on Friday and Saturday as well as a Ladies Bingo and Ladies Luncheon on Saturday during the meeting. Volunteers are needed for the hospitality room, as poker dealers, and for Bingo.

### John Nussbaum's Report:

October is the Membership Blitz Month.

### John Gouldie's Report:

- Provided the council with the McGivney Award for membership gains
- NC was the top state for collecting approx \$950,000 for Operation, including approximately \$40,000 from the Raleigh area.
- Encouraged fellow brothers to something within the organization that matches your interests to help provide volunteer service
- November 19th there will be an Arts and Crafts Auction at the Fr. Price council. Cost is \$15/couple for the meal. Proceeds will be for Birth Choice.

### Prayers:

- Please pray for the father of one of John Harrod's best friends. The father was recently diagnosed with Alzheimers
- Please Pray for Ed Cody for his continued improvements with his hand and walking as well as his 74th birthday.
- Please pray for Gilbert Hendricks's mother who is recovering from an automobile accident.



**Degree Watch / Membership**

*Tom Smith, Membership Director*

So far this year we have hosted two 1st degrees and one 2nd degree. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have hosted our second 2nd degree. We will also be hosting a 3rd degree on 11/5/05. We will try to find a 2nd degree for any

1st degree knights who can't make the 2nd degree on the 20th before the 5th.

We will be in the showcase this week-end. This is our 1st membership drive this year. Anyone who can be in the atrium for a few minutes after one of the masses to answer questions about the knights would be greatly appreciated. Let me know which mass you can cover. Recruit a new member before December 31, 2005. For each new member you sign up, Supreme gives points that can be turned in to buy K of C merchandise with. When you sign up a new member, don't let him go to a degree by himself. Go with him as a buddy, and guide him through the process to make him feel more comfortable. If we all ask at least person in the parish to join the Knights, we could have our greatest year of membership. Ask a friend.

*2nd Degree: Oct 20 - St Raphael*

*2nd Degree: Oct 22 - Father Price Council*

*3rd Degree: November 5 - St Raphael*

*4th Degree: October 29 - Durham*



**Degree Teams**

*Tom Smith, 1st & 2nd Degree Team Captain*

Our council is looking for some members to participate with the 1st degree team. There is 5 speaking parts for the degree team. The parts consist of: Grand Knight, Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight, Warden, and Financial Sec. Any 1st degree member who wishes to learn one of these parts, please contact me and I will supply the part for you to learn. Some of our team members has been doing this for many years, and they need a break once in a while. By having members of the team who also comes to our business meetings give us the opportunity to put on a 1st degree at any time without having to make a candidate wait. The longer you make a candidate wait before he does his 1st degree, the most likely he will get discouraged and not join the Knights at all.

Our District 8 degree team is in need of 2 members. When the state split the Raleigh area into 2 districts, we lost 2 of our team members. District 8 needs their own team without having to call other areas to ask for help. We need a Grand Knight and District Deputy. We could also have someone learn the part of Warden and Chancellor. Having people to backup current members would be a great help. Any 2nd degree members who wants to be a part of our team can call me at 919-847-4317 and I will get the information to you.

**Lost and Found**

After our last business meeting a green jacket was found in the room. If this is yours, call me, I have it in my car.



**Operation Lamb**

*Bill Hast, Community Director*

Our second weekend for Operation Lamb was not as productive as last month's, but it was still good non the less. All in all, we brought in \$1530.00 for Operation Lamb. I would like to thank all that came out to help with this. Your

time and efforts are appreciated by one and all. Here are the detailed results from the second weekend.

| Date     | Time | WalMart                           |                    | Kmart                            |          | Harris Teeter               |                     |
|----------|------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 09/30/05 | 6-9  | Dave Demo                         | \$40.18            | Paul Ruocchio                    | \$66.60  | Dick Dingee<br>John Harrod  | \$108.05<br>\$51.58 |
| 10/01/05 | 9-12 | Warren Givens<br>Ernie Beauregard | \$48.25<br>\$50.44 | Louis Clark                      | \$61.94  | John Hall<br>Joe Foley      | \$51.58<br>\$71.60  |
| 10/01/05 | 12-3 | Jim Leuck                         | \$42.04            | Tom Smith                        | \$86.65  | Bill Bremen                 | \$97.96             |
| 10/01/05 | 3-6  |                                   |                    | Chuck Eckstein                   | \$75.63  | John Harrod                 | \$44.34             |
| 10/01/05 | 6-9  | Jim Zagrobelny                    | \$55.58            |                                  |          |                             |                     |
| 10/02/05 | 12-3 | Clayton Rodgers                   | \$76.74            |                                  |          | Gene Knight<br>Robin Jewitt | \$38.61             |
| 10/02/05 | 3-6  | Gilbert Hendricks                 | \$47.01            | Andrew Kleitsch<br>and daughters | \$158.45 | John Harrod                 | \$60.59             |



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**Council Calendar**

**October**

- 20 2nd Degree (St Raphael)
- 22 2nd Degree (Father Price Council)
- 23 Blood Drive (St Raphael - Raphael Hall)
- 24-27 Parish Monitor Program (St Raphael)
- 29 4th Degree (Durham)
- 30 Year of Eucharist Procession

**November**

- 1 Officers Meeting (7:00 - St Raphael, 107)
- 5 3rd Degree (St Raphael)
- 6 Pancake Breakfast (St Raphael - Lewis Room)
- 8 Business Meeting (7:30 - St Raphael, 107)
- 10 Ministry Information Gathering (St Raphael)
- 12 Capital Towers
- 19 Road Cleanup
- 20 Food Basket Preparation

**December**

- 6 Officers/Directors Meeting
- 13 Business Meeting

**Knight of the Month**  
 Ernie Beauregard  
 Brian Kasprowicz

**Family of the Month**  
 Michael Janus and family

**Letter from the Editor**

*Brian K Kasprowicz, KnightLife Editor and Deputy Grand Knight*

With the approval to get our council website up and running, the KnightLife will soon be delivered through email and the internet. I urge all brother knights that have an email address to contact me with it so that I can update our records to ensure that you get the KnightLife. Those that do not have email addresses will still receive a paper copy but I urge all that are capable of receiving the KnightLife in this format to contact me with your email address. This will help to cut down on the cost of publication of the KnightLife and allow us to send important announcements to you in a more timely manner.

**November Birthdays**

- John Brien
- Thomas Cody
- Conrad Collins
- Charles Eckstein
- Johnny Eluka
- Joe Foley
- Gary Furr
- Andrew Kleitsch
- Ronald Lee
- Pengh Mabiki
- Michael Marsden
- Donald Martin
- Francis Parajon
- Robert Rigda



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