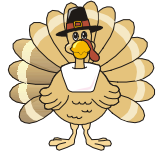




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Council Calendar

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

November	
Nov 22	Road Clean-up 8:30am (T. Smith)
Nov 22	HSA-Casino Night Fall Gala & Auction – St. Raphael Hall, 7-11pm (T. Smith)
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Baskets Handout at Shed
Nov 30	Blood Drive 10-3pm (Castillo)
December	
Dec 2	Officers' Meeting - Library
Dec 6	Capital Towers - 9:00am (Hast)
Dec 7	Pancake Breakfast, 8am–10am (Smith)
Dec 9	Business Meeting – Library
Dec 14	“Plaid Tidings” (Knight)
Dec 13	Advent Breakfast 8am and 10am (RH)
Dec 21	Christmas Baskets - Handout at Shed
Dec 25	Christmas
January 2009	
Jan 3	Capital Towers - 9:00am (Hast)
Jan 6	Officers' Meeting – Library
Jan 13	Business Meeting – Library
Jan 31	Free Throw Contest – 2:30-4:pm (Lueck)
Feb 7	Capital Towers - 9:00am (Hast)
Feb-Mar	Lenten Dinners – Shrimp/Fish
May	Senior Prom (Gunther)



From the Grand Knight

Joseph Smith, Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

We are quickly closing in on both Christmas and the Epiphany. Two major holidays of the Christian faith. To help get ready for the season I have been digging out some of my older books on our faith, in particular on Christmas. The first book I found in one of my many crates of forgotten books was a book my wife, Susan, had given to me a few Christmases back on St. Nicholas written by Joe Wheeler and Jim Rosenthal entitled St. Nicholas: A Closer Look at Christmas. Being wonderfully illustrated with many depictions of St. Nicholas and various holiday postcards from other countries, this book really paints a detailed and beautiful picture of a sometimes misinterpreted saint. With many stories of the generous saint the author describes his works and shows us through his examples the true meaning of living a life lived by the works of Jesus Christ.

St. Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra in what is now Turkey. He was orphaned early in life and had been left a large sum of money, which he decided to give to all those in need secretly in the name of Jesus Christ. We all know his story of the "Three Dowerless Daughters". St. Nicholas was a strong defender of Jesus Christ during the Council of Nicaea and the battle between the faith as we know it today and a strong movement during that time period called Arianism, which placed Jesus not as one with God and the Holy Spirit but as a created being in effect eliminating the Trinity. The book also gives the reader a glimpse at his lasting image throughout the world and even here where many look to him as merely Santa. He was more and I encourage all to read this book to see just how this Saint, who defied emperors, inspired many worldwide that it was better to give than to receive. Thank you.

Vivat Jesus.

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Knight of the Month

John Peel

Family of the Month

Tom Smith Family

Happy Thanksgiving



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Blood Drive

Frank Castillo, Brother Knight

November 30, 2008 (10:00am – 3:00pm)

Held at St. Raphael's Catholic Church
5801 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh, NC 27609
Free holiday ornament for every donor!

RED CROSS ASKS AFRICAN AMERICANS AND HISPANIC AMERICANS TO GIVE BLOOD THIS WINTER

*Blood Types O and B, Common in These Communities, in
High Demand at Area Hospitals*

The American Red Cross is putting out a special call to African Americans and Hispanic Americans to donate blood and platelets during the coming winter months.

While the American Red Cross invites everyone to donate blood, African Americans and Hispanic Americans are highly encouraged to donate blood and blood components. A recent study completed by the Red Cross shows that in communities with higher populations of African Americans and Hispanic Americans there is a higher percentage of blood donors with Type O or Type B blood, the two most requested blood types by hospitals.

During the winter holiday season, the overall blood supply often suffers shortages for a number of reasons. With donors on vacation and preoccupied with other holiday-related activities, collections typically decline between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. When this collection shortfall is paired with the increased demand also common during this season of travel, a potentially dangerous situation can develop as demand for blood and blood products becomes greater than the supply.

"Type O and Type B blood are normally high in demand, yet low in supply," said Robert F. Fechner, chief executive officer of the American Red Cross Carolinas Blood Services Region. "By donating blood, African Americans and Hispanic

Americans can help ensure an adequate supply is available for patients in area hospitals this holiday season. They have a special opportunity to play a vital role in saving lives in our community."

The Red Cross Carolinas Blood Services Region provides life-saving blood to more than 103 hospitals and must have 1,600 people give blood and platelets each weekday to meet hospital demand. Accident victims as well as patients with cancer, sickle cell disease, blood disorders and other illnesses receive life-saving transfusions every day. There is no substitute for blood and volunteer donors are the only source.

Blood can be safely donated every 56 days. Platelets can be given safely every two weeks, up to 24 times a year. Most healthy people age 17 and older, who weigh at least 110 pounds, are eligible to donate blood and platelets. For more information or to schedule an appointment to donate, please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (448-3543) or visit www.redcrossblood.org.



Jim Lueck, Knightlife Editor

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