



Knightslife

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THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Council Calendar

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

April 2	Good Friday – Stations of the Cross
April 4	Easter Sunday
April 6	2 nd Degree - at Lourdes
April 11	Pancake Breakfast
April 13	Business Meeting
April 17	Highway Cleanup (T. Smith)
May 1	Capital Towers- 9am (Hast)
May 9	Mother's Day Flower Sale
June 13	Blood Drive -Castillo

Council 9880 Officers 2009/2010

Grand Knight:	Joseph Smith	360-3706
Dpt Grand Knight:	Bernie Brown	554-2354
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	266-7012

night before Ash Wednesday. That was the first time I ever had pancakes that I can remember. True story! The dinner was hosted by the Catholic group on campus. They were a small group and this was their night to shine to the rest of the college.

Sometime later during my studies in the cultural aspects of the world and it's people, yep I was pretty bored those days, I came across some interesting information on the significance of pancakes. Pancakes represented to the old world the excesses of the world. It was a rich and fatty food that had to be eaten before Lent, when we abstain from excess and began our fasting. The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday has been traditionally the day to go for one last "hooray". Something that even then most people do in small portions. We typically have our own traditions for this evening. We would go to local pancake dinners and then a Rosary service. Then we would welcome in Lent. Lent is the time of reflection, prayer and fasting. We do this in preparation of the Temptation of Christ, the Passion of Christ and Easter. We give up something we enjoy or something that would be meaningful to give up during the forty days. We have always known of this and practiced the traditions of Lent. Many of these have changed over the centuries. The older days of the Church held stricter rules for Lent. There are, however, some guidelines set out by Pope Paul VI in 1966's *Paenitemini*. This changed the stricter traditions to the ones we know of today regarding age and economic situations and made fasting voluntary. It was always noted that fasting should go along with works of charity. It the ways that you and your family observe Lent, I wish you well.

Vivat Jesus!

Lenten Dinners for 2010

Tom Smith, Brother Knight

Brothers,

Now that the Lenten Dinners are over, we have a couple of weeks to rest before our next event. I want to thank everyone who helped during the past six weeks. I know we were not as successful as last year, we didn't lose any money. Everytime I sent out a request for help, I got great responses from the council. Last night there was some guys there who had not been there before. It was great to see that response. Please share this with your wife and family, because without their help we could not have done this. This is truly a family organization when I see so many families involved with what we do. Again, thanks to all who helped and also thanks to the one who came and purchased tickets to eat. It feels good to belong to a council who does so many great things.

Vivat Jesus

Knight of the Month for February

Frank Castillo

Family of the Month for February

Brian and Lynette Earnest

From the Grand Knight

Joseph Smith, Grand Knight



Brother Knights,
 Pancakes! Lots and lots of pancakes! I can remember in college going with the R.A. from my floor to a pancake dinner on the

2nd and 3rd Degree Saturday March 20, 2010

Tom Smith, Membership Director

Brothers,

Today we had candidates take their 2nd and/or 3rd degrees. The following members advanced to the 2nd degree this morning: Tom McGoldrick and Bob Voska.

This afternoon the following members made their 3rd degree in Apex. There were 72 candidates in the class. One of the biggest in recent years.

Bob Voska Marco Salazar

Mark Kiefer Eddie Balance Mike Mulvihill

When you see these brothers, let them know how glad you are for them. It was a great degree.



K of C State Raffle

Joseph Smith, Grand Knight

Brothers, We are getting down to the final tickets for the NC K of C State Raffle! If you wish to purchase tickets please call me at 919-360-3706 and I will get you as many as you like. We have sold close to 200! Lets hit that 200 mark and then break it! We have never sold that many before. We can do it!

Vivat Jesus

American Red Cross Blood Donation – June 13th



American
Red Cross

By your blood
we all live better.
The blood.

ST. RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC
CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored By: Knights of
Columbus, Council #9880

Held in St. Raphael's Lewis Room.

To schedule an appointment or for additional information, please contact Frank Castillo at (919) 510-9589.

Outings

Frank Castillo, Chancellor

Drake's Landing - I found another place we can go to shoot clays! It's called Drake's Landing, located in Fuquay-Varina. They are offering a group package to us (assuming 20 Knights). Some information about Drake's Landing: They have a 2 mile sporting clays course with 13 stations where you shoot a certain number of targets at each machine, same as golf course but over 13 holes instead of 18. They have golf carts for rent or you may chose to walk. It is 2 miles and has some hilly terrain but people walk it every day. For church groups they do a round of 50 clays on the course for \$20.00 per person and cart rental for \$5.00 if you chose. Large groups are generally broken up into smaller groups of 4-7 people depending on the size group. That way everyone is constantly an active participant and do not have to wait long for their turn to shoot. As far as time goes if you ride you should budget 1.5 hrs to 2 hrs, if you walk and take your time 2 to 3 hrs. This also depends on the size group you are shooting with. As far as ammo each person will need 2 boxes or 50 rounds of shotgun ammo in #7.5, #8 or #9 shot. You may bring your own or they have it for sale @\$8.50 a box. They can also

provide guns for a group at \$20.00 per group and you are welcome to bring your own shotgun.

Chatham Hills Winery in Morrisville - If there is any interest in visiting this place, please let me know and I'll set up a visit with them. We could do this with 10 to 20 people without much cost. Contact Frank Castillo for additional information and to sign-up. For more information go to

<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/170176/7edfb65145/16001855/8cf1a405ee/>.



Book Review

Frank Castillo, Chancellor

Why Courage Matters: the way to a braver life

Written by John McCain with Mark Salter

Written in 2004, after the horror of the attacks of September 11, 2001, Why Courage Matters offers a glimpse into the mindset of those individuals highly esteemed and considered heroes by the rest of us. John McCain, also known for his heroism during his captivity within the infamous Hanoi Hilton, attempts by way of historical anecdotes, to illustrate why courage is an important quality for all of us to possess. Indeed, the closing words of his book state, "fear is the opportunity for courage, not proof of cowardice. No one is born a coward. We were meant to love. And we were meant to have courage for it. So be brave. The rest is easy."

Contained within are chapters dedicated to individuals with a sense of mission and a profound spirit of self-realization that causes the reader to stop, reflect and ask, "Could I have acted in a similar fashion?" In the first chapter, the story of Master Sergeant Roy Benavides grips the reader as this son of a Texas sharecropper earned the Medal of Honor for single-handedly rescuing eight of his comrades, despite being repeatedly wounded, attacked and having to use his bare hands to kill an enemy assailant. The chapter reads more like a Hollywood movie script, so I would encourage those who are interested to appreciate an objective assessment of this man, via this Internet website: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roy_Benavidez. Another story, of Hannah Senesh, comes from the Jewish resistance undertaken against the Nazis in Hungary during WWII. The impact this woman had on her people, which is transmitted even today, is summed up in a poem she wrote and gave to her boyfriend before leaving on a planned subversive attack on a small village, which resulted in being captured by the Nazis. The poem is recited by every Israeli child as it is taught in their schools:

Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.

Blessed is the flame that burns in the secret fastness of the heart.

Blessed is the heart with strength to stop its beating for honor's sake.

Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.

Within the narrative are stories this former naval aviator recounts when he was taken prisoner by the North Vietnamese. Yet even with these, there is also mention of some ordinary people thrown into stressful and deciding precarious situations within their communities that caused them to rise up with courage and conviction. The stories of John Lewis and what he underwent during the Freedom Rides

of May 20, 1961, of Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese human rights activist who, to this day, defies the military junta that oppresses her country and of the concerned mother, Angela Dawson, who stood up to drug dealers in her Baltimore neighborhood, but unfortunately paid with her life, all call forth a sense of admiration. As Mother Teresa once said, "to have courage for whatever comes in life---everything lies in that."

Respect Of The Dignity Of Life, In All Its Stages

Bud Espeerseth, Brother Knight

Our Council has approved an ad hoc committee to support Supreme Council's Culture of Life Fund. For more info go to www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/about/lifefund/. This program is aimed at assisting pregnancy clinics. One of their goals is to purchase an ultrasound diagnostic machine. Supreme Council is willing to support 50% of the purchase price, if minimal requirements are satisfied. The following positions need to be filled by members of our Council:

- Legal Officer**-ability to address legal questions/concerns that might arise,
- Promotional Officer** - "word smithing" composing advertising, mailers,
- Past Grand Knight**-act as liaison with both the State Council and Supreme Council,
- Accounting Officer**-handles record keeping of revenue and expenses associated with the program,
- Ways & Means Officer**-competency in raising funds to sustain this effort (prior experience preferred),
- IT Officer**-ability to set up and maintain all pertinent computer programming programs,
- Public Relations Officer**-will establish contact with neighboring pregnancy clinics and Councils within the vicinity, in addition, will coordinate meetings and communications between these two groups.

The mission of this Council sponsored committee is reducing, and possibly eliminating, any possible abortions undertaken by those contemplating this desperate and morally incorrect choice!

Please provide Brother Bud Espeerseth with your contact information and or questions at 790-1003.

Vivat Jesus!

The right to life is the greatest civil rights issue of our time. This is the issue that will determine whether America remains a hospitable society – committed to caring for women in crisis and their unborn children, committed to caring for those with special needs, committed to caring for the elderly and the dying – or whether America betrays our heritage and the truths on which its Founders staked their claim to independence. Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, Oct. 1, 2007 Installation Mass, Baltimore, MD.

Council Officers for 2010, 2011 Fraternal Year

Tom Smith, PGK, Trustee

"It is time to elect new council officers for the new fraternal year beginning July 1, 2010. Anyone interested in serving as

an officer, please let me, or one of the other trustees: Jim Lueck or Bill Hast know. There will be some positions to fill for the coming year. I am including a brief description of each position in the council. Any 3rd degree knight can serve as officer. Any member of the council (does not need to be a 3rd degree) can serve as director. Council directors are appointed by the Grand Knight. Please review the list of the duties.

Duties for Council Officer Positions (must be 3rd degree)

Here is the list of officer's positions to be elected in June. Anyone interested in being nominated, please contact the trustees ASAP.

GRAND KNIGHT - preside over meetings, appoint committees, act as Chaplain in his absence, countersign checks, countersign orders, read vouchers.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - presides in absence of GK, organize and preside over the activities of the committee chairmen.

TREASURER - Custodians of funds, receive moneys, pay to Supreme Secretary, pay orders drawn, keep accounts, and retain orders.

RECORDER - keeps a true record of the doings of the council; conduct all correspondence of the council.

CHANCELLOR - Assist the GK and DGK in the performance of their duties and shall take charge of the council in the absence of GK and DGK, charged with total participation of the membership in the activities of the council, exercise a special interest in new members and those members who are sick or in distress, other duties as directed by the GK.

ADVOCATE - attorney of the council in case of trial and investigation of any matter whatsoever of interest to the council.

WARDEN - shall be present at all meetings of the council and at the opening of the same, charge of all the council property except money, account, and record books, he shall keep the property in proper condition for council meetings, instruct guards in their duties, appoint guards at pleasure.

INSIDE GUARD - attend the entrance to the council chamber through its inner door.

OUTSIDE GUARD - attend the entrance to the council chamber through its outer door.

ONE, TWO & THREE YEAR TRUSTEE'S - supervision of financial business of council, audit accounts every six months, hold bonds for Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointed Positions (appointed by Grand Knight):

Membership Director, Church Director, Community Director, Council Director, Family Director, Youth Director, Lecturer

Financial Secretary (appointed by Supreme)

Knights of Columbus Insurance Matters

Tom Indovina, Field Agent, 919-624-0860

We Can Help

by Thomas P. Smith, Jr., Executive Vice President of Agencies and Marketing

In the January column, I wrote about the alarming statistic which tells us that about 50% of the households in the U.S.

and Canada have no individually owned life insurance. If you recall, we talked about group life insurance and the tendency to get very comfortable that you are “covered” if you have this benefit at work.

But that certainly doesn’t comprise the entire 50% block of people. What else could cause a person to carry no coverage? The statistics for why people have not availed themselves of life insurance coverage are pretty clear, and they really don’t change from survey to survey. First, let’s look at the survey results (provided by the Life Insurance Marketing Research Association).

Why people don’t buy life insurance:

74% list “cannot afford the coverage” as a major reason they don’t buy.

52% say a major reason is that they “can’t decide what to buy.”

50% agree it is a good idea but “put it off until tomorrow.”

43 % worry about “making the wrong decision.”

Let’s examine each of these reasons. First, the vast majority lists a major reason as lack of affordability in the coverage, yet coverage is only offered if it meets your budget. It is in no one’s best interest to offer you a product that you cannot afford. A good agent goes through a process with you of determining what the affordable monthly cost is. For the record, a healthy non-smoking 40 year-old male can get \$500,000 of term coverage with the Order for just about \$1.50 a day.

If a client can’t decide what to buy, the agent will help him decide, and a lot has to do with identifying goals and objectives as well as a budget. We offer term insurance, permanent insurance or a mix of both. We believe a combination of these products can solve all personal protection issues.

Putting the purchase of life insurance off can be costly, and we would recommend against that. You get older and premiums go up, and you run the very real risk that your health can change. A negative change in your health can cause your costs to increase, or cause you to be denied coverage all together. Delay can be disaster.

For those who worry about “making the wrong decision?” Well, we can help. You have to trust us. Our professionally trained agents work with hundreds of families just like yours. They know what to look for and what to recommend. A conversation with a K of C agent can help erase your doubt.

Vivat Jesus



Business Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2010

Dave Ottney, Recorder

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

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM in Raphael Hall by the Grand Knight before the 1st Degree.
- 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 passed.

Membership: Tom Smith

- A 2nd Degree will be held on Tuesday, March 16 in the Lewis room starting at 7:30 PM.
- Six (6) applications were read, voted, and approved before the start of the 1st Degree. Six new members; Anthony Giacobbe, John Njuguna, Remigius Emeto, Jeffrey Sciaudone, Eddie Ballance, and Robert (Bob) Voska were initiated at the ceremony.
- During the Business Meeting, a new application was read for Osman Maldonado and approved.

Grand Knight’s Report: Joseph Smith

- February Knight of the Month was awarded to Frank Castillo. February Family of the Month was awarded to Brian and Lynette Earnest. Both were presented at the Ladies Appreciation Dinner, which was held on February 27th. Extra thanks were given to Frank Castillo for making all the great desserts for the Dinner.
- State raffle tickets are still available for \$5 each. First prize is an Alaska cruise, second prize is a trip to Hawaii, and there are also cash prizes. All tickets stubs and money need to be returned before April 21.
- The GK still needs the Officers to issue the reports on our events. We need information with particulars to send to State Supreme. Submit the reports to Joseph by March 14. Any pictures of the event can be used.
- The Council has 14 new members for this year, which now exceeds our goal of 12.
- Council 9880 shirts are still available from David Demo.
- Reminder to the new members that the Council has a Web Site with all the previous minutes, and photographs of our events. We also have a Group E-mail that is used to send out announcement of events and request help for activities.
- Tom Smith is working to set up a Squires Circle.
- The State K of C supports “Room at the Inn” which is a home for un-wed mothers. They are in need of a new home and our Council has pledged to help them.
- All Knights are encouraged to join the McGivney Guild. This is to promote Sainthood for Father McGivney. Please sign up if you believe in the work of Father McGivney. This can be done online at the Supreme website. Only one membership per household.

Treasurer’s Report: Ed Cody

- We are in good financial shape.
- Please see the Treasurer for any further details.

Financial Secretary’s Report: David Demo

- None this Month.

Trustee's Report:

- In the next newsletter, the positions of the officers will be posted. Officer elections will be held at the June Business Meeting.

Field Agent's Report: Tom Indovino

- Tom thanked the Knights for the support of him and his family after the death of his wife.
- Business cards were distributed to the new Knights.
- The Shining Armor Award was identified and Tom will provide more information in the coming months.
- All Knights were reminded of the importance of soliciting new members.

Chancellors Report: Frank Castillo

- The next Blood Drive will be in June.
- Only 5 Knights showed interest in skeet shooting. If you are interested, contact Frank Castillo.

Advocate Report: John Moore:

- Will be developing a plan for a dance in March.

Service Programs:

Coordinator – Bernie Brown, Deputy Grand Knight

Bernie discussed the programs for the new members.

- **Family –Mark Parish (Absent)**
 - On Good Friday, the Knights will be in charge of the Stations of the Cross. The Bishop will not attend this year so the Knights will do all the parts. This will start at noon on April 2nd.
 - On Mothers Day, we will sell roses at each of the masses and all the profits will go to Project Gabriel.
 - We will be looking at having a Baseball Game outing later this year.
- **Community-Bill Hast** – On the First Saturday of the Month, volunteers meet in the lobby of Capital Towers at 9 AM and then work about one hour on various tasks for the tenants. This includes turning of mattresses, washing windows, vacuuming, etc.
- **Church –Ben Briggs (Absent)**
- **Council Director – Pat Eagan-(Absent)**
- **Youth – Jim Lueck**
 - This service program sets up basketball challenges, etc.
 - In late April or early May, we are looking to set up a Soccer Challenge.
- **Pro Life/Hispanic Ministries–Gilbert Hendricks and Frank Castillo**
 - Thanks to all the Knights that helped out on the Blue & Gold Cub Scout Banquet.
 - A Hispanic Outreach effort was held at the Church and one application was received. Tom Smith shares the Hispanic Ministry with Frank.
 - Forty Days of Life continues through March 28, 7 AM -7 PM, at the Women Health Organization, 3613 Haworth Drive, Raleigh. Please attend if possible and bring your Rosary.
 - Bud Esperseth discussed the Culture of Life program. This provides ultra-sound machines to

clinics to reduce abortions. More information will be sent out next week and also placed in the next edition of Knightlife. Bud is looking for 6 volunteers with very specific skills.

- **Events Coordinator – John Peel**

- A committee is looking at developing a proposal to run the Parish Fair.
- The 2010 Oktoberfest was discussed and it was agreed to hold this event on the 2nd weekend in October. We still need to have the Church approve the use of the space on that date.

- **Other**

- The next Highway Cleanup will be held on April 17. This is coordinated by Tom Smith.
- The next Pancake Breakfast will be on April 11, in the Lewis Room after the first two masses.
- The next Fish Fry/Shrimp Dinner will be on March 12th. This will be the 4th Dinner. Attendance for the 1st three has been approximately, 260, 185 and 225.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- At the March 19th Shrimp Dinner, the District Operation Lamb checks will be distributed to the various organizations

Good of the Order: Lou Clark

- Next month.

District Deputy's Report:

- District Deputy, Bill Wolf, reminded the Council that there will be 2nd Degree on March 16th at St. Raphael and a 1st Degree on April 6th at Our Lady of Lourdes.
- Regional District Deputy, John Nussbaum, welcomed the new members and explained the 4th Degree – Patriotism. Six months after joining the K of C, 3rd Degree members can take their 4th Degree. The next 4th Degree is scheduled for October 2010. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of the Month at Father Price Council.
- The 4th Degree Knights will march in the St. Patrick's Day in support of Operation Lamb.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Prayer Intentions:

- Oliverio Phillips and his wife Yolanda
- Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cody and Marie Vasallo
- Bob Whittaker
- Bud Esperseth's two brothers whom are scheduled for surgery.
- Gilbert's niece
- Patty Mulmenoto
- Jim Muldowney's son
- Bernie Brown's uncle.
- Our Country

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c/o Jim Lueck

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