



# Knights Life

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



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

Worthy Brothers,

This is my last article as your Grand Knight. The year has come to an end, and it is time for me to pass the gravel to a new Grand Knight. I want to thank everyone of you for letting me serve you again as your Grand Knight. It has been my pleasure and honest to lead a group of men of your dedication and service to your church, community, and fellow man. I also want to thank the wives who have helped us accomplish the many things we did this past year. Without their help, we could not have done all the good things we undertook. I will still be serving as membership director and trustee for the new year. I ask each of you to give your new officers the respect that you have shown me, and help them with at least one or two functions when they call. I know that without the officers and my fellow knights, I would not have accomplished anything this year. St. Raphael Council is your council, not mine or any other officers. You are the ones who make this council grow. We, the officers, are just there to help you and make sure that everyone has the tools to accomplish the goals we sat at the beginning of the fraternal year. This is not a goodbye, but an acknowledgment that a new year is beginning on July 1, 2006.

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### **2006-2007 Council Officer Election Results**

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At our last business meeting we held our elections for the upcoming fraternal year council officers and the results are:

- Grand Knight: Brian K Kasprowicz
- 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
- 1 year Trustee: Tom Smith
- 2 year Trustee: Mark Parrish
- 3 year Trustee: Gordon Perry

Join me in congratulating and welcoming your new officers. Once the directors and chairmen have been selected the full council list including phone numbers and email addresses will be published.



**From the Incoming Grand Knight**  
*Brian K Kasprowicz, Incoming Grand Knight*

Fellow Knights,

As the new incoming Grand Knight I would like to thank you for having the confidence in me to run the council on your behalf. As Tom has stated in his article, this council belongs to all of you, not me. If you have ideas for ways to improve the council, or new event ideas, or anything else, please feel free to talk with me and the other officers to express those ideas. Our door is always open to all brother knights and their families.

And to the ladies of the council I say thank you for all of your efforts for the past year. The wives and ladies that helped us out throughout the past fraternal year were not overlooked or forgotten. You went above and beyond in your efforts and to show our appreciation we will be planning a Ladies Night at some point during the upcoming fraternal year so keep reading the KnightLife to stay posted.

I also want to thank Tom Smith for all of the effort he has put in the last year. Our council is now has tremendous acknowledgement in the parish from both the church and its community and we could not have done it without his leadership. I can only work and pray to follow in his footsteps.

Onto the upcoming year. Now that we have elected our officers, we are now going to start filling the positions of the directors and chairmen. There are still four seats open for the family, community, church and council directors. These positions do not require you to run or attend all of the events in these categories. What a director does is to help organize events in their respective areas and with the event coordinators who will be running the event. For the chairmen we are moving towards having co-chairs for all areas. So, we are looking for those that wish to help chair Operation LAMB, the scholarship raffle, Oktoberfest and a few others. Those that are interested in filling one of these positions or that are just looking for more information can contact me by email or phone.

With the start of the new year comes your yearly due that will be sent out soon. If you are experiencing financial hardship and have trouble paying your dues for the year contact me or one of my fellow officers to let us know so that we can keep you a member in good standing. Your information will remain confidential and each situation will be handled accordingly by means of dues deferral or by forgoing the dues altogether. Remember, you can contact me by calling my mobile phone at (919) 302 6722 or by emailing me at javadragon@nc.rr.com.



### Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2006

*Jim Lueck, Chancellor*

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

- 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:**

- Our council may make Star Council for the 2005-2006 fraternal year, stay tuned to see.
- It was my pleasure to be allowed to be the Grand Knight for the second time this past year.

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

For May the council saw income of \$2,049.18 and expenses of \$3,237.05 for a net income of (\$1,187.87). Included in these expenses was the distribution of \$365.51 to the Women's Guild (as per our agreement with them for their assistance with the Parish Fair), \$325.00 of expenses associated with the State Convention ad and donations, and \$350.00 to Vincents for the freezer we purchased from them. The shrimp/fish fry dinner finances are now finalized and there was a profit of \$2,958.54 for the event. (\$8485.80 income, \$5527.26 expenses)

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

3 new members were added to the roster giving a total of 146. Some badges that were ordered for the wives are available for pick-up. Contact Clayton Rodgers to get them.

#### **Trustees' Report: N/A**

#### **Service Programs:**

- Capital Towers: Took one hour this past month and we did a great job.
- Athletics: State Golf Tournament is September 16-17. The cost is \$130.00 per person and will be held in Sandord at Carolina Trace.
- Road Cleanup: The last road clean-up was help on June 10. We only had 2 brothers come out for this event.
- Special Olympics Softball: 14 knights from our council came out on June 3 to volunteer for the Special Olympics Softball venue. Some assisted with the individual skills competition while others were helping with security and parking. We all had a blast.

#### **Old Business: N/A**

#### **New Business:**

- The 2006-2007 officer slate was voted on and passed. List to be published in the KnightLife.
- June 3rd pancake breakfast profits to go to Operation LAMB.
- June 2 is when the Operation LAMB distribution meeting/lunch will be held. \$45,300 is the amount collected by the local councils that participate in this event that will be distributed.

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

- Brother knight Ed Cortina passed away this past month and it was asked to keep both himself his family in your prayers.
- Brother knight John Klotsko is recovering from a knee ailment and it was asked to pray for a speedy and full recovery.
- Thomas Smith just had his wedding this past month and it was asked to pray for him and his wife Michelle to have a long and happy marriage.
- John Harrod's father is recovering from cracked ribs and it was asked to keep in your prayers in hopes for a full recovery.



### Meeting Dates and Times Back to Tuesdays

*Brian K Kasprowicz, Incoming Grand Knight*

For the past few months we tried moving the business meeting to the first Thursday of the month based upon feedback from members in our council. The feedback lead us to believe that Tuesday was not a good day for the meetings because many knights had other obligations on Tuesday and we believed that moving the meetings to Thursday would bring more members to the meeting.

Unfortunately this was not the case and we actually had a lower turn out of members at our Thursday meetings. So, it has been decided to go back to normal schedule of the first Tuesday for the Officers/Directors Meeting and the second Tuesday for the Business Meeting.

For the officers and directors, since the first Tuesday in July is July 4th, I am going to contact St Raphael to see if Wednesday the 5th or Thursday the 6th has open rooms for us to meet. As soon as a date and time have been ironed out I will email all to let you know.

I have also been thinking about having a social before the business meeting where brother knights can come out socialize over some food and drink before the meeting begins. Before this happens though I would like to get feedback from you. Please tell me whether or not this appeals to you and if you think this should be a monthly occurrence or just a couple times a year. Please email me at javadragon@nc.rr.com with your thoughts.

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

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

#### ***A WORTHLESS PIECE OF PAPER ...***

One of my fellow field agents recently called on a Brother Knight who had allowed his Knights of Columbus insurance policy to lapse by not paying his premiums. This field agent simply called to ask if he would please return the lapsed policy. Because the member considered the policy to be worthless now, he asked the agent why he wanted it back. The field agent replied that when the member died, he wanted to avoid the unpleasant task of explaining to his widow and children that the policy was worthless. He wanted to avoid the excitement the widow would feel when she found what she thought was a life insurance policy, only to become further depressed when she found it was useless and belonged in the wastebasket. Fortunately, this story has a happy ending. The member in question was able to conserve this valuable protection for his loved ones by reinstating his insurance. Call me today to discuss your insurance needs. Let's not have any surprises for your widow.



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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.



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

*Tom Smith, Membership Director*

Let us begin the new year with some new members. If any of you have a candidate to bring into the order, let me know and we will form a 1st degree. Call me if you have someone..



4th Degree: October 28 - Greensboro



### ***Employment Central***

*Brian K Kasprovicz, Incoming Grand Knight*

I have seen several knights in the past year deal with employment and/or unsatisfactory positions. Since we are about fraternity and brotherhood I thought this might be a good way to further expand on that.

What I am proposing here is a section where brother knights that are looking for new employment can submit a little blurb about themselves, including contact information, and what kind of position(s) they are seeking in hopes that another knight might be able to help out. Whether the aiding knight can tell this person about a position at their current place of employment, or know of another place this person can apply to, or know a friend of a friend, you can contact this brother knight and let them know. This is not just limited to knights as it also applies to all wives and children.

So, if you are unemployed or are just looking for a new job and would like to see if your brother knights can help you out, please contact me at javadragon@nc.rr.com or (919) 302 6722. Be sure to include your name, contact information and a short write-up stating what you are looking for and I will make sure that it makes it into the newsletter. After that it will be up to all of you to keep reading this section and keep a look out for those people that you can help find employment. If you can assist someone in their search, simply contact that person directly and give them the information.



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**Council Calendar**

- June
- 28 Papal Honors Service (St Raphael Church, 7:00 PM)  
4th Degree Knights needed to be ushers for this
- July
- 2 Coffee and Donut Breakfast  
(St Raphael, Lewis Room, 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
  - 11 Business Meeting (St Raphael, Room 107, 7:30 PM)
  - 21-22 State Organizational Meeting (Durham Sheraton Imperial)
- August
- 1 Officers/Directors Meeting (St Raphael, Room 107, 7:00 PM)
  - 8 Business Meeting (St Raphael, Room 107, 7:30 PM)
  - 13 Coffee and Donut Breakfast  
(St Raphael, Lewis Room, 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

**Knight of the Month - March**  
 Robin Jewitt  
  
**Family of the Month - March**  
 Jim Leuck and family

**Both Meetings back to Tuesdays:**  
 After trying different days for business meeting and officers' meeting, we are going back to the 1st Tuesday for the Officers' Meeting and the 2nd Tuesday for the Business Meeting.

**2006-2007 Council Officers:**

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Due to scheduling conflicts with our District Deputy and St Raphael, the installation of officers has been postponed until the beginning of August. When a date has been finalized all will be informed.

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