



# Knights Life

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



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

Worthy Brothers,

As we wind down this year, I think it is important for us to remember why we joined the Knights. As need to ask ourselves if we still have the same desires in helping people less fortunate, or are we content to just sit back and let someone else do it. I used to think that way, but I realized that I was not feeling good about what I was doing by not giving some of my time to help others when they needed it. Charity is the hardest work there is to do. Sometimes it is hard to say "I will help". It is easier to just sit around and let the other person do it. We are at the end of hosting Lenten Dinners on Friday nights, and we sure could use more help for this last Friday. If you can give a couple of hours on Friday to see this event be a success, please do so. It will make you feel good about yourself, and I know that the people running the event will appreciate it.

We have done several things this year, and they have all been successful. Our pancake breakfast's have benefited the youth of our parish, hurricane relief on the gulf coast, USO Lounge at RDU just to name a few. Our next pancake breakfast is scheduled for 5/07/06. The last pancake breakfast, which was done in coalition with the ECC, was a great success. We managed to fill up Raphael Hall for the second mass as this was the mass where the baskets were raffled off. Please help make the next as good as the last.

At our last business meeting it was discussed about moving our business from the 2nd Tuesday night to the 1st Thursday night. I would like some feedback about this move. We can move our meeting on a temporary basis without changing our by-laws. Let me know which night would be better for you. This move would take place in May for about 4 to 6 months. You can email me or call me at 971-1087 and let me know which night would be best.

Now is also the time of year we start thinking about electing officers for the next year. We will be posting the slate of officers in the May newsletter for election in June. If this is something you would like to do, let the Trustees or Brian Kasprowicz know ASAP. We could use some new ideas in order for our council to move forward. I have served as Grand Knight twice, and I have enjoyed being the leader of such a wonderful group of men in our parish. I have met new people thru-out the state and have been able to form lasting friendships with people I would never have known.

Vivat Jesus,  
Tom Smith

## Important Notes From Previous Meetings:

### Delegates for 2006 State Convention:

- 1st Chair: Tom Smith, Grand Knight
- 2nd Chair: Brian Kasprowicz, Deputy Grand Knight
- 1st Alternate: Jim Leuck, Chancellor
- 2nd Alternate: Bill Wolf, Treasurer

### Business Meeting Move Feedback:

Starting in May we are going to move the business meeting to the first Thursday of the month instead of the second Tuesday. We are going to try this for a few months to see how this new day will work out. If it works better for attendance, we will change our bylaws to make the change permanent. So during this time period please direct all feedback to Tom Smith, Grand Knight (ncsufan1946@yahoo.com) and Brian Kasprowicz, Deputy Grand Knight (javadragon@nc.rr.com). Remember, this starts in May so our April meeting will still be on Tuesday April 11. In May our meeting will be on Thursday May 4. We will keep you posted for if and when we will have the vote to make this a permanent change.

### Support for St Vincent de Paul, Council #4898:

It was decided to give \$250.00 to Council #4898 in Long Beach, MS as there council hall, church and surrounding community were devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Frank Castillo has been in contact with the Grand Knight from that council and he presented us with a 37 picture slide show of the destruction during our February business meeting. You can contact Frank at Frank.Castillo@nclabor.com for more information or for a copy of the pictures.

### Travelling Gavel came and went:

In February the Travelling Gavel, which is passed from council to council to promote inter-council communication and brotherhood, was presented to us by members of the Lindell council 10853. In March Tom Smith and Brian Kasprowicz went to the Lady of Lourdes to pass the gavel onto them during their business meeting which just so happened to be a first degree.

### Assistance to Special Olympic Athlete:

After receiving a request for assistance from a Special Olympic athlete, Judy Nutter, a \$100 donation was voted on and passed.



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## Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2006

Jeff Price, Recorder

Grand Knight	E	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	P	Chancellor	A
Spiritual Advisor	E	3 Year Trustee	A	Recorder	P
				Advocate	P

- The Traveling Gavel has made its round to Council 9880
- First Degree Member Tory Russo made a presentation to the Council. The presentation started with a story of his Great Grandfather who was saved from a mining accident after offering a prayer to St. Joseph to be rescued. Every year afterwards, his family has prepared simple meals for the homeless on the feast day of St. Joseph (March 19th). This year Tory will be receiving his final chemotherapy treatments on March 17th. He will be too weak to continue his family tradition for this year. Tory is asking the brothers of the council to either go to a soup kitchen on March 19th to help feed the homeless or invite someone to your house for a meal that you have never invited previously.
- Frank Castillo had a slide presentation of his visit to Long Beach Mississippi and neighboring communities in November following Hurricane Katrina. Frank was providing safety information as an OSHA safety representative. The slides showed the overwhelming devastation in the area even after many weeks. He met Elvis Gates, the Grand Knight of Council 4898. The meeting area for Council 4898 was destroyed from the hurricane. Frank asked the council to reflect on the possibility of helping Council 4898.
- A motion was put forward for sending Council 4898 a check for \$250. The motion passed. The council will also asked the Grand Knight to use some of the Grand Knight Fund to support Council 4898.
- A motion was put forward to dispense with singing of the Opening Ode. The motion passed.
- Motion to accept meeting minutes as published in the KnightLife. Motion passed

### Grand Knight's Report:

- The Council has received a thank you note for our work at Capital Towers.
- The Council has received a thank you note for our work at the Bishop's Annual Appeal Reception

### Treasurer's Report:

Checking account income was \$75.00 (dues), \$306.69 (Food Baskets) for a grand total income of \$381.69. Checking account expenses were (\$345.50)(K of C Supreme Dues), (\$404.08)(State Convention), (\$1080.00)(Dining Guides), (\$29.45)(Administration),(\$25.21)(Food Baskets), and (\$119.92)(Social Events) for a grand total expenses of (\$2004.16). The net total income was (\$1622.47). Total checking account was \$10150.20. Money Market Account was \$8560.78. Scholarship Account was \$9796.95. Total net assets was \$28507.93.

### Financial Secretary's Report:

Council 9880 has 157 members. The database for addresses and other contact information is underway. Working is progressing on reviewing information on potential suspensions. Twenty of these people have been contacted. The Financial Secretary has an audit for the Trustees to review.

### Service Programs:

- Three brothers helped at the last Capital Towers event. They worked for a couple of hours helping the residents. The next Capital Towers will be on March 4th.
- Free Throw Contest will not be held in Raphael Hall do to potential for asbestos release with impact from basketballs. The event will be help on March 11 at St. Francis at 10:30. Richard O'Brien will be providing handouts to the school.

### New Business:

- Lenten Fish dinners will be on all Fridays in Lent. Food will be served from 5 PM to 7:30 PM. The all you can eat shrimp will be \$10/person. A new beer batter haddock will be \$6/plate. Volunteers will be needed start at 3 PM to help start the food.
- The next Blood Drive will be at the Father Price Council
- Eucharistic Retreat at Cardinal Gibbons will be help on April 7, 8, and 9th. The council has been asked to help again with the set- up, serving, and clean- up for a dinner on April 8th.
- A second degree will be offered at St. Catherine on March 4th.
- Judy Nutter will be competing in a Special Olympics event. She is asking for monetary donations. A motion was put forward for a \$100 donation. The motion passed.
- John Gunther, and Bill Hast helped judge the Boy Scouts car race. The Cub Scouts were judged on creativity, speed, and sportsmanship.
- Ernie Beauguard reported that only a handful of dinning guides are remaining. The last deposit for the dinning guides was made. He also reported that work for the next Octoberfest (September 22nd and 23rd) has started. The Little German Band has been retained. Ernie would like to start a committee to help with Octoberfest.
- The Bowling competition will be held in Jacksonville on March 25/26th. Five person teams are forming. Cost is \$75 per team.
- Operation Lamb Training will be held in March 18th. Please contact Bill Hast
- A motion was put forward to spend \$350 to purchase a 30 cubic foot freezer conditional on obtaining permission to store the freezer in the shed and provide some measure of physical security.

### District Deputy's Report:

- A 4th Degree dinner was held last Sunday at the downtown Clarion on the 20th floor. Approximately 124 people we in attendance, including wives.
- First Sunday in June dinner will be held in Henderson for the installation of 4th Degree members. You do not have to be a 4th Degree member to attend. Wives are also invited.
- The Traveling Gavel will make it rounds to Our Lady of Lourdes on March 7th.
- There will be a St. Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh. The Knights of Columbus will have a float in the parade. All are invited to be aboard the float to hand out Tootsie Rolls for Operation Lamb. There is no need to RSVP, just show up at the staging area at 10 to 10:30 am. The staging area has been next to the Civic Center in years past.

### Good of the Order:

- Please pray for the wife of one of the District Deputies from along the coast. She will be having surgery at Duke.
- Please pray for District Deputy 25, who will be having a kidney transplant. His daughter will be the donor.
- Please pray for the son for one of our brothers. His son was wounded in Iraq.
- Please pray for all of our brothers and their families who are in the Gulf Coast
- Please pray for Gilbert Hendrick's mother who was just diagnosed with glaucoma.
- Please pray for all of our servicemen and service women and their families.
- Please pray for our Supreme Court while they revisit the issue of late term abortions
- Please pray for Tory Russo and his family. He was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Please pray for Tom Smith and his father. His father is in the hospital following angioplasty.
- Please pray for John Harrod's father. His father has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment.
- Please pray for a friends of John Harrod's who recently dealt with a house fire.



## Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2006

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

- Reading of the Minutes was performed by the Deputy Grand Knight

### Grand Knight's Report:

- Pancake Breakfast will be held in Raphael Hall on March 26th in conjunction with the Early Childhood Center. Donations will benefit the Early Childhood Center.
- Come volunteer on April 8th for the Cardinal Gibbons Retreat. Teenagers from across the state are gathering for a retreat. Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to 500- 600 teenagers from 5- 8:30pm.
- Please consider donating your old cellphone for the "Turn old into Gold" program. Cellphones are being collected across the state. The agency will donate a minimum of \$250,000 to Special Olympics, see the announcement in the church bulletin.
- State Raffle Tickets are being sold for your chance to win a seven day cruise to Alaska. Tickets are \$5. The council will receive \$2.50/ticket sold, with a bonus if we exceed last year's total.
- Have asked Bill Abel to allow the Knights of Columbus to have a table in the atrium at the beginning of April for a membership drive.
- An informational meeting is scheduled for March 23rd at 7 PM in the church. The information meeting will discuss starting a Squires Circle program within our council.
- Our council will host a wine and cheese event on April 6th in the Parish Center. We plan on having approximately 40 people attend.
- Training for Special Olympics will be held on Saturday March 18th at the Fr. Price Council from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- The State Convention will be held on May 19-21 in Greensboro. Anyone can attend. See Tom Smith for information on reservations.

### Treasurer's Report:

Checking account income was \$625.55 (pancake breakfast). Checking account expenses were (\$281.11)(Pancake Breakfast), (\$53.74)(Degree Team), and (\$25.95)(Social Events) for a grand total expenses of (\$360.80). The net total income was \$264.75. Total checking account was \$10414.95. Money Market Account was \$8564.72. Scholarship Account was \$9801.46. Total net assets were \$28,781.13.

### Financial Secretary's Report:

The Financial Secretary has Knights of Columbus badges for spouses at a cost of \$2. He will need help at the next business meeting stuffing envelopes for our Scholarship Raffle. The Raffle tickets will be sold for \$20/ticket for a chance to win a total of \$3000 in prizes from 3 drawing dates, see the KnightLife article.

### Service Programs:

#### Community:

- Capital Towers: Three brothers helped the residents of Capital Towers on March 4, 2006. April 1st will be the next date.
- Free Throw Contest: The Free Throw Contest will occur at St. Francis
- Road Clean-up: Four brothers helped with the last road cleanup.

#### Athletics:

- State Bowling Tournament will be on March 26th in Jacksonville
- Father Price Council Golf Tournament will be on June 1st in Pine Hollow to benefit the Special Olympics
- Baseball Tournament will be held at Fr. Price council on April 28/29th.
- Golf Tournament will be held at Eagle Ridge on May 5th. The cost will be \$100 per person. The costs will cover breakfast, awards, golf cart, round of golf, prizes, and an award dinner.

### Old Business:

- Motion for the council to donate \$250 to the Knights of Columbus council in Alabama that was destroyed by hurricane Katrina. The motion passed.
- The motion from last month to purchase a used freezer from the owner of St. Vincent's Pizza. The motion has been put on hold since the meeting minutes were not published last month. Voting will occur at the next business meeting. Bill Abel has allowed the Knights to store the freezer in the maintenance shed.

### New Business:

- Nominations for delegates for the State Convention. 1st Delegate will be the current Grand Knight, Tom Smith. The 2nd Delegate will be the Deputy Grand Knight. Jim Lueck and Jim Welte were nominated to be the alternate for the 1st Delegate. Jim Lueck won the vote. Bill Wolfe was nominated and voted to be the alternate for the 2nd Delegate.
- Motion for the council to pay the registration fees and room reservation for all delegates and alternates. Payments are due in April.
- Motion was put forward to pay to have a full- page ad for the State Convention. The Deputy Grand Knight has agreed to design the ad.
- St. Francis will be holding their only fund raiser on April 1st. BBQ meals will be sold in the school cafeteria for \$7 (adults) and \$6 (kids). The BBQ meals will be prepared by a caterer.
- The Council will vote in April for a potential change in business and officer meeting dates. The potential change would be to move the 1st Thursday of the month.
- Nominations for next year's officers will be held in May with voting in June
- Motion to allow Mark Parish to replace Thomas Smith as Trustee. Motion passed.
- John Gunther handed in a bill for \$750 for a new sign for the Shrimp dinners to replace the old one damaged by the winds.
- The next 4th Degree meeting will be on Sunday March 19th. Social time starts at 2 PM with the meeting starting at 3 PM.

### Good of the Order:

- Please pray for Ed Cody.
- Please pray for Gilbert Hendrick's sister- in- law whose Aunt died.
- Please pray for Tom Smith's dad who is recovering from angioplasty.
- Please pray for Tom Smith and his father. His father is in the hospital following angioplasty.
- Please pray for John Harrod's father. His father has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment.
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## 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. 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, the garage and ask your neighbors to round up as many old cell phones as possible. Once you gather them up you can bring them to the monthly officer's/business meeting and drop them off or you can bring them to one of our events and leave them with an officer. 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!





### Degree Watch / Membership

*Tom Smith, Membership Director*

This year has been slow for new members. We have had two drives this fraternal year and the first did not go over well. We just had our second one this past weekend and it was much better as we had announcements from the priests about the membership drive. We received several interested individuals and some even took Form 100s. Let's hope that we get most of them back.

Have you ever wondered why the person sitting close to you in church keeps looking over at you? He is saying to himself, I know that guy is a Knight, but he has not asked me to join. I wish he would ask me. Now is the time to do just that. I would like to have some of our members after each mass on the week-end of our drive to be able and tell people why you joined the Knights. I joined in 1988 as a charter member of the St. Raphael Council because I felt it was a good way to meet people I didn't know, and it gave me a chance to help other people less fortunate than I am. Don't let this opportunity get by without asking someone to join us. I

will be sending an email later reminding everyone about the membership drive.



4th Degree: Oct 28 - Greensboro

### K of C Insurance

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

**IT TAKES MORE THAN MONEY...**

Most commodities can be bought provided you 1) have the money, 2) can find a willing seller, and 3) can agree on a satisfactory price. In like manner, most investments -real estate, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, bank accounts -require only an arm's length agreement and a deal is struck. All it takes is money.

There is one notable exception to the above statements. The purchase of life insurance. When the purchase of life insurance is considered, in addition to setting aside dollars, the prospective insured must prove that he is in good health. If a man is deemed to be "uninsurable," no amount of money will make this commodity available to him.



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The ability to qualify for life insurance is an asset that is temporary at best. Without warning, your health can fail, and you may never be able to add to your life insurance program. Other hazards may prevent you from qualifying -occupation, character, even old age. What would happen if you suddenly woke up and decided to buy life insurance, but had lost your ability to qualify for it? Ever think about that?

I can tell you about our guarantee purchase option. Think of that! The ability to secure additional insurance, depending on the amount of your option, on a guarantee basis -without necessarily being in good health. This option can be added at issue of a new certificate up through age 37. Find out at your convenience how little it costs to guarantee the right to increase your protection. Call me today for an appointment. I want to hear from you.

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### Thank You Letters

Here are some letters/emails that we have received thanking us for our time and effort. Hopefully reading these will inspire you to continue giving your time to our events.

*From St Raphael Church (Mickey):*

I want to thank all of you who gave so generously of your time and talent to make the Bishop's Annual Appeal Reception such a success. Many hands make less work! It was a pleasure to work with all of you. I hope you are as inspired as I am to witness what a wonderful community we have here at St Rahael's.

*From Capital Towers (Mrs Slade):*

Dear "Knights in Shining Glory" - It's so nice to have man around the house. Thanks so much for hanging my pictures, shower curtain and helping me with the stove top. I didn't know what we, at Capital Towers, would/could do without you. We appreciate you.

### Squires Council Update

Last month we held a meeting for interested parents and their children in our attempt to start up a squires council. We had 5 parents and 2 children for this meeting and are in process of filling out the paperwork to request a squires council. What we need now is to slot 10 or more boys of the ages 10-17 that wish to formally join this circle. If you have sons, or know of those that have sons in this age range and are interested in having them join the circle or would like more information contact Brian Kasprovicz or Tom Smith.



### State Vacation Raffle

*Brian K Kasprovicz, Deputy Grand Knight*



The State Convention is around the corner and that means the State Vacation Raffle tickets sales are closing soon. 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.

Please contact me by cell phone (302-6722) or email ([javadragon@nc.rr.com](mailto:javadragon@nc.rr.com)) if you would like to purchase tickets for yourself or if you would like some tickets to sell. We need to have these sold by the end of this month.



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**Council Calendar**

- April
- 4 Officers/Directors Meeting (7:00 PM - St Raphael, 107)
  - 6 Parish Room Booking Meeting (7:00 PM - St Raphael)
  - 7 Lenten Dinner (5:00 PM - St Raphael, Raphael Hall)
  - 8 John:635 BBQ Dinner (5:00 PM - Cardinal Gibbons)
  - 11 Business Meeting (7:30 PM - St Raphael, 107)
  - 24-27 Parish Monitor Program (6:30 PM - St Raphael)
  - 28-29 State Softball Tournament (Father Price)
- May
- 2 Officers/Directors Meeting (7:00 PM - St Raphael, 107)
  - 4 Business Meeting (7:30 PM - St Raphael, 107)
  - 5 OP LAMB Golf Tournament (Eagle Ridge)
  - 7 Pancake Breakfast (St Raphael)
  - 19-21 NC State Convention

***Votes for next business meeting (04/11/2006):***

1) \$350 for freezer for council general purpose  
 A restaurant owner is looking to sell us his used top load freezer with sliding glass tops for \$350. This freezer is a couple years old but in great condition. It is currently being stored in the storage shed which has a key pad combination for security.

2) Temporarily change business meeting to 1st Thursday  
 Vote whether or not to temporarily change business meeting date from 2nd Tuesday to 1st Thursday for a few months.

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

**Family of the Month**  
 Joseph Halloran and family

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**Knight of the Month - February**  
 Robin Jewett

**Family of the Month**  
 Dave Demo and family

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