



# Knightslife

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2009 - THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST

## Council Calendar

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7:30pm Officers' Meeting, Room 30, (Library)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:30pm Business Meeting, Room 30, (Library)  
7:00pm Rosary - Mary Chapel - Prior to Business Meetings

Dec 12	Advent Family Breakfast 7 am & 10 am
Dec 13	Blood Drive 8:30-1pm - Lewis Room (Castillo)
Dec 18	Keep Christ in Christmas Tree Set-up - 9am
Dec 20	Food Basket Distribution (T. Smith)
Dec 29	Christmas Party - 6 pm Lewis Room
Jan 2	Capital Towers (Hast)
Jan 5	Officers' Meeting
Jan 12	Business Meeting
Jan 30	Jesuit Speakers' Forum
Feb 1	Officers' Meeting
Feb 8	Business Meeting
Feb 27	Wives Appreciation Dinner 6:30 pm

## Council 9880 Officers 2009/2010

Grand Knight:	Joseph Smith	360-3706
Dpt Grand Knight:	John Peel	630-2114
Chancellor:	Frank Castillo	510-9589
Warden:	Gilbert Hendricks	571-9076
Recorder:	Dave Ottney	900-8359
Treasurer:	Ed Cody	782-1215
Fin Secretary:	Dave Demo	845-7770
Outside Guard:	Jim Cody	782-1215
Inside Guard:	John Harrod	787-8719
Advocate:	John Moore	266-7381
1st year Trustee:	Bill Hast	847-7247
2nd year Trustee:	Jim Lueck	550-0164
3rd year Trustee:	Tom Smith	971-1087
Lecturer	Lou Clark	266-7013

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### **Knight of the Month**

October - John Peel

November - Frank Castillo

### **Family of the Month**

October - Ernie and Rose Beauregard

November - Gene and Jackie Knight

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## From the Grand Knight

Joseph Smith, Grand Knight



Brothers,

This month my article is two points of the current and upcoming holiday for each of my brothers. Soon we will be celebrating

the joyous time of Christmastide. Beginning on December 24 and ending on January 6. However, lately many throughout the world have forgotten the season of Advent. Advent began on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and we as Catholics always recognize this time with Advent candles and wreaths. But what does this time mean? Advent is a time of preparation for the coming Nativity of Jesus and Advent Sunday marks the beginning the liturgical year. We light the first violet candle on that night. The rose candle on the third Sunday. Many nowadays take the time after Thanksgiving to start Christmas, some start sooner. We should always be ready for Christmas but we should try not to overlook Advent.

Last year I wrote on St. Nicholas and his contribution to the Church and to Christmas. This year I'll write a little note on St Wenceslaus. Who? "Good King Wenceslaus". He looked out on the feast of Stephan. This has always been my favorite Christmas carol and my favorite European king. He was king of Bohemia from 924 until September 28, 935 when he was martyred by his pagan brother. He had been raised by his grandmother St. Ludmila and during his reign he brought Bohemia out of the pagan world and became a champion for the Slavic people who had taken the Christian faith. He was known as a strict but fair ruler and was loved by most. His brother, Boleslav, however murdered him on the steps of the church Wenceslaus was going into to celebrate the feasts of Sts. Cosmas and Damian. Boleslav became distraught over what he had done that he then had his son raised in the Christian faith as his brother had been as a form of penance. His son Boleslaus, the Pious, became king in 972. Wenceslaus' legacy lives on today in the Czech Republic and in the popular Christmas carol we sing during the Christmas Season.

Vivat Jesus!

## Keep Christ In Christmas Magnets

Dave Demo, Financial Secretary



The Council is selling the magnets "Keep Christ in Christmas" for \$5.00 each. Magnets are available from Dave Demo.

## Advent Family Breakfast Dec. 12

Joseph Smith, Grand Knight

On Saturday Dec. 12th we will need help cooking at the Advent Family Breakfast. It the annual pancake breakfast held by the school and ECC where kids get to have pancakes and visit with Santa. Our responsibilities rest in the cooking and serving of the food. It is a 2-part breakfast; the first at 8:30am and the second at 10:30am. We'll need people around 7-7:15 to help start the set up and then through out the morning as well. Thank you and see you then.



## American Red Cross Blood Donation – December 13

Frank Castillo, Chancellor

ST. RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE  
SPONSORED BY: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL # 9880

Held in St. Raphael's Lewis Room – December 13, from 8:30 – 1:00 pm. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please contact Frank Castillo at (919) 510-9589



## Business Meeting Minutes December 1, 2009

Dave Ottney, Recorder

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

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM in the Library by the Grand Knight
- Council Officers role call was completed.
- Reading of the Minutes: Motion to accept the previous business meeting minutes as issued in the last Knightlife was put forward. The motion was past.

### **Membership:**

- The next membership drive will be in January.

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

- Last month's Knight of the Month was John Peel and Family of the Month was Ernie and Rose Beauregard.
- For the month of November, the Knight of the Month is Frank Castillo and the Family of the Month is Gene and Jackie Knight.
- On Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Knights will cook an Advent breakfast for the school ECC families starting at 8 AM. Joseph Smith has send out a separate email requesting volunteers.
- The Christmas tree lighting will be on Friday, December 18 at 9 AM. All help is welcome.

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

- The Oktoberfest bill has been finalized and a small profit was made. Approximately 1134 people attended.
- We are in good financial shape and the Money Market fund is up.
- The scholarship fund check was presented to the school.
- Please see the Treasurer for any further details.

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

- David Demo has issued the order forms for Council 9880 golf shirts. Men's are available in Green or White and Ladies are available in Pink. Please return your forms to David ASAP. We have 25 ordered to date and the price is based on a 50-shirt minimum. David will resend the information on-line, including his address.
- Tom Smith has the "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets and some are also available at "In His Name". Please consider other sources, outside of the parish, that may be interested in purchasing these magnets. If we run out, more can be ordered.

### **Trustee's Report:**

- None

### **Field Agent's Report:**

- None

### **Chancellors Report:**

- None

### **District Deputy's Report:**

- Bill Wolf informed the council that the Bishops dinner for priests has been postponed until May 2010. They would still like the K of C to financially support the dinner for their parish priests.
- Bill also thanked the Council for support of him and his family after his back surgery.

### **Service Programs:**

#### **Coordinator – John Peel, Deputy Grand Knight -Absence**

- **Family** – None
- **Community** –Reminded: this is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month at 9 AM.
- **Church** –None.
- **Council Director** – Will put information in the Church Bulletin on the Pancake Breakfast, Advent Breakfast, and Blood Drive.
- **Youth** – None.
- **Pro Life/Hispanic Ministries** – Frank Castillo – The next Blood drive is December 13 in the Lewis Room between 8:30 AM and 1 PM. The local assistant care facility has an accepted our offer to provide Christmas caroling on Wednesday evening, a sign-up sheet was distributed to the council members (wives are welcome).

### **Old Business:**

- Food baskets were distributed to approximately 78 families for Thanksgiving. People are still returning grocery bags with food products to the church. We will issue bags again on one weekend to ensure that we have enough to provide food baskets for Christmas. Money is still available to purchase turkeys. Please contact Tom Smith if you know of any family that may need a food basket.
- Some booklets on proper food handling, entitled "Cooking for Groups", were issued at the Business Meeting.
- Reminder, on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Jesuit speaker at the church.
- The Council Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Lewis Room. Details to follow by e-mail.

### **New Business:**

- Last month, Bernie Brown was nominated to replace resigning Deputy Grand Knight, John Peel. Elections were held at this month Business Meeting and Bernie Brown was voted and approved as the new Deputy Grand Knight.

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

- None

### **Please Remember in Your Prayers:**

Prayer Intentions:

- Oliverio Phillips and his wife Yolanda and their daughter.
- Tom Indovina's wife Karen.
- Jim Cody's Mother and Father.
- Pat Eagan's Mother.
- Gus Kasopsky, who will have surgery on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Thanksgiving Food Baskets**

Frank Castillo, Chancellor

On November 22nd, various families converged on the Maintenance Shed, in the back parking lot, to pick up Thanksgiving food bags and turkeys. According to Tom Smith, coordinating this effort, approximately 73 families were directly assisted. Many of the items were donated by parishioners of St. Raphael's Catholic Church, which included dry goods, boxes of mashed potatoes, pasta, cereal, oatmeal and similar non-perishables. In addition, due to the generosity of the parishioners, turkeys were purchased from Food Lion at an unbelievable low price!

I personally invited four Cuban families that had been in the United States for less than two months to receive the generosity of the Knights. I was contacted by the US Committee of Refugees and Immigrant, a non-governmental group, to assist them in a difficult transition. I brought the families to the event, loading up the car and explaining to them how this collective effort came about. The next day, I

showed them how to prepare a 16 lb turkey, since this was the first one they had ever seen!

Because of the generosity of St. Raphael parishioners, enough food and monetary donations were collected to provide for these families an equal portion of food and turkeys. Distribution for the Christmas baskets will take place at the same location on December 20th, from 11 am to 4:00 pm.

During these difficult economic times, it is very reassuring to know that the community of St. Raphaels can provide the support and sustenance to needy families, affirming, once again, their commitment to their faith based ideals and love of their fellow man!

### **Council 9880 - Golf Shirt Order Information**

Dave Demo, Financial Secretary

The shirts will be good quality Chestnut Hill shirts with the K of C logo on the council name and number on the left chest. They will come in White and Fairway Green. Sizes will range from men's (S to XXXL). At the request of some of the wives we will offer ladies shirts in Fresh Pink with the K of C logo and the Council name, not the Council number, similar to the badges.

MENS: Colors - White or Fairway Green.

Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large, for \$22.00/each.

Extra Extra Large for \$24.00/each.

Extra Extra Extra Large for \$25.00/each.

Women's Golf Shirt colors- Pink.

Small, Medium, Large Extra Large, - for \$22.00/each.

Extra Extra Large for \$24.00/each.

Please contact Dave at 845-7770 or send your order to:

1317 Wedgeland Dr., Raleigh, NC 27615

### **Council 9880 – Knightlife News Letter Information**

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

FYI: The North Carolina Knights of Columbus web page:

[www.kofcnc.org](http://www.kofcnc.org).

The website for the Diocese of Raleigh:

<http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org>

Legislative matters of interest to Catholics:

[www.CatholicVoiceNC.org](http://www.CatholicVoiceNC.org)

TRAVELING? - Nationwide Mass times and locations:

1-410-676-6000 - [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org)



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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