



Knights Life

Official Newsletter of St. Raphael's Council 9880 Knights of Columbus - January 2006



From the Grand Knight
Tom Smith, Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

We are in the last half of our year, and we have many things we would like to accomplish. We have our shrimp dinners during lent, scholarship raffle, state raffle tickets, pancake breakfast each month, and some of our monthly community events.

We also need to increase our membership and encourage some of our members, who have forgotten to submit their dues, to do so and remain a member of our council. We want and need all our members to remain in the Order for our council to grow. Our dues of \$25.00 per year is a small amount to belong to the largest Catholic men's fraternal organization in the world. Our order now numbers over 1,700,000 members. Our council now has 157 members, but we can grow to over 200 with everyone asking a friend or someone else you meet at church to join. Help me make the council grow.

As some of you know, this is my 2nd term as Grand Knight, and it has been a pleasure serving in this position with great people, as you.

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 Kasproicz, 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.

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.

Also, if there is any brother knight that is looking to become an officer or director for the next fraternal year, please contact me with your interests. It is time to start looking for next year's leaders today. Believe me when I tell you that it is an experience of a lifetime.





Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2005

Jeff Price, Recorder

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

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

Grand Knight's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

Checking account income was \$297.50 (dues), \$456.89 (Fair Proceeds), \$541.10 (Pancake Breakfast), \$1145.84 (Food Baskets), \$11.00 (misc.), and \$561.00 (Dining Guides) for a grand total income of \$3013.33. Checking account expenses were (\$841.91)(Pancake Breakfast), (\$216.38)(Degree Team), (\$140.00)(Oktoberfest), (\$600.00)(Baskets), and (\$46.46)(Administration) for a grand total expenses of (\$1844.75). The net total income was \$1168.58. Total checking account was \$11,772.67). Money Market Account was \$8556.28. Scholarship Account was \$9778.85. Total net assets was \$30,107.80.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Council 9880 has 157 members (-1 member, +1 member). The badges for new members are available. Badges are available for the wives of the Knights of Columbus for a cost of \$3.50. Tom Smith has reported that the badges for wives are useful at state meetings to help with creating new friendships. In addition, magnets are available for the badge to allow wearing a badge with a shirt that does not have a pocket.

Chancellor's Report:

The council should consider utilizing the advertisement on the back of the Columbia magazine. The advertisement provides supportive message for young adults entering the vocations. We could place this advertisement in a picture frame for use in the atrium.

Service Programs:

- Capital Towers had a short list of projects from the residents. In addition, the council received a thank you letter from a resident expressing their gratitude for our efforts. Please consider helping a the next Capital Towers.
- Thanksgiving/Christmas Baskets: Jeff and Dave reported that UPS donated a total of 24 turkeys and US FoodService donated a total of 40 turkeys. Approximately 600 grocery bags with a list of suggested non-perishable food donations were handed out. The parish returned 300 bags full of groceries in addition to generous monetary donations. More than 100 total families were helped this year between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- State Bowling Tournament, March 25, 2006 at Jacksonville.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- State Raffle Tickets are available for \$5 each. The council received \$2.50 for each ticket sold. If the council sells more than 100 tickets, the council will receive an additional \$1 per ticket. The prize is an Alaskan cruise (or equally valued vacation).
- A council member expressed his concerns that the trustees have not been attending the business meeting for six months. The discussion revealed that two of the trustees have attended some of the meetings in the past six months. The by-laws of our council state that trustees could be asked to resign if they do not attend a meeting for six months. One trustee will be moving out of our area within the month. A replacement for this trustee's position will be needed. The Grand Knight will talk with one of the other trustees about his attendance for the upcoming meetings.

- A motion was put forward to council concerning the future purchase of a chest-type freezer. A chest-type freezer would be useful for the council for storing food for a variety of council events: shrimp boils, spaghetti dinners, pancake breakfasts, and the Thanksgiving/Christmas food baskets. It was mentioned that finding freezer space for the turkeys (food baskets) in the Lewis Room and Raphael is difficult due to limited access (Raphael Hall) or multi-group use (Lewis Room). Motion passed to continue to pursue this potential purchase. Jeff Price will investigate purchase prices. The council will need approval to use the maintenance shed as a potential site for the freezer.

- A flyer was shown to the members discussing a cell phone donation program. An organization will collect old cell phones and their batteries and in return provide a \$1-100 donation (based on condition and age) to support Special Olympics.

- Report on the 4th Degree Meeting (Third Sunday of the month at Father Price council):

Need 4th Degree members with regalia and other members to participate in two upcoming parades: Right to Life and St. Patrick's Day. The Right to Life parade in Raleigh will occur on Saturday January 14th starting sometime between noon and 1pm at Nash Square. If you are planning a trip to Fayetteville, please consider calling the USO to provide a ride to our military service men and women. A taxi ride to Fayetteville can cost hundreds of dollars. Free Throw contest will be held on March 11th at St. Francis.

- Check for liability insurance dues will need to sent in soon

- Tom Smith reported that we are at +5 members for the year (all may not be official to State yet). Tom has committed to six more members for the year.

- Bishops Annual Appeal Reception will be held on January 26th in Raphael Hall. It will be a wine/cheese reception (need volunteers).

District Deputy's Report: None



Turn Old Into Gold for Special Olympics

Rick Gall, Special Olympics Chairman

Special Olympics is partnering with RMS Communications Group to turn unwanted cell phones into cash for Special Olympics. Not to mention this also helps the environment. The "Recycle for Special Olympics" promotion runs through May 31. Special Olympics will receive a minimum of \$1 to more than \$100 per donated phone.

So, start going through the attic and garage looking for your old cell phones. You can also go out and ask your neighbors for their old cell phones as well. Once you gather them up you can bring them to the monthly officer's or business meeting and drop them off. If you are unable to make it to one of the meetings, bring them to one of our events and leave them with an officer.

Remember, depending on the model of cell phone, as few as three recycled phones could make it possible for a Special Olympics athlete to train and compete in their sport for one full season. So, get out there and round up those cell phones!





State Vacation Raffle

Brian K Kasprowicz, Deputy Grand Knight

The State Convention is around the corner and that means the State Vacation Raffle is too. This year first place is a 7-10 day Alaskan Cruise for two including \$700 spending cash.

What I need from all of you is assistance with selling these tickets. Selling these tickets is a quick and easy way for our council to get income for the events that we sponsor, here is why. The tickets are \$5 each and for each ticket that we sell, our council gets to keep \$2.50. As an added bonus this year, if we sell 100+ more tickets than last year we will receive an additional \$1 per ticket for each one over last year's total.

I will be mailing out a handful of tickets to each Knight in February with instructions for handling the tickets and a flyer discussing the prizes and rules for the drawing. You can buy these tickets yourself or sell them. So, be on the lookout for these tickets and help your council out by selling them.

Have You Thought About Joining the Guild?

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Go to <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/guild/join/index.cfm> to join the guild today.



Food Baskets, Thanksgiving and Christmas

Jeff Price and Dave Demo

Brothers we have had another successful year providing families in need with food baskets. Dave and I would like to thank the parish for their generous support of this program.

We handed out approximately 600 grocery bags with a list of suggested non-perishable food donations. The parish returned 300 bags full of groceries in addition to generous monetary donations.

The council spent nearly \$900 providing the balance of the turkeys, flour, sugar, vegetable oil, rice, stuffing, and potatoes to the families. Local business also provided generous support. UPS donated a total of 24 turkeys and US FoodService donated a total of 40 turkeys. The Early Childhood Center and the school also provided their support with food drives.

Together we were able to help more than 100 families between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Given our long history of strong support, we will expand this program to help more families.



Degree Watch / Membership

Tom Smith, Membership Director

Have you ever wondered why the man next to you in church looks at you strange when you have your name badge on? He is wondering why hasn't he asked me to join the Knights. I wish he would. Now is the time to bring in a friend or someone you know from the mass you attend. That is how we get most of our members, we ask them. When you approach someone and he tells you he used to be a member, let him know that we would welcome him back again.

If we continuously let the men of the parish know that we want them to join us, we can make the St. Raphael Council the best in Raleigh. If you need some Form 100's, let me know. I will get them to you. Wear your badge to church. I wear mine every week, and that is the first thing people look at before saying hello. It is a great way to break the ice to tell a prospect about the Knights.



3rd Degree: Feb 4 - Father Price Council
3rd Degree: Feb 25 - Pinehurst



K of C Insurance

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

YOUR BUSINESS BELONGS HERE...

Do you know that the Knights of Columbus can offer you IRA's and Keogh Plans (U.S.), as well as RRSPs (Canada)? Do you know enough about them to decide whether or not they fit into your financial picture?

I would like you to answer three questions:

1. Are you, like most people, interested in saving money?
2. Do you find it difficult to save under common saving methods?
3. Take the number of years you've been working times your average salary. What percentage of that income have you saved so far? How much will you save in the future?

If your answers bother you, I would like the chance to sit and talk with you (and your wife, of course) about our alternatives - annuities and tax-sheltered savings at highly competitive interest rates. You need not look anywhere else but your own Order for your financial needs. Other institutions bombard you with ads for business at this time of year. We just keep doing what we have been doing since Father McGivney founded the Order - taking care of our members and their families.

Call me today. I want to hear from you.



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Council Calendar

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)
- 18 Road Clean Up (Six Forks and Lynn)
- 25 3rd Degree (Pinehurst: Council 11103)

March

- 7 Officers/Directors Meeting (7:00 PM - St Raphael, 107)
- 11 District Free Throw Contest
- 14 Business Meeting (7:30 PM - St Raphael, 107)
- 18-19 State Bowling Tournament (Winston-Salem)
- 18 LAMB Training (Father Price Council)
- 25-26 State Bowling Tournament (Jacksonville)

February Birthdays

- William Bremen
- Joseph Coffman
- Emeka Eluka
- Hector Javier
- James Lueck
- Robert McManus
- Alan Sack
- Justin Vargas



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Council Web Site

<http://kofc9880.org> is the place to go but do not expect too much yet. It still needs a lot of work before it will be useful but it took a lot to get the different pieces in place. There will be a council calendar, a photo album, blogs and other content. I will give you updates as time goes on.

Brian Kasprovicz

Knight of the Month - December

Alan Sack

Family of the Month

Dan Stamegna and family

Both of these awards were given out for time and effort given during the holiday food baskets for Christmas.