



Knightslife

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Council Calendar

1st Tuesday 7:30 Officers' Meeting rm. 107
2nd Tuesday 7:30 Business Meeting rm. 107

Dec 25	Christmas
January 19	Midyear Meeting (Greenville)
Feb 6	Ash Wednesday
Feb 8	Lenten Dinner (Wolf)
Feb 15	Lenten Dinner (Wolf)
Feb 22	Lenten Dinner (Wolf)
Feb 29	Lenten Dinner (Wolf)
March 7	Lenten Dinner (Wolf)
March 14	Lenten Dinner (Wolf)
March 15	St. Patrick's Day Dinner
March 21	Good Friday
March 23	Easter Sunday
April 4-6	Council retreat (Gunther)
April 5-6	KofC Bowling Tournament (Tom Smith)
April 13-14	KofC Bowling Tournament (Tom Smith)
April 19-20	KofC Bowling Tournament (Tom Smith)
May 2-4	State Convention (Asheville)

Officers 2007/2008

Grand Knight:	Bill Wolf	847-3777
Dpt Grand Knight:		
Chancellor:	Bernie Brown	554-2354
Warden:	Gilbert Hendricks	850-0227
Recorder:	Dave Demo	845-7770
Treasurer:	Ed Cody	782-1215
Fin Secretary:	Tom Smith	847-4317
Outside Guard:	Jim Cody	782-1215
Inside Guard:	Jim Welte	876-6824
Advocate:	John Harrod	787-8719
1st year Trustee:	Jim Lueck	550-0164
2nd year Trustee:	Thomas Smith	
3rd year Trustee:	Mark Parrish	848-1708

Christ in Christmas" and the holiday food baskets are a testament to the many works that inspire and lift up people. We have another half year coming up and we need help with the Lenten Fish Frys, St. Patrick's Day Dance, the Senior Prom, and other events!

Lastly, Don Stemagna our Deputy Grand Knight has resigned because of job conflicts but I am nominating Bernie Brown, our current Chancellor, to take over. We wish Don all the best and thanks for all that he accomplished during his tenure.

Vivat Jesus,
Bill

From the Financial Secretary

Tom Smith, Financial Secretary



Brothers,

We are currently on track to having a good year in members paying their dues. I have received more so far this year than we did all last year. There are still some who haven't paid for the fiscal year. Look at your membership card date. If it doesn't have 6-30-08 on it, then you owe dues. I'm asking everyone to make his best effort and get this done soon. I don't wish to suspend anyone, but I will if I have to. Another thing that I want to ask for support with is the Father McGivney guild. The guild is free to join for every member of the Knights of Columbus. It has been 10 years since the cause for canonization of Father McGivney was opened. It is now in the hands of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Hopefully, we will see him elevated to sainthood before long. Joining the guild would only help this cause. There is a form in each issue of Columbia every month.

Now that the holidays are here, my family and I would like to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. If you have not been by the church in the last couple of weeks, the tree and lights look great. I sent out an email earlier thinking the men who put the lights and tree in place, but I left a very important person for this project out. I now wish to thank John Peel for all he did with the lights and tree. I also want to take this opportunity to let him know that he did a wonderful job this year as fair director.

Vivat Jesus,
Tom Smith

From the Grand Knight

Bill Wolf, Grand Knight



Brother Knights-

I just want to thank all of you for the great half year we have just completed. We have accomplished a lot and given back to the community in many ways. With Christmas upon us the "Keep



Business Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2007

Dave Demo, Recorder

Grand Knight	P	Inside Guard	A		
D Grand Knight	A	Outside Guard	P	Warden	P
Fin Secretary	P	1 Year Trustee	P	Chancellor	A
Treasurer	P	2 Year Trustee	A	Recorder	P
		3 Year Trustee	A	Advocate	P

- ✘ 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. The motion passed by the membership.
- ✘ There were no new candidates this month.

Grand Knight's Report:

- ✘ The Midyear Meeting will be held in Greenville on Saturday January 19th. Required attendees will be Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and LAMB Director.
- ✘ June 2008 will be the 20th anniversary of our council. The officers are looking for ideas as how to celebrate the event.
- ✘ We have not used our budget for a second RSVP candidate. Tom Smith mentioned that there was a nun who teaches at St. Raphael's School. He would see if she would be a good candidate.

Treasurer's Report:

- ✘ Account balances are available from Ed Cody. We were reminded that our \$4,000 scholarship commitment to St. Raphael's School would be due shortly.
- ✘ A \$50 check was issued to Gary Weaver for a lost Raffle prize check.
- ✘ We received \$3,500 for our efforts at the Oktoberfest.
- ✘ \$285 was received as donations for the Holiday Food Baskets.
- ✘ Three more council members have paid their dues.

Financial Secretary's Report:

- ✘ We have 144 official members.
- ✘ Two of our fellow council member died recently. They were Raymond D. Griffin and Roger W. McGuire. Arrangements will be made to add their names to the necrology plaque.
- ✘ Jerome Magolan Sr., the father of a fellow knight Jerome Magolan Jr. died recently. It was noted that Jerry donated the money for the council's ceremonial robes. A motion was made to send a mass card to Magolan family in remembrance. The motion carried.

Trustee's Report:

- ✘ None.

Service Programs:

- ✘ Bernie Brown asked for volunteers to help with the Free Throw contest, which will be held early in 2008. He is trying to get signed basketball from NCSU as prizes for the participants.
- ✘ Bill Hast reported that Capital Towers was held on December 1st. John Tardif, his daughter Katie, and Joe Halloran participated.
- ✘ Christmas Holiday Food baskets will be organized and distributed on Sunday December 16th. Frank Castillo volunteered help from Cub Scout Troop #314. 60 needy families from the parish will be given three bags of groceries along with a \$10 gift card for food. Contact Tom Smith if you can help.
- ✘ Programs that will be starting after the holidays will be the Lenten Dinners and the Mother's Day Flower Sale.

Old Business:

- ✘ John Gunther reported "Senior Prom", a social event for those over 50 years old, has been scheduled for May 17th in Raphael Hall. This is a social event.
- ✘ John Gunther reported that the Council retreat will be scheduled for April 4, 5, and 6. There will be room for 12 to 16 participants. He is looking for someone to volunteer to organize the food preparation for the event.
- ✘ John Gunther reported that on Saturday Dec 8th the flagpole was installed in front of Raphael Hall. The lights were strung to form the parish outdoor Christmas tree, which serves as the backdrop for the "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign. It is a parish tradition. John thanked Bill Hast, Robin Jewett, Warren Givens, Bill Wolf, Greg Reagan, Bernie Brown, John Peel and Tom Smith for their help.
- ✘ Ed Cody reported that progress is being made for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday March 15th. There will be room for 300 people in Raphael Hall. A band has been booked.

New Business:

- ✘ Volunteers are needed to cook for the Advent Family Breakfast on December 15th. See Tom Smith for details.
- ✘ It was mentioned that fish fryer equipment would be helpful for the Lenten Dinners. Ed Cody is looking for used equipment.
- ✘ Frank Castillo asked the Council for a commitment to serve the food for the Annual Blue and Gold dinner for Cub Scout Troop #314 to be held on February 23rd. The food will be catered and he feels that 8-10 knight will be necessary to serve and cleanup.
- ✘ Frank Castillo mentioned the Troop is planning to march in the Raleigh St. Patrick's Parade and he invited the Council to join them.
- ✘ Frank also recommended the book World War IV as timely reading.
- ✘ John Steinaur asked if there was interest in sponsoring a Prayer for Peace Service.

- ✘ John Gunther read an email letter from Sister Dolly Glick sending her Christmas greetings. The letter will be published in the Knightlife.
- ✘ John Gunther mentioned that there will not be the traditional luminaries at midnight mass this year. Due to the drought the fire department has banned open flames because of the hazard.
- ✘ The K of C Bowling tournament will be held in Norfolk on three weekends – April 5, 6, 13,14,19,20. The council is looking to field two, five-man teams. Contact Tom Smith for information.

Fourth Degree Report:

- ✘ The December meeting of the Fourth Degree was cancelled because of conflict with the Father Price Christmas Party.

Good of the Order:

- ✘ Remember in you prayers:
 Roger McGuire
 Raymond Griffin
 Jerome Magolan, Sr and the Magolan Family
 Joe Hoying
 Deacon Rodriguez’s son, John Paul, who is serving in the military
 John Harrod’s neighbor Catherine who died of a heart attack
 All our fellow knights who are in need of work

Respectfully Submitted,
 Dave Demo



Christmas Blessings

Letter from Sister Dolly:

As Christmas approaches I have been thinking of you, the K of C members and their wives and all the great outreach you do during this blessed season. I would like to extend warmest greetings to each and everyone and hope you will continue to remember those less fortunate. They are God’s special ones. 3,000 homeless in Baltimore City were out on the streets during the recent snowstorm and all the city shelters were closed because they hadn’t prepared for such weather, so soon.

I wanted to share some great news with you. We have a candidate for our community, Asdruanny Garcia, who is presently in our formation program in Venezuela. Please remember her in your prayers. She is 27 years old but I have forgotten her profession! Aging is catching up on me. Christmas peace to all!

WORLD WAR IV (The Long Struggle Against Islamofascism) -- Authored by Norman Podhoretz, who also wrote "Making It", "Breaking Ranks" and "My Love Affair with America", his most recent effort seeks to illuminate the reader's awareness of the history of terrorism, as promoted by the Islamofascism. In his opinion, World War III occurred during the Cold War, however, today's conflicts takes on various fronts: there is an Afghan front, a Gaza front, a Somali front, a Sudanese front, a southeast Asian front, an intelligence front, a financial-flows front, an economic front, an energy front, and a homeland security front. The current war with the terrorist did not just happen; Mr. Podhoretz documents assassinations and incursion since 1970 to 1975, when President Nixon and President For has several American diplomats murdered in Sudan and Lebanon, while others were kidnapped. The author details how the gilded administration of Jimmy Carter, the tough-rhetoric of Ronald Reagan, the sidelining of George H.W. Bush, and the theatrically, contrived efforts of Bill Clinton all culminated in one instant on September 11, 2001. One of the finer points of the book explains the Bush Doctrine, which the author compares to Harry Truman's stance against the Communists of Korea. I recommend this book for any American who is devoted to his/her country's security, especially in light of the fact that this is an election year. Don't let yourselves be mesmerized by the fluff, the empty promises and the "Kumbaya spirit." Our country is a war with an evil element...the quicker we all realize this, the more effective our solutions will be!

From the Supreme Knights book club:

Our Lady of Guadalupe: History and Meaning of the Apparition – Italian-born author Manuela Testoni, a member of the Sisters of St. Marcellina, explores many aspects of the message of Guadalupe and the figure of St. Juan Diego in *Our Lady of Guadalupe: History and Meaning of the Apparition*. Join Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson for an online discussion of the book and the role of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the mission of the Knights of Columbus on Thursday, Dec. 27, at 5 p.m. (ET).



From the Editor

Jim Lueck, Knightlife Editor

I would like to wish each of you and your families a very safe and happy Christmas. From our family to each one of you, **Merry Christmas!**

If you would like to submit an article, you can send it to me via email. These articles do not have to pertain to council activities. You can submit articles for special accomplishments, children, books, special events, etc.

The deadline for submitting news/articles to be published in the Knightlife is the **15th** of the month.

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Book Reviews

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