



# KnightsLife

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



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

Worthy Brothers,

Now that the holidays are here, let me wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is approaching the mid year point of the fraternal year, and I believe that our council has done an excellent job with all the projects we have undertaken so far this year. Everyone is to be congratulated for the effort they have put forth in making this a good year. Some of the highlights from the 1st half of the year is: starting pancake breakfast the 1st Sunday of the month. We have supported several projects thru these breakfasts. Our next one is scheduled for the 1st Sunday in February; road cleanup program is a program that we have done for over 10 years, and we will continue with it in 2006; Capitol Towers on the 1st Saturday of the month has been well received by the residents of the apartments that we help each month; degrees that we have hosted is very important because that is the lifeblood of the council. We have taken in 4 new members this year. We are now concluding the food basket program the weekend of 12/17 and 12/18. During November we provided food to 53 families, and we will be doing the same for December. These are just a few of the projects our council has done, and you all deserve a big pat on the back for helping to make them successful. I hope you will be getting this newsletter before Christmas, so my family wishes every member and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus!  
Tom Smith

**Degree Teams**

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

Our council is looking for some members to participate with the 1st degree team. There are 5 speaking parts for the degree team. 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. 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. District 8 needs their own team without having to call other areas to ask for help. We need a Grand Knight and District Deputy and some backups. 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.



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

I am looking for someone to take over being editor of the KnightLife until the end of the next fraternal year. The duties and responsibilities of being an officer is not allowing me to also be the editor of the KnightLife. Also, with the arrival of the council web site which that I have also been put in charge of, my time is even less. If you have experience with or would like experience in publications please contact me at javadragon@nc.rr.com or call me at 919-302-6722.

**Also, for many of you this will be your last KnightLife that will be mailed to you. With the creation of the council web site, soon to be released at <http://kofc9880.org/>, we are going to publish the KnightLife online and email you when the next one is ready for viewing. For any brother knight that has an email address on file with us, you will be moved to this new format. If you need to have the KnightLife mailed to you in paper form, please contact me at 919-302-6722 to let me know. For all others with a valid email address, I highly recommend that you send me an email at [javadragon@nc.rr.com](mailto:javadragon@nc.rr.com) with this email address so that we can make sure that we are not going to leave you out of future KnightLife publications.**

If any brother knight out there has an idea for an event for our council to participate in, please contact Tom Smith or myself. We are always looking for new items to add to our calendar in hopes of sparking more interest in the members of this council.

On the topics of events, we are still looking for a member of our council to step into the positions of either Church Director or Council Director. These are not overly time consuming and gives you a way to get more involved with the council. If you are interested in one of these positions, or would like more details, please contact me.



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

Membership for the council is steady at 157. Badges, badges and more badges - have you picked up your badge if you are waiting for one? Do you need a badge? Does your wife need a Ladies' badge? Do you want a magnetic holder for your badge? If you answered yes to any of these questions please contact me.

For the members in arrears, I will be calling on all Knights that are in arrears of 2006 dues in the near future.



### Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2005

Jeff Price, Recorder

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

-Motion to accept Business Meeting Minutes from October as published in the Knightlife. Motion passed

#### Grand Knight's Report:

- Fourth Degree: A Fourth Degree was offered on October 29th. It was one of the largest in recent history: 201 candidates, including 3 from our council. Congratulations to Bill Wolfe, Brian Kasprowicz, and Dave Demo. The next Fourth Degree will be in Charlotte.
- A dinner for the recent Fourth Degrees and previous Fourth Degree will be held on November 20th at the Father Price Council (New Hope Road). There is no cost for the new members and their families. The cost for the other Fourth Degree members and their family members is \$7 each. Social time begins at 4 PM.
- Looking for volunteers to meet in Raphael Hall at 9 AM Saturday November 12 to move items out of the Council closet, move in new shelves, organize, and remove unneeded items.
- Remember to register your Food Lion MVP card for the "Council 9880 Knights of Columbus". Food Lion will donate a portion of what you spend to our council. However, Food Lion will not issue a check under \$10. Next year we will need at least 25 members to register their cards next year to continue this program.
- After the holidays, a letter will be sent to previous members of our council welcoming them back to our council. We could hold an event, possibly a potluck, in their honor.
- A Third Degree will be offered at the Father Price council on February 4, 2006.
- A First Degree will be offered at our December 13th Business Meeting
- There will be no information meeting in November or December
- We received a letter thanking our members who participated at the October 30th procession.
- Volunteers are needed to put up the "Keep Christ in Christmas" lights and turning on the lights on the first Tuesday in December.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account October income \$10500.01 (Octoberfest), \$864.50 (Pancake Breakfast), \$688.50 (Dinning Guides), \$46.00 (Discount Cards), \$8 (50/50 Raffle), \$12.95 (misc.), and \$250.00 (Dues). Expenses for September were (\$4540.33)(Octoberfest), (462.75)(State Dues), and (\$140.00)(Dinning Guides) for a net income of \$7226.88. Total checking account \$12954.94, Money Market Account \$8547.84, and Scholarship Account \$9795.10.

#### Financial Secretary's Report: N/A

#### Service Programs:

##### Community:

- Capital Towers: Next scheduled event will be on Nov 12 at 9:00 am.
- Road Clean-up: Saturday November 19th

Youth: N/A

Family: N/A

Church: N/A

##### Athletics:

- State Bowling Tournament, March 25, 2006 at Jacksonville.

#### Business:

-There will be no Pancake Breakfast in November due to scheduling issues. After masses for the next two weekends, we will continue to hand out grocery bags with a list of suggested non-perishable food donations. Monetary donations will also be accepted. We need volunteers before and

after masses to collect non-perishable food donations. The food donations will need to be transferred to the council closet in Raphael Hall following each mass in order for us to continue.

-The next Pancake Breakfast will be December 4th. The proceeds will either go towards the food baskets or the USO Room at the RDU airport.

-There will be a meeting at 9 AM on Sunday November 20th for starting a Squire's Program.

-Thank you for the three brothers who helped replace light bulbs in the church.

-Statewide membership has a gain of 132 new members, 210 suspensions for a net loss of 78 members for the year.

-Volunteers are needed for the December 10th Advent Family Breakfast. Volunteers will need to start at 7 AM cooking pancakes and sausage.

-Rosary Check was done for brothers at the meeting. Brothers without their rosary donated \$1 to the 50/50 raffle.

-Motion was put forward to move the Christmas Party to December 17th following the 5:30 PM mass (if a room is available) to 9 PM. The motion passed.

-Jeff Price handed out sign up sheets for volunteers to meet at Aldis grocery store on Louisburg Road (just south of New Hope Road) on Saturday November 19 at noon. The brothers will purchase food for the Thanksgiving food baskets and transfer the groceries to Raphael Hall. Sign sheets were also handed out for volunteers for organizing food and preparing food baskets in Raphael Hall on Sunday November 20th starting between 9:30 am and 10:00 am. Volunteers are also needed for distribution of the food baskets to the families from noon to 6 PM. Please contact Jeff Price (261-0246) and Dave Demo (845-7770) if you are interested in helping or donating non-perishable food or a monetary donations.

-There will be a meeting on Thursday November 10 at 7 PM in room 107 with Theresa Davis from the Madonna House.

#### District Deputy's Report:

-Congratulations to the new Third and Fourth Degree members

-Midyear meeting is approaching. Need to start making arrangements

#### Prayers:

- Please pray for Marcy, the secretary who was recently in an accident that totaled her car.

- Please pray for Bob Clay who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor

- Please pray for Jim Welte who is dealing with a case of bursitis.



### Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2005

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

- The Business Meeting Minutes from November were briefly review by the Deputy Grand Knight.

#### Grand Knight's Report:

- Need volunteers for the Parish Monitor program the week of December 8th (Wednesday and Thursday). Our next scheduled time will be in April and June.

- Handed out five hundred grocery bags for the Food Basket Program. We received approximately sixty percent back, a tremendous success. Thank you for all of your help.

- Council will be providing two turkeys for the Christmas party (one traditional, one deep-fried)

- Next Pancake Breakfast will be February 7th

#### District Deputy's Report:

- Reservations for the January 7/8th Mid Year meeting due on Dec 15th

- Traveling gavel will go to the Louisburg Council then to 9880.
- Please consider joining the McGiveny society. Link to web site can be found on the State Knights of Columbus web site.
- Please get service reports and form 100s to Supreme
- Next 3rd Degree will be in February at the Father Price council. Need to have a 2nd Degree offered in January.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Checking Account November income \$153(Hospice), \$48Food baskets, \$460 (Degree Team), \$92 (Dinning Guides) for a total income of \$753.00. Expenses were (\$1310)(School Association), (\$543)(Hospice), (\$600)(Food Baskets), (\$300)(Newsletter),(\$280)(Discount Books), (\$274.85)(Degree Team), and (\$36)(Misc.) for total expenses of (\$3343.85). The net income was (\$2590.85). Total checking account \$10464.09, Money Market Account \$8552306, and Scholarship Account \$9786.98. Total net assets were \$28803.13

**Financial Secretary's Report:**

- Currently have 157 members.
- Have badges for new members. They will be mailed to new members.
- Currently in a process of reviewing members no current will fees
- Two applications received: one new application and one readmission. Motion and vote to accept applications passed.

**Service Programs:**

*Community:*

- Capital Towers: Next scheduled event will be on Jan 7 at 9:00 am.

*Youth:*

- All kits received. Free Throw Kit en route to Dick O'Brien. Need to get the events rolling since due dates for completion are coming up.

Family: N/A

Church: N/A

*Athletics:*

- March 25th 2006, NC State Bowling Contest at Jacksonville NC.

**Business:**

- Rosary Prayer will gather in the small Chapel at 7:05 PM prior to the Business Meeting
- Will me at Raphael Hall on December 14th at 9 PM to put up the "Keep Christ in Christmas Lights"
- Will gather information on helping Habitat for Humanity
- K of C shirts (Large and 2XL) available for \$20 and K of C license plates available for \$5.
- Volunteers needed to help transfer food from the shed to Raphael Hall at 4:30 PM on Saturday 4:30 PM prior to Mass
- Xmas party will start following the 5:30 PM Mass.
- 4th Degree meeting at Father Price Council (New Hope Road) will be on December 18th. Social hour will start at 2 PM and the meeting at 3 PM
- Need to investigate a Craft show in Raphael Hall. Charging \$50 for vendors having a ten foot by ten foot space. Council could sell prepared food and beverages (excluding other vendors from selling food).
- We will be helping approximately fifty families with the Christmas Food Baskets. Please consider volunteering to help purchase food at Aldis on Saturday December 17th at 9 PM or preparing/distributing the baskets on December 18th in Raphael Hall starting at 9:30 AM

**Prayers:**

- Please pray for the State Deputy's mother
- Please pray for Clayton Roger's friend
- Please pray for all of our Brothers and their families that will be traveling over the holidays

***K of C Insurance***

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

**HAPPY AND HOLY HOLIDAYS!**

I would like to extend to you my sincere best wishes for a holy and happy holiday season. I imagine you feel the same way about the Christmas season as I do -such a peaceful, happy time.

But just take one moment to ask yourself what your family's Christmas would be like if you weren't here. This year, why not give them the most precious gift of all- a life insurance plan that will allow them to have, always, the kind of Christmas you want them to have.

We have plans that will guarantee income for your family's future -for just a few dollars a month.

Enjoy this season of celebration. Please call me for an appointment and we will discuss a gift of security and protection from you to your loved ones.

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***Reciting the Rosary***

*Tom Smith, Grand Knight*

We will begin a program in January for anyone who wishes to participate. We will recite the rosary before the business meeting beginning at 7:05 in the old chapel of the church. Every member and their family is welcome to participate. We have done this in the past, and it was well received by the council. Remember, it will begin at 7:05 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.



***Degree Watch / Membership***

*Tom Smith, Membership Director*

Our next scheduled 1st degree is on the 10th of January before the business meeting. If you know of a friend who wants to join the council, let me know and we will get him the Form 100 so he can take his 1st degree at that time. Also, we have just received the new 1st degree books that will be used from this point forward. Our council is in need of some new degree team members. Anyone wishing to become a 1st degree team member let me know and I will get you a copy of the part to learn. It is a rewarding experience to help welcome new members into the council. We are also looking for 2nd degree team members. If you are a 2nd degree member, you can become a team member. Remember, membership is everyone's responsibility. Ask a friend to join.

**Happy Holidays**



1st Degree: Jan 10 - St Raphael

3rd Degree: Feb 4 - Father Price Council





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**Council Calendar**

**January**

- 3 Officers/Directors Meeting (7:00 PM - St Raphael, 107)
- 7 Capital (9:00 AM - Capital Towers)
- 10 Rosary (7:00 PM - St Raphael, Old Chapel)
- 10 1st Degree (7:30 PM - St Raphael, 107)
- 10 Business Meeting (7:30 PM - St Raphael, 107)

**February**

- 4 3rd Degree (Father Price Council)
- 5 Pancake Breakfast (St Raphael, Lewis Room)
- 7 Officers/Directors Meeting (7:00 PM - St Raphael, 107)
- 14 Business Meeting (7:30 PM - St Raphael, 107)

**January Birthdays**

- James Bauer
- Christopher Buckley
- Warren Givens
- Harry Harles
- Tim Heckel
- Robin Jewett
- Edward Kocan
- Jeff Price



**Special Note:**

Please read the section "From the Deputy Grand Knight" as there is **IMPORTANT** information regarding changes to the way that the KnightLife will be delivered to you in the future. It also mentions the URL for the council web site which is due to launch shortly.

**Knight of the Month - October**  
 Gilbert Hendricks

**Family of the Month**  
 Richard O'Brien and family

**Knight of the Month - November**  
 Dave Demo  
 Jeff Price

**Family of the Month**  
 Frank Castillo and family  
 Mark Parish and family

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