



Knights Life

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



From the Grand Knight
Tom Smith, Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

As we close out this fraternal year, I would like to thank everyone for the hard work you have put in to make this year successful. We have made quota in Insurance and Membership. We could lose the membership quota due to some long overdue suspensions. We have not cleaned our roll of members who haven't paid their dues in a couple of years. Still, we have had a good year all around. This year could not have happened without the members pitching in to make it successful. I had the responsibility of running the meetings, but I didn't do that or anything else alone. Thank you all very much for giving me this opportunity to be the leader of a great bunch of men. Also, I would like to thank the women who helped us when we needed it. The last week of the Lenten Dinners, if it had not been for the ladies, we would have been dead. They were a big help to the council all year long. When you see one of the ladies who help during this year, give them a big hug and thanks for what they did.

We have come to a point where several of members who have been running projects need help. I am asking everyone to consider helping by co-chairing a project. I am not asking you to take it over and run it yourself. We need to start having at least 2 people to co-chair each event we do so no one gets burned out. Some of the projects we need co-chairs with is: Raffle for school scholarships, Oktoberfest, Dining Guides, Operation Lamb, Road Clean-up, Capital Towers, Pancake Breakfast, Special Olympics, and the establishment of the Squires Circle. Some of these may already have a co-chair, but it wouldn't hurt to have another person. Let Brian Kasprovicz or myself know if you are willing to help with one of these events.

Vivat Jesus



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

As our worthy Grand Knight has stated, we are in need of assistance with some of the projects that we run. Once again, we are not asking anyone to take over running an event by themselves. I understand that sometimes life gets in the way of volunteering but ask that you do your best to help the council. So, if you are interested in helping out, please contact Tom Smith or myself.

While on the note of asking for volunteers, we are still looking for a treasurer for next year. This position does not require much of your time, maybe about 5 hours a month. You will be working with the Financial Secretary in running the finances of the council. If you might be interested in doing this please contact me.

Fraternal Benefits Night, June 13

Brian K Kasprovicz, Deputy Grand Knight

On Tuesday, June 13, our council will be hosting a fraternal benefits night. Our insurance representative will be there along with an estate attorney. We are planning on making this night a pot luck dinner as well for those that wish to attend. Remember, this event is open to all including knights and their families, those that are looking to become a knight and those that would just like more information on the order and its benefits. If you would like to attend this event please contact me and let me know what dish you are planning on bringing. We are in contact with three other local councils to get their participation in this event as well in order to promote inter-council fraternity and cooperation. We will also be putting a note in the church bulletin to gather interest from other men in the parish. So, if you are unaware of the many benefits available to the knights or if you would like to ask questions to gather more information for yourself or if you just want to come out and have a good time then contact me at javadragon@nc.rr.com or at 919 302 6722 to let me know. I hope to see many of you there.



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 Buffaloe 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.



Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2006

Jim Lueck, Chancellor

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	P	Recorder	A
				Advocate	A

- Social from 7:00 - 7:30
- 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:

- New member joined and has taken their first and second degree in April.
- Pancake breakfast on March 29 had a profit of \$139 which was to be donated to the Early Childhood Center. Motion made and passed to increase the amount of the donation to \$150.
- The knights still have room 107 booked for the second Tuesday of the month and the idea of having a potluck dinner once a month was talked about. June 13 will be a potluck dinner and also be a fraternal benefits night. Our field agent will also be contacting the other local councils to see if they wish to attend this event as well to build on council relationships.
- New information was discovered for the Social Justice coffee sale that we voted on last month. It turns out that they want the knights to provide seed month of \$550 for the coffee. The vote to approve the seed money was suspended due to the fact that more information is needed before the council can properly vote on this.
- Co-chairs for all committees and events is desired to help take some of the strain off of the current chairmen. New members are being asked to help by stepping up to the request for assistance.
- June 10 is the installation of officers for the 4th degree assembly officers.
- The formation of the Squires Circle is moving along. We now have the posters, applications, ceremonials and bylaws for the Circle. Any parent, or friend of a parent, that has young man between the ages of 10 and 17 that are interested in having their children should contact Tom Smith. We need at least 10 members in order to start the council. We would like to have this set up by the end of June and we are looking into finding ways to include the Spanish speaking members of the community. Stay tuned for updates.

Treasurer's Report:

State of financials read stated expenses and income for last month. Handout given to attendees showing what was being stated.

Financial Secretary's Report:

The council has approximately 159 members but there are several suspensions in process for those members that have not paid their dues yet. Some badges are ready to be picked up. This includes some badges for the wives of those that paid for them. If you do not have a badge yet or are waiting for one that you ordered, please contact Clayton Rodgers.

Trustees' Report:

There are still openings for next year's officers for treasurer and advocate. Nominations held and are to be published in the KnightLife to be voted on at the June business meeting.

Service Programs:

- June 3 is the council's day for volunteering at the Special Olympics softball venue this year. Once again the location is the Buffalo Road Park and the time will be the morning shift from 7 AM to 12 PM. We will be doing the individual skills competition just like last year. Contact Rick Gall if you would like to help volunteer that day.

Old Business:

- \$350 for freezer voted on and approved.
- Sysco food bill paid by treasurer
- Financial secretary acknowledged that the scholarship raffle is a little behind this year and asked for assistance running this event. Those that are interested should contact Clayton Rodgers.

New Business:

- Bill Hast brought up the fact that the Pastoral Council is holding their elections soon and they are looking for candidates for the ballot. Directions for doing so will be published in the KnightLife.
- Mike Janus presented the first version of a proposal that he is working on for Raphael Hall to be run by the knights. Will be worked on at the next Officers' meeting. Article with details to be published in KnightLife.

Good of the Order:

- Ed Cortina: cancer, Terry Miner's brother, Marie Pasalo, Past member Tony Russo: surgery, Jim Lueck's brother: Recovering from hospital, Bill Segreve: premature baby (doing well), Gene Knight's aunt, Joe Paleski

St Raphael Hall and Council 9880

Michael Janus, Brother Knight

At the last business meeting I presented an overview of a proposal that I am currently working on concerning the management of Raphael Hall and kitchen. The presentation was a preview of the proposal that I have been working on in hopes that it will be presented to the Parish Council and our Pastor upon council approval.

Key Points:

1. K of C will volunteer to assume leadership in filling the Parish's need for the effective management, maintenance and updating of Raphael hall and kitchen.
2. K of C will work with other parish ministries (such as St. Raphael's Hispanic Ministries, Home & School Association (HSA), the Women's Guild, etc.) in leading the effort to bring our parish community together in joint missions and profit sharing.

Additional joint event proposals, such as BINGO, are a part of the proposal to maximize use of the currently under utilized Raphael Kitchen and Hall. Several existing parish members who own catering facilities have volunteered to add exquisite menu selections to the proposed Raphael hall banquet events with the proceeds benefiting our parish community.

The proposal will be further refined at the officers' meeting on May 30. Once the details and wording have been flushed out, it will most likely be presented to the council for review and discussion. If needed at this point, once the proposal is ready to go, a vote will be held as to whether or not to make the proposal to the pastor and church.

I invite any Knight with any additional information that would be pertinent for this proposal to contact me. I would especially like more information about prior K of C involvement at St. Raphael's, including but not limited to instances when K of C took on an assigned task or leadership role that benefited the Parish and Catholic Community at St Raphael's. Please direct any comments to me at mikejanus@yahoo.com. Anything information or comments that you can give to me will be greatly appreciated.



Degree Watch / Membership
Tom Smith, Membership Director

As I said in the GK's comments, we have made our goal on membership, but that doesn't mean we should stop. If you have a candidate for membership, give him a Form-100 and turn it in at the June meeting. If we worked at bringing in 2 members a month, we would have 24 new Knights each year. In a parish of over 4500 families, there is no reason why we should not be able to gain at least that many new members each year. If you don't have a Form-100 to pass out, let me know and I will provide you with some. It's by asking someone to share this experience with you that builds a productive council. It may be too late to reach that goal this fraternal year, but we can start working toward that goal for the new fraternal year. Help me make this the best council in Raleigh and maybe in the state of North Carolina. We can do it.



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



K of C Insurance

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

THINKING ABOUT VACATION ...

No doubt the signs of spring have had their affect on you. Initially, getting outdoors is the obvious thing to do. We start by poking around the garden, working on the lawn, attending softball practice, dusting off the gas grill. Beneath it all we sense that vacation time is near. This pleases everyone. It doesn't matter whether we are planning an elaborate vacation or will simply enjoy the company of our family at home - the feeling is the same. Vacations are fun.

If we've planned properly, chances are that some of our hard earned dollars have been set aside for this occasion. We recognize that if we plan to spend money in the pursuit of enjoyment, the ordinary fixed expenses -mortgage, utilities, etc. -must still be paid. So you need a "vacation fund." All of this makes good sense. The soundness of the idea is obvious.

Isn't it amazing that so many of us see the wisdom of planning for our vacations each summer, but fail to plan our long range vacation -retirement. The government has thought about it and encouraged your independence at retirement age. Your place of employment has probably thought about it and planned a pension for you. The only one left is you. ...it's time you thought about it. Find out how you can add to government and employer programs an amount sufficient to provide for you and yours. After all, retirement is the longest vacation you'll ever take. Call me today and we'll plan it together.



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Serve Your Parish: The Pastoral Council
Bill Hast, Pastoral Council

The St. Raphael Pastoral Council advises and assists our pastor in ministering to the people of the parish. The Pastoral Council serves mainly as a planning group, rather than a coordinating group, and is supported by the parish staff. The Pastoral Council meets 10 times a year on the second Monday of the month, from 7 to about 9 PM, (July and December excluded).

Various committees are involved with specific areas of parish life, such as developing the parish plan; council elections; parish facilities use policies; parish celebrations and spiritual enrichment, etc. The Pastoral Council works closely with the parish finance council, the parish staff, stewardship committee, and St. Raphael School. The members of the Council receive input from individuals and groups, e.g., as presenters during Parish Council meetings as well as during their interaction with others in the parish.

The Pastoral Council has two types of voting membership: elective and appointed. The election on the weekend of (September 30th, October 1st) will fill (5) elective memberships that are open or are coming open. Elected or appointed members of the Pastoral Council may serve up to 2 consecutive terms of 3 years each. After serving 2 consecutive terms, a member must sit out one year before running for election again.

Parishioners wishing to run for Pastoral Council should complete a registration form no later than August 13th and return it to "Bill Hast Pastoral Council Mailbox", care of the parish office. Emails to <Bill Hast at signalb@juno.com> containing the required information will also be accepted. Please contact any member of the Pastoral Council (see bulletin for information) for further information or assistance in submitting a registration form. Information required to register should include: name; address; phone number (home and work preferred); email (if available); and, a short resume of your work in the parish, if any.

Individuals running for Pastoral Council must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be a registered parishioner of St. Raphael for one year prior to September 25th 2004;
2. Must be 18 years of age, or older, by September 25th, 2004
3. Must regularly attend weekly Mass at St. Raphael's
4. Must be living, or desiring to live the mission statement of the parish, especially as it pertains to practicing stewardship of time, talent and treasure.
5. Must be interested in the parish overall and be without an inordinate attachment to a personal/group agenda.

Individuals running for election must attend a short informational meeting prior to the election.

Qualified parishioners are welcome to submit names, including their own, for nomination. If nominating an eligible person other than yourself, you must first secure their approval.

So, if you are looking for ways to get more involved with the church, this may be just what you are looking for.



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Council Calendar

May

30 Officers/Directors Meeting (7:00 PM - St Raphael, 107)

June

- 1 Business Meeting (7:30 PM - St Raphael, 107)
- 2 Special Olympics Golf Tournament (12:00 PM - Pine Hollow)
- 2-4 NC Special Olympics Summer Games (Buffaloe Road Park)
- 3 3rd Degree (Garner)
- 4 Pancake Breakfast (7:00 AM - St Raphael, Lewis Room)
- 10 Road Cleanup (8:30 AM - Six Forks and Lynn)
- 10 4th Degree Officer Installation (St James Church of Henderson)
- 13 Fraternal Benefits Night (7:30 PM, St Raphael, 107)
- 18 4th Degree Meeting (Father Price)
- 24 Installation of Council Officers (St Raphael)

Knight of the Month - March

Michael Janus
 John Gunther

Family of the Month - March

Dave Demo and family

Important Notes:

We will be voting on the slate of officers for the next fraternal year at our next business meeting. Please attend this meeting in order to have your vote count. Here is the slate of officers to vote on:

Advocate	Vacant	Recorder	Dave Demo
Grand Knight	Brian Kasprowicz	Treasurer	Vacant
Dpty Grand Knight	Jim Lueck	Inside Guard	Jim Welte
Chancellor	Bill Wolf	Outside Guard	Jim Cody
Warden	Gilbert Hendricks	1yr Trustee	Tom Smith
2yr Trustee	Mark Parrish	3yr Trustee	Gordon Perry

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