



# Knights Life

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



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

Worthy Brothers,

There are only 2 months left of the fraternal year. I was just thinking back of some of the things we have done. It has been a good year, but not a great year for the council. We have achieved our supreme goal in membership and insurance. We have had more participation from members at some of our events than before. The things the council has accomplished is due to every member of this council pulling together for a common cause, to do good works for the church, youth, family, council, and community. Our council is close to starting a Squires Circle. This is a big accomplishment, seeing good men involved in some of the same things that we do. I am asking every member who has a son from the age of 10 through 17 to allow him to become a Squire. It will help bring him closer to you or you closer to him. When my sons were that age, our council didn't want to start a circle for young men. Also, if your son wishes to join and he has a friend of the same age, have him ask his friend to become a Squire with him.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped with our Shrimp and Fish Dinners for Lent. Even if you were only able to help for 1 week, thanks. I also would like to thank the 2 members who headed this event. Michael Janus and John Gunther did an excellent job each week to bring in help and make sure we had plenty of food to serve. In any venture, you cannot satisfy everybody, but I believe the complaints were low for the 6 weeks. Again, thanks to all for a job well done.

As discussed a couple of meetings ago, we decided to shift our business meeting in order to try to get better attendance. Our next business will be on May 4th, the 1st Thursday of the month. Our officers meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2nd. Our council will host a social for the meeting to get the packets for booking meeting space at the church. This social will be on Monday, May 1st. We will provide snacks and drinks for this gathering. If you can help with this, please let me know.

A slate of officers will be presented at our next meeting, and voted on at the June meeting. Anyone wishing to serve as an officer, please let Brian Kasprovicz or one of the trustees know your intentions.

Vivat Jesus,  
Tom Smith  
Grand Knight



**State Vacation Raffle**  
*Brian K Kasprovicz, Deputy Grand Knight*

Brother Knights,

In preparation for the upcoming fraternal year, we are beginning to put together a slate of officers to be voted on at the June meeting. We still have some positions that need good men to fill them. One of the more important positions that we are looking is that of the treasurer. Our current treasurer will be attempting to move up into the ranks of office and has left behind a vacancy that needs to be filled. To be our treasurer only takes a hand full of hours per month out of your schedule to provide invaluable support to our council. If you are interested in this position, or any other including those of the service directors, please contact me to let me know. You can reach me at javadragon@nc.rr.com or at 919 302 6722. If you are not sure of the positions or the responsibilities of the positions, please ask me as I will be more than willing to go over this with you.

Like Tom has mentioned, there have been a lot of positives this fraternal year and I would like to continue to grow off of those. One of the main goals is to set up a Squires Council. We have started to submit the paperwork for doing this and are now looking for at least 10 young men between the ages of 10 and 17 to elect officers and start the Circle. Please ask your neighbors and friends to see if they have children that would be interested in becoming part of the Circle.

Lastly, if you have any thoughts or ideas for ways to improve upon the council's activities and doing please express them to me.



**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 or 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!





### **Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2006**

*Jeff Price, Recorder*

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

- 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 passed.

#### **Grand Knight's Report:**

- Volunteers are needed from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM for the Parish Monitoring Program for the week of April 24 - 27. Tom Smith can volunteer on April 25th.
- Preliminary estimates are \$8000 gross and \$5000 net profit from the Shrimp Dinners
- Thursday night will be the final cleanup for the Shrimp Dinners at 7 PM. Fryers need cleanup and find a plan for the fish and shrimp leftover foods.
- 1st Degree will be offered on April 17th at Wake Forest council at 7:30 PM
- 2nd Degree will be offered on April 18th at St. Francis at 7:30 PM
- 3rd Degree will be offered on June 3rd in Garner
- May 19-21 will be the State Convention in Greensboro at the Four Seasons
- Midyear meeting will be held on June 21-23 at the Sheraton Imperial in Durham
- April 27/28 Softball tournament at the Fr. Price Council
- May 5th Eagle Ridge Golf Tournament. Cost will be \$100/person
- September will be the State Golf Tournament in Sanford
- Rick Gall is looking for people to sign up to be volunteers for the Special Olympics on June 3rd on Buffalo Road. Wives can also volunteer. Rick needs to register the number of volunteers for our council to "register" our people for the best, most exciting volunteer positions. Volunteers can work either the 7 AM - 12 PM shift or the 11 AM to 4 PM shift.
- Social Justice Committee has asked to partner with the Knights of Columbus at the next Pancake Breakfast to sell and/or provide awareness for "Free Trade Coffee and Tea" and its impact on immigrants. Council agreed to partner with the Social Justice Committee as long as the two are kept separate. The Social Justice Committee has offered to share the profits for the sale with the Knights.
- Volunteers are needed to help God and Neighbor help a 62 year old cancer patient. He would like to have a group of individual over to play cards and provide social interactions to help with the confinement to his home
- The council will be providing a small box to collect used cell phones. The used cell phones will be taken to the State Convention. The collected cell phones will be used to collect monetary donations from the group collecting the used cell phones.
- Blood Drive on April 8th was not well advertised. Eighteen people donated blood from 8:30 AM to 1 PM. The Red Cross was able to collect 17 pints of blood. The next Blood Drive will be in October on a Sunday in the Lewis Room.
- Pancake Breakfast will be on May 7th. Sweet potato pancakes will be offered.
- Next business meeting temporarily moved to 1st Thursday of month.
- May 1st council will help host a social with Mickey for room reservations in the Lewis Room. Wine, cheese, and soft drinks will be provided

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Checking account income was \$555.98 (pancake breakfast), 1131.00 (Shrimp Dinner), and \$10.00 (misc.) for a grand total income of \$1696.98. Checking account expenses were (\$80.80)(Supreme Dues), (\$468.75)(State Dues), (\$440.0)(State Convention), (\$1920.29)(Shrimp

Dinners), (\$205.46)(Pancake Breakfast), (\$400.00)(Oktoberfest), (\$250.00)(support of Alabama council), (\$100.00)(Special Olympics), and (\$9.60)(Administration) for a grand total expenses of (\$3874.90). The net total income was (\$2177.92). Total checking account was \$10150.20. Money Market Account was \$8569.09. Scholarship Account was \$9806.46. Total net assets were \$28,525.75.

#### **Financial Secretary's Report:**

One reinstatement, one transfer to our council, and two new memberships were received. Motion to vote on all memberships as a block was put forward. Motion passed. All memberships were accepted. We currently have 162 members. The Financial Secretary is continuing to evaluate the status of all members. The number of members in our council will decrease as the Financial Secretary tracks down members that have not paid dues and/or moved away from the local area.

#### **Trustees' Report:**

Currently working on the list of candidates for Officers. Nominations will be accepted in May. Voting will occur during the June meeting.

#### **Service Programs:**

- Capital Towers: Five brothers helped the residents of Capital Towers. May 6th will be the next date.
- Four people helped with the Cardinal Gibbons Youth Conference (for 13-30 year olds from across the state). Approximately 400 meals were served. The next Youth Conference will be on March 23-25, 2007. Please consider helping these energetic, thoughtful young adults next year.
- Six individuals were contacted at the last Membership Drive.

#### **Old Business:**

- Received disbursement for American Food Booth (Parish Fair)
- Motion to purchase freezer from owner of St. Vincent's Pizza (previously published). Motion passed.

#### **New Business:**

- Forth Degree meeting was moved to the week following Easter, 4/23/06. Social hour starts at 2 PM. Meeting starts at 3 PM. Volunteers are needed to help run a Bingo event at the VA hospital this month or next month.
- Clayton Rogers introduced the concept of the "Coach Approach" to help drive large projects. These large projects require considerable time and therefore are not "one man shows". The Coach Approach brings people together to perform the mechanical operations for these large projects, developing conceptual plans, strategy. The Scholarship Raffle will be a \$3000 payout and \$4000 scholarships.

#### **Good of the Order:**

- Please pray for Joe Polaski who recently had a blood clot/stroke. His son died earlier in the year
- Please pray for Gilbert Hendrick's sister-in-law whose Aunt died.



### **State Vacation Raffle**

*Brian K Kasprovicz, Deputy Grand Knight*

The State Convention Vacation raffle tickets need to be turned in to our state deputy at the next business meeting which is Thursday, May 4. Some of you still have some tickets that I need to get back from you. If you can sell the tickets, great. Do that and bring me the money and the stubs for the tickets. If you cannot sell the tickets please return the tickets to me. The state tracks all tickets and wants the unsold tickets to be returned to them. Please bring any tickets and money to the next business meeting. If you cannot make the next business meeting or officers' meeting, please call me at 919 302 6722 so that I can make arrangements before the business meeting to pick up the items from you.



### ***Degree Watch / Membership***

*Tom Smith, Membership Director*

We just had a membership drive on April 1st and 2nd. During this week-end I received 2 applications for new membership, 2 applications for transfer and reinstatement, and several people took membership packets with the intention of becoming a knight. As before, I am asking every member to ask a neighbor, friend, or relative to join our ranks. Our council 1st degree team just put on a 1st degree in Wake Forest and bestowed the honor of the 1st degree on 12 candidates. We had 1 candidate, and Wake Forest had the other 11. It's wonderful to see what you can do when you ask someone to join. The council in Wake Forest has taken in about 50 new members this year. That is over 1000% of their goal set by Supreme. We have 100% of our goal. We have had a good year, but I believe that we could do more. Tonight, Father Bob Kroc, Pastor at Wake Forest was at the degree. He asked each of the member of that council to wear their K of C shirts to mass and be proud of being a Knight. He also mentioned that other people in the parish looked up to the men who wear their shirts to show their membership in the Knights. We don't have shirts yet, but I would like to know who wants one. I think that is a great idea. Wouldn't it be wonderful to go to mass and see over 100 men wearing the same shirt. What a statement that would make to the other people at mass. I need to know who wants a shirt, and what size you need. This would be a great membership tool.



3rd Degree: June 3 - Garner  
4th Degree: Oct 28 - Greensboro



### ***K of C Insurance***

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

#### **GOOD ADVICE ...**

Remember your teacher's good advice? "Always start each project with an outline. It will give you the right direction." Experience tells us that the same idea works when it comes to getting ahead on the job -or in planning for individual or family security. But, in the latter kind of planning, your outline cannot be completed alone. Rely on the trained advice of your Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent and the Order's long and practical experience in the life insurance business to help you prepare your plans for the years ahead. I will be happy to help you chart and build a sound economic future. Better yet, I'll do it with an individual insurance plan keyed to your own needs and goals. This sort of professional counsel is available at absolutely no obligation. ..just through a telephone call to me for an appointment. Today, when programming is essential to effective use of the do-everything computer, it is equally so to the fulfillment of our own dreams and hopes for our families. life insurance programming is a service you should have. ..and one that I provide. Call me today. I want to hear from you.

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### ***NC Special Olympics Summer Games*** ***Rick Gall, Special Olympics Chairman***

Once again, Council 9880 is sending a contingent of volunteers to the NC Special Olympics Summer Games. We'll be working the softball venue, which will be at the Buffalo Road Park in Raleigh. Knights and family members are invited to join us for the morning session (7 AM to Noon) on Saturday, June 3rd.

Please contact Rick Gall, galls@bellsouth.net or 876-4221, for more information and to sign up.



### ***From the Financial Secretary***

*Clayton Rodgers, Financial Secretary*

#### ***Distress***

A reminder to any Knight who is in distress that you will be a member in good standing simply by telling an officer of your situation.

#### ***Badges***

Magnetic clips, spouse badges, and even your badge are all available. Just call me.

#### ***Scholarship Raffle***

Co-chair for Raffle needed. With three years as chairman of the SRCS Scholarship Raffle, and being slightly behind in the usual calendar for the 2006 raffle, I am making a request for a co-chairman for the raffle. We need to get supplies of stamps, printing, tickets, envelopes, etc. The co-chairs can divide the work as needed. As you may want more details, call me at 848-1793.

### ***Letter from the Editor***

*Brian K Kasprovicz, KnightLife Editor*



If you have any ideas for how to make this newsletter more usable or useful, please let me know. This is your newsletter and I want to make sure that you understand that.

Also, this newsletter is not just to report the council's doings but can also be a place to give general information to your brother knights. If you would like to submit an article feel free to contact me with the information and I will make sure that it makes it into the KnightLife. It can be anything you wish to share with the rest of the council. Maybe there was a wedding or a birth in your family. Maybe someone in your family won a award or received special recognition for something they did. Or maybe you read a book or article that you feel would help to enlighten the council or that you found interesting. Whatever the case, do not be shy. Brotherhood is a part of our order and one way to get that is to communicate amongst ourselves.

Lastly, we still have about 70 people that do not have email addresses listed in our database. If you have an email address, please send it to me at javadragon@nc.rr.com so that I can update our records. This address will be used to email the URL for the newsletters once they are published online at our web site. This helps to cut down printing and mailing costs for the council and leads to faster communication of events.



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**Council Calendar**

- April  
 24-27 Parish Monitor Program (6:30 PM - St Raphael)  
 28-29 State Softball Tournament (Father Price)
- May  
 1 Church Room Booking Social (St Raphael, Lewis Room)  
 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)  
 6 Capital Towers (9:00 AM - Capital Towers)  
 7 Pancake Breakfast (St Raphael)  
 19-21 NC State Convention  
 21 4th Degree Meeting (Father Price)  
 30 Officers/Directors Meeting (7:00 PM - St Raphael, 107)
- June  
 1 Business Meeting (7:30 PM - St Raphael, 107)  
 2-4 NC Special Olympics Summer Games (Buffaloe Road Park)  
 3 3rd Degree (Garner)  
 10 4th Degree Officer Installation (St James Church of Henderson)  
 18 Installation of Council Officers (St Raphael)  
 18 4th Degree Meeting (Father Price)

**Knight of the Month - March**  
 Jim Welte

**Family of the Month - March**  
 Ed Cody and family

**Important Notes:**  
 Slate of officers for next year to be determined at next business meeting to be voted on at the June meeting. Some positions are still open and need good men to fill them. If you are interested in becoming an officer or director, please contact Brian Kasproicz or one of the trustees with your interests.

If you have any ideas for improvement or change for the council, please contact Brian Kasproicz. He is looking for new and fresh ideas for the following fraternal year.

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