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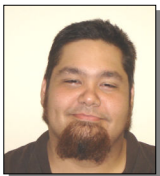
## Council Calendar

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

Jan 24	Mid -Year Mtg. -Greenville (GK)
Jan 31	Free Throw Contest – 2:30-4pm (Lueck)
Feb 1	Pancake Breakfast (T. Smith)
Feb 1	Super Bowl Party 5:00 pm (Parrish)
Feb 3	Officers Meeting (GK)
Feb 7	Capital Towers - 9:00am (Hast)
Feb 10	Business Meeting (GK)
Feb 21	Road Side Clean Up (T Smith)
Feb 22	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Team Meeting (T. Smith)
Feb 25	Ash Wednesday
Feb 27	Fish Fry/Shrimp (Gunther)
Mar 3	Officers Meeting (GK)
Mar 6, 13	Fish Fry/Shrimp (Gunther)
Mar 10	Business Meeting (GK)
Mar 20, 27, & Apr 3	Fish Fry/Shrimp (Gunther)

## Council 9880 Officers 2008/2009

Grand Knight:	Joseph Smith	360-3706
Dpt Grand Knight:	John Peel	630-2114
Chancellor:		
Warden:	Gilbert Hendricks	571-9076
Recorder:	Dave Demo	845-7770
Treasurer:	Ed Cody	782-1215
Fin Secretary:	Tom Smith	971-1087
Outside Guard:	Jim Cody	782-1215
Inside Guard:	John Harrod	787-8719
Advocate:	Jeff Price	
1st year Trustee:	Bill Wolf	847-3777
2nd year Trustee:	Jim Lueck	550-0164
3rd year Trustee:	Thomas Smith	812-5856
Lecturer	Lou Clark	



### From the Grand Knight

Joseph Smith, Grand Knight

Brother Knights-

We have had an amazing first half. Now it is our busiest time of the year with the Shrimp dinners coming upon us. We continue to be successful with our pancake breakfasts and the Shrimp dinners will be no different. We have always had fun doing them just like all our events and this year will be no different. Everyone in the

council helped make the first six months what they were and we as a team can do it again. Thank you to all. I will see everyone soon.  
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### Knight of the Month

Bill Hast

### Family of the Month

Mark and Patty Parrish



### Business Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2008

Dave Demo, Recorder

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

- ✘ Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Library.
- ✘ Council Officers role call.
- ✘ Reading of the Minutes. Motion to accept the business meeting minutes was put forward. The motion was seconded and past by the membership.
- ✘ John Tardif has resigned from the office of Chancellor of the Council. GK Joseph Smith opened nominations for the office of Chancellor. Gene Knight was nominated and he accepted the nomination. The nominations were closed. A vote will be held at the next business meeting.
- ✘ There was a discussion about the duties of the Chancellor. Primarily, he assists the GK and DGK in the execution of their duties, and oversees the council in the absence of them both. He is charged with the strengthening the members' interest in council activities.

### Grand Knight's Report:

- ✘ Knight of the Month – Bill Hast
- ✘ Family of the Month – Mark and Patty Parrish
- ✘ A rosary check was announced and 100% of those in attendance had their rosaries.

- ✘ The “Tarheel Knight” is the State newsletter. It is available online at kofcnc.org. There is a link from the Council website. It has the State Mid-year Meeting agenda.

#### **Treasurer’s Report:**

- ✘ Costs for the “Keep Christ in Christmas” car magnets were \$270. To date we have received \$850.
- ✘ The costs for the Holiday Food Baskets were \$1,189 and cash donations were \$1,833.

#### **Financial Secretary’s Report:**

- ✘ Tom Smith reported that we have 153 members.
- ✘ Two new members took the first degree in December. They are Rubin Martinez and Dave Patterson.

#### **Trustee’s Report:**

- ✘ Bill Wolf reported that District 8 Councils have been encouraged to push support for the North Carolina Marriage Amendment. Petitions will be coming soon for presentation to the NC Assembly. St. Luke’s has taken a lead role. The District Deputy has asked that each Council take some leadership in gathering the presenting and collecting the petitions in the parishes.

#### **Service Programs:**

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

- ✘ **Family** – Mark Parrish – Mark reported that the attendance for the Christmas Party was very good. Twelve members and their families attended. It was noted that having the party during the week after Christmas helped attendance. A Super Bowl Party is being planned for Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. The location will be Mark and Patty Parrish’s home. Info will be forthcoming.
- ✘ **Community** – Bill Hast – Capital Towers was held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Bill if you can participate as a volunteer at 9:00 am on the first Saturday of each month. A Road Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ✘ **Council** – Gene Knight – Gene Knight is planning a Fourth Degree presentation by Hayden Ware from St. Francis for the Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 10th. Also, since the attendance for the last Raleigh Little Theatre outing was so good, he is planning another one for April when the performance will be “Lend Me a Tenor”.
- ✘ **Youth** – Jim Lueck – The annual Free Throw contest will be held on Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> at Our Lady of Lourdes gym. The time is from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. The contest is open to boys and girls 10-14 years of age. To volunteer contact Jim at 550-0164.
- ✘ **Membership** – Tom Smith reported that he is planning a Membership Table campaign for the Atrium after the weekend Masses. A First Degree

Team rehearsal will be held at the end of January. Substitutes for all positions are needed. Please contact Tom Smith for details.

#### **Old Business:**

- ✘ Christmas baskets were distributed to 74 needy families (about 400 people). The excess food was taken to the Catholic Parish Outreach.
- ✘ A motion was passed at the last meeting to donate any excess funds to the Giving Tree project (organized by the Youth Group). After contacting the Youth Group, it was found that they did not have a need for the donation, since the project required no extra money. As a result a motion was made to donate the money to the Wake County Interfaith Food Shuttle. The motion passed.
- ✘ Ed Cody reported that the Roucchio Plaque would be ready for the next Business Meeting.
- ✘ The council has asked Father Sal to recommend the names of two individuals for the RSVP program.
- ✘ A Pancake Breakfast will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> in the Lewis Room. The proceeds from the breakfast will be earmarked for a parishioner with cerebral palsy who is looking for monetary help to get a service dog.
- ✘ A Second Degree Team Meeting will be held on Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Tom Smith for information.
- ✘ The church has purchased the deliberator but it has not been installed.

#### **New Business:**

- ✘ John Gunther reported that we received a letter from St. Michael’s Council 8980 in South Carolina. It thanked us for participating in the “Keep Christ in Christmas” Magnet program. John proposed that the Council may want to investigate the possibility of being a distributor next year. A minimum order for a distributor is 10,000 units. The idea was tabled pending some research.
- ✘ “Senior Prom” is being planned for May 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact John Gunther if you would like to volunteer to help. Last year’s entertainment has been booked for this year.
- ✘ There was a lengthy discussion about the Lenten Dinners, which will be starting on Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> and will continue on each Friday of Lent. Of special concern were the cost of shrimp and the hours of operation. Several brothers will check the cost of shrimp. Mark Parrish emphasized that it was important to coordinate the hours of operation with the beginning of the Stations of the Cross services. Contact Joseph Smith or John Gunther if you can volunteer for this project.

#### **Fourth Degree:**

- ✘ The monthly Fourth Degree Meeting will be held on Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

- ✘ A request was made for members with the Fourth Degree to participate in the Right for Life Rally to be held on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. The rally begins at Nash Square in downtown Raleigh. If you do not have regalia, formal dress is appreciated. There will be an 8:00 am mass at St. Joseph's Church that day.

#### Good of the Order:

- ✘ Lou Clark spoke about the Parish Leadership Retreat, which was held at St. Raphael's. The retreat was led by Jim Knowland from Georgetown University. He is the author of several books about spirituality in the workplace. Lou presented a handout entitled "Daily Examine for Busy Business Men and Women", which is a five-step session for consideration of spirituality in the business environment. Contact Lou for a copy.

#### Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Oliverio Philips, recovering from a stroke  
 Yolanda Philips, who has cancer  
 John Harrod's brother and nephew  
 Bob Rigda's mother, who died recently  
 Gerry Madey, for her surgery



#### Book Review

Frank Castillo, Brother Knight

#### Character Is Destiny (Inspiring Stories Every Young Person Should Know and Every Adult Should Remember) by John McCain with Mark Salter

While working my way through the North Regional Library, a favorite haunt, I found this book written by John McCain. While admittedly, I have not read Why Courage Matters and Faith of My Fathers, I was attracted to this work as I was still reflecting on the persona of the defeated Republican Presidential hopeful. I felt that given the leadership qualities he had displayed during the campaign, particularly the respect and recognition he had given his Democratic contender, I was curious to see what historical examples of virtue Senator McCain had selected for his readers to learn from.

The book is divided into Seven Parts: Honor, Purpose, Strength, Understanding, Judgment, Creativity and Love. Within each part, there are listed qualities, e.g. "Fairness" which are exemplified by a historical character, in this case, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There are some familiar names within these various sections. Among those I focused on at the onset was Theodore Roosevelt, Mark Twain, Maximilian Kolbe, Sir Ernest Shackleton, Viktor Frankl, Mohandas Gandhi, Winston Churchill, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. While I knew who these personalities had been from a historical perspective, I was pleased to learn some items of insight into their character that Senator McCain had felt important to illustrate.

For example, under the title of "Respect", the writer had used Gandhi. This civil rights leader came to embody respect for all human life, however, the force of his efforts stemmed from developing self-respect. Much of his reputation was created while Gandhi worked as a lawyer in Durban, South Africa. Here, a large settlement of Indians, all subjects to the British crown, were addressed by the colonists as "coloreds", but more often, "coolies" or "Samis". While most Indians were laborers and servants, many were successful merchants and businessmen, teachers and a few doctors and lawyers. Gandhi's conflict with the status quo was his appearance in court wearing a turban, which was forbidden. This eventually led to a personal campaign where justice was promoted for all (as true justice must be) on respect for the natural rights and dignity of all human beings.

Using another example of "Compassion", Senator McCain selected the Polish martyr, Maximilian Kolbe. Born of pious Polish parents, this second of three sons, originally named Raymond, had initially aspired towards a military career. Only after being accepted into a Franciscan seminary, where he excelled in mathematics and physics, did Raymond change his destiny. He chose instead to wage spiritual war, to liberate the souls of his countrymen. He took the name of Maximilian when he entered the novitiate in 1910. Inspired by a demonstration of Freemasons in Rome, the young priest established the "Militia Immaculata" (the Crusade of Immaculate Mary) whose purpose was to "convert sinners, heretics, and schismatics, particularly freemasons" to Christ's love, through the intercession of Mary. He was able to undertake this while he earned doctorates in both theology and philosophy at the Jesuit Gregorian University and Franciscan Collegio Serafico (from 1912 to 1919)!

Of course, the example well recognized by the Church is Fr. Kolbe's personal sacrifice during his internment, and eventual murder by the Nazis. While in Auschwitz concentration camp, the camp commandant, Karl "Butcher" Fritsch implemented particularly cruel policies upon men whose life span was estimated at only two weeks. In July 1941, a prison companion from Fr. Kolbe's cellblock drowned in a camp latrine; the authorities perceived his absence as an attempted escape. All prisoners were forced to stand at attention in the prison yard, under the hot sun, for the entire day until the missing man was brought forward. Subsequently, ten individuals were collected and taken to a starvation cell, to be left in the dark, without clothing, food or water, until they all slowly died. One of the men selected was a member of the Polish resistance. Upon being chosen, he cried out in despair. Before being led away, Fr. Kolbe stepped forward to speak to the camp commandant, offering a request. After several attempts, he made it clear to the camp official "I am a Catholic priest. Let me take his place. I am old. He has a wife and children." Shocked by the gesture, the commandant gave the order with his hand and one word, "away". Through Fr. Kolbe's sacrifice, he shocked his fellow prisoners with hope, bringing new life and strength. He lasted two weeks in that dungeon. His last gesture was to extend his arm to receive a lethal injection as the dungeon had been determined to have other uses.

Within this book, there are many stories of such insight into the selected individuals' character. I would encourage you to read this book to understand those that lived their lives honestly and in service to others. My hope is that the reader will be prepared for the difficult challenges they have in this New Year, as they choose their own paths to follow.

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**Super Bowl XLIII PARTY: Sunday Feb. 1, 2009**

Get ready for a clash of epic proportions when two major NFL teams square off in Florida for Super Bowl XLIII on Sunday, February 1, at the Raymond James stadium in Tampa, Florida. But wait, the Knights are getting together to watch the game right here in Raleigh. All Knights of Council 9880 and their families are invited! Here is the lineup:

**Location:** Mark and Patty Parrish have donated their house for the evening and are setting up multiple TVs including a very large projector screen.

**Time:** Arrive anytime after 5:00. Pre-game starts at 6:00 on NBC and Kick-off time is about 6:20.

**Food:** John Gunther has volunteered to cook up the 3 remaining turkeys from the Thanksgiving food baskets. Mark Parrish will have the drinks. Everyone else should bring some sort of side dish or snack for the game.

**Directions:** 2508 Bembridge Dr., Raleigh, phone 848-1708 (From Lynn, go North on Creedmoor 2 lights, Left on Stonehenge, Left on Bembridge, 2nd driveway on right)

**RSVP:** Please call or email Mark Parrish to let us know you will be coming, how many, and what you will bring. Phone **848-1708**, email [vespula@nc.rr.com](mailto:vespula@nc.rr.com)

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