



# Knightslife

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## Council Calendar

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

Sep 5	Officer/Director Meeting (B Kasproicz)
Sep 8-9	Parish Fair (B Kasproicz)
Sep 12	Business Meeting (B Kasproicz)
Sep 16-17	State Golf tournament (Tom Smith)
Sep 17	Pancake Breakfast (M Parrish/T Smith)
Sept 22-23	Oktoberfest St. Raphael
Sep 29-1	Operation Lamb (Bill Hast)
Sep 30	Bocce ball tourney in Albemarle
Oct 3	Officer/Director Meeting (B Kasproicz)
Oct 6-8	Operation Lamb (Bill Hast)
Oct 7-8	Membership committee (B Wolf/T Smith)
Oct 7	Eucharistic conference - Charlotte
Oct 10	Business Meeting (B Kasproicz)
Oct 15	Pancake Breakfast (M Parrish/T Smith)
Oct 24	Cookout Social w/ Family (M Parrish)
Oct 28	4th degree exemplification in Greensboro

## Officers

Grand Knight: Brian K Kasproicz  
 Deputy Grand Knight: Jim Lueck  
 Chancellor: Bill Wolf  
 Warden: Gilbert Hendricks  
 Recorder: Dave Demo  
 Treasurer: Dave Cody  
 Financial Secretary: Clayton Rodgers  
 Outside Guard: Jim Cody  
 Inside Guard: Jim Welte  
 Advocate: John Harrod  
 1st year Trustee: Tom Smith  
 2nd year Trustee: Mark Parrish  
 3rd year Trustee: Gordon Perry

## Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

First off I would like to inform those that do not know that Tom Smith's father passed away August 14. Please keep Tom, his family and his father in your prayers. For those Knights build a Ramp for Jack Somer that do not know Tom he is our immediate Past Grand Knight and he is one of the knights that organizes the pancake breakfasts.

For the council itself, we are still in need of some directors. If you would like to become a director you can contact our Deputy Grand Knight Jim Lueck or

myself. These positions do not require a lot of work and helps you to get more involved in the council's doings.

I am also looking for any brother Knight that has ideas on things the council can/should be doing to please contact me with these ideas.

We are trying a few new things this year in hopes of bringing the interest levels of the council

members. For example, this year we are not cooking at the Parish Fair and instead we will be manning the climbing wall. We are also working on getting a weekly bingo night set up in Raphael Hall and have been discussing some council outings for the members and their families. So, if you have some ideas, whether you think they are good or not, please send them to me so that I can discuss them with the officers to see which ones we will try and implement.

Lastly, for those that have not paid their dues yet this year, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, if you are in financial distress or out on military duty, please contact me to let me know. Depending on the situation you may have your dues postponed or even waived. We do not want to lose a brother knight over dues not being paid especially if there are circumstances making it tough to do so.

Vivat Jesus!

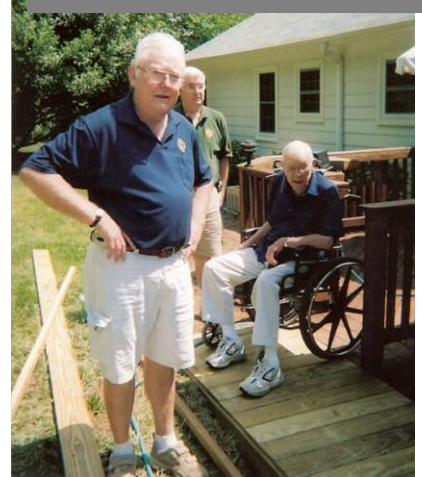
## Upcoming Council Activities

### 1) Votes

We had a few votes at the last business meeting and here are the results:

- The council voted unanimously to purchase a TV/DVD combo for the RCIA group of the church. John Gunther is to go purchase it as he was the one that brought this motion to the council. The vote allows us to spend up to \$400 on this TV/DVD combo.
- The council voted unanimously to give the seed money to the Social Justice Committee in the amount of \$559 for the purchase of Free Trade coffee that will

Knights build a ramp for Jack Somers - More photos at [www.kofc9880.org](http://www.kofc9880.org)



Coffee & Donuts with free  
chilies for all - More photos  
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be resold to our church members and our community. More details concerning this to come in the newsletter.

- The officers voted to move the officers' meeting back to 7:30 for consistency. Now the officer and business meetings are both at 7:30 on the first and second Tuesday of the month, respectively.

## 2) Operation LAMB

The dates for Operation LAMB this year will be Sep 29 - Oct 1 and Oct 6 - Oct 8. Bill Hast is the one organizing this event. This year Bill is going to put the shifts down to 2 hours instead of 3 in hopes to attract more volunteers for this wonderful event. This is where we hand out Tootsie rolls in hopes of getting donations which goes to benefit intellectually challenged youths in our local area. If you would like to give some of your time for this event, please contact Bill Hast ([signalb@juno.com](mailto:signalb@juno.com)) to let him know. Time, locations and shift breakouts to come in the newsletter.

## 3) Parish Fair

This year for the Parish Fair, per the request of several members in the council, we are not cooking. The American Booth will be manned by the HSA instead. What we are signed up for the climbing wall. This is something new and does not require a lot of manpower. We only need to supply 1-2 knights at each of the time slots as there will be a trained worker supplied by the rental place at all times. The climbing wall has 3 stations to allow up to 3 people up the wall at a time. I was told by the fair organizer that the wall is all electronic and automated so all we have to do is to help the children into and out of the straps. A machine is in charge of being the counterweight and pulling up the slack on the rope. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer for this event at [javadragon@mac.com](mailto:javadragon@mac.com) or at 919 302 6722. I will break the shifts down to 2 hours a piece so that no one need spend too much time here. I am most likely not going to be in town that weekend, so if someone would like to take over organizing this event, please let me know.

For those that wish to help with the Parish Fair but do not feel comfortable working the climbing wall, the Fair

needs generic volunteers and you can contact the fair coordinator Richard O'Brien ([richardobrien@nc.rr.com](mailto:richardobrien@nc.rr.com) or (919) 844 8539). They are looking for someone to be the ice manager and the food manager. What these jobs entail is to watch the food and ice and record which group/booth takes what supplies so that the expenses can be properly attributed to the group that uses them. This also helps with future planning to see what each booth needs and the actual expenses of a booth.

## 4) Pancake Breakfast

Due to some scheduling conflicts at the church, the pancake breakfasts have been moved from the 1st Sunday of the month to the 3rd Sunday of the month. The new dates will be posted in the newsletter. Mark Parrish and Tom Smith will coordinate the activity.

## 5) K of C Insurance Agents Needed

At the Organizational Meeting this past month, the state insurance team announced that they are in need of a few more insurance agents and that they are offering a reward to those knights that refers an agent that stays for a certain length of time. The referring knight gets \$200 in gold coins and the council of the referring knight gets \$100. So if you or someone you know is an insurance agent looking for an opportunity, you can contact our council's insurance agent Tim Kilpatrick at [tim1002@earthlink.net](mailto:tim1002@earthlink.net) or (919) 850 1343.

## 6) Event Photographers

The council is in need of some knights that would like to show up to our various events in order to take pictures for our scrapbook, newsletter and historical purposes. You can use your own camera if you have one or the council can get some disposable cameras for you to use. You do not have to show up to every event but every little bit helps. If you would like to photograph an event, please contact the knight that is running that event and talk with him.

## 7) Raphael Hall, the Knights and Bingo

As of right now Michael Janus, our brother knight, has been asked to head up the cause of starting to turn Raphael Hall into a profitable venture for the church. Steve, the owner of My Chef, who was using the kitchen is now out and the first item on the plate is to have the knights start up a weekly Bingo game at Raphael Hall. We are in the planning process for this right now. Anyone that wished to help can contact Mike Janus at [mikejanus@yahoo.com](mailto:mikejanus@yahoo.com) or (919) 847 0540.

## 8) Installation of Officers

Due to events out of our control, the official invitations to the installation of officers did not make it to the mailboxes for the installation coming up this Saturday. So, take this as your official invitation. I invite you and your entire family to come out to the Lewis Room this Saturday, Aug 19 following the 5:30 mass for the installation of your council's officers. Dinner will be provided and all that we ask is for you to come and show your support of your council's elected officers. If you and your family are

planning on attending please contact Tom Smith (ncsufan1946@yahoo.com or (919) 847 4317) or myself (javadrakon@mac.com or at 919 302 6722) to let us know how many people are coming so we can plan the amount of food to get. Please contact us by Thursday. We are currently planning on having a pulled pork BBQ dinner. Please no jean, shorts or t-shirts. Please dress up nicely for this event as this is an installation of officers.

**Knights of the Month**  
**All Who Helped Build the Somers Ramp**  
**Family of the Month**  
**Cody Family**

**Operation Lamb**

Operation Lamb is a State of North Carolina Knights of Columbus program to pass out free tootsie rolls, for donations to help the mentally handicapped in our state. 85 per cent of the money collected by our council will stay to help the organizations in Raleigh. Our days for collecting will be Sept 29,30 and Oct.1 for the first weekend. the next weekend will be Oct. 6,7,8. I plan on having two hour shifts to encourage more participation. I am still working on the store that will be used. The shifts will run 6pm to 8pm on Fridays. An 9am to 11am,11am to 1pm,1pm to 3pm,3pm to 5pm,5pm to 7pm on Saturdays. Also, 12pm to 2pm, 2pm to 4pm and 4pm to 6pm on Sundays. I hope with the shorter shifts we can get you fellow Knights to stand more than one shift.

Vivat Jesus, Bill Hast

**Fair Trade Coffee**

In partnership with the Social Justice Committee, the Knights will be sponsoring the sale of fair trade coffee and tea during the pancake breakfasts at St. Raphael. The coffee and tea will be purchased through the Interfaith Coffee Program offered by Equal Exchange. By offering fairly traded coffee and tea, the parish community will share fellowship with small farmers in Latin America, Africa and Asia, making a difference in their lives while enjoying a delicious product. Through the program, farmers earn a fair price for their products, receive affordable credit, and gain a long-term trading partner that they can trust. By pooling their resources in democratic cooperatives, farmers are able to invest in training, health care, and agricultural improvements in their communities. Enjoying fair trade products helps farmers to build better lives for themselves and their

families. The \$560 seed money requested by the Social Justice Committee will purchase the following:

- 2 cases or 24 pks/25 bags each.  
     Organic English Breakfast Tea \$ 60.00
- 2 cases or 24 pks/25 bags each  
     Organic Green tea \$ 60.00
- 8 cases or 48pks/12 oz. each  
     Organic Colombian Drip Grind \$252.00
- 5 cases or 30pks/12 oz. each  
     Organic Decaf Drip Grind \$187.50
- \$559.50

There is no charge for shipping when ordering four or more cases. Coffee will sell for \$8 per pack and tea for \$4 which, if successful, will result in \$816 in sales. With continued successful sales, the seed loan will be reimbursed by the third sale. In case of sell-outs, pre-paid orders will be accepted. Should there be enough interest; future sales may include a greater variety of coffees and teas.

**Business Meeting Minutes**

August 19, 2006 (Archive minutes available at [www.kofc9880.org](http://www.kofc9880.org))

Grand Knight	P	Inside Guard	P		
D Grand Knight	P	Outside Guard	P	Warden	P
Fin Secretary	P	1 Year Trustee	P	Chanc	P
Treasurer	E	2 Year Trustee	A	Recorder	P
Chaplain	A	3 Year Trustee	A	Advocate	P

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM
- Council Officers role call
- Reading of the Minutes. Motion to accept the business meeting minutes was put forward. Motion passes.

Grand Knight's Report:

- No new applications.
- Officers meeting will be on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm .
- Photographers are wanted for Knight's events.
- Raphael Hall will be run by parish committee. John Gunther is investigating the possibility of Knight's sponsored bingo.
- There is a K of C Insurance Agent recruitment drive. There is a \$200 incentive for recommending a person for that position. Four or five positions are available.
- The annual audit if available for review.

Treasurer's Report: -None.

Financial Secretary's Report:

- 163 members.
- Membership dues are now due for 2006-2007.
- C. Rogers will mail membership cards.

Trustees' Report: -None.

Service Programs:

-Bill Hast reported the monthly Capital Towers project was held last weekend. Five Knights participated.

-Bill Hast reported that Operation Lamb will be held the weekends of September 29th and October 6th, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Two hour shifts at Harris Teeter, Walmart and K-Mart.

Unfinished Business:

-A motion was made that the Council spend a max of \$400 for a TV/Video combo and donate it to the RICA program. The motion passed. John Gunther will shop for the TV/Video.

-A motion was made that we provide the Social Justice Committee with \$599 to purchase coffee and tea to support a group which buys coffee and tea from South American farmers at a fair market price. The objective is to raise awareness of fair wages for small Latin American coffee and tea growers. The coffee and teas will be sold with a mark-up at Knight's event (most logically pancake breakfasts) and all profits will go to the Knight's for charitable use. The profit is estimated to be approximately \$200. The motion passed.

New Business:

-Clayton Rogers is organizing the Scholarship Raffle for this fall. We will stuff envelopes for mailing at the September meeting. There will be a \$3000 payout this year which is inline with our profit of past years. Details will be available soon.

-Clayton Rogers is reviewing the by-laws. Please contact him if you are interested in help with this worthwhile effort.

-The Pancake Breakfasts will be scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of each month, with the exception of November and April. There will be no Pancake Breakfast in November and in April it will be on the 4th.

-The Madonna House work is yet to be scheduled.

-Dave Demo will present a sales plan for consideration at the next meeting for selling "Enjoy the City" Dining Discount books this fall as a fund raiser. He will try to get a sample book.

-John Gunther will get information about staffing a booth at the RBC Center as a fund raiser. He will get a sample contract.

-The State Mid-year meeting will be on January 6-8.

-The 2006 Annual Golf Tournament will be in Sanford in September.

-Jim Lueck presented the Grand Knight with a plaque from state which acknowledged our collection of \$5,056.50 last year.

-A picnic sponsored by the Fourth Degree Assembly will be held for 3rd and 4th degrees Knights and their families on Sunday August 20th at the lake at Father Price.

-Family of the Month – Cody Family for support of the handicap ramp for J. Somers

-Knights of the Month – All those Brother Knights who helped build the ramp (and Dan Cody too!)

Good of the Order:

Prayers for Tom Smith's father, who is in the hospital.

Prayers for John Harrod and his father, who is recovering from cracked ribs.