



# Knightlife

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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

Feb 25	Ash Wednesday
Feb 27	Fish Fry/Shrimp (All Knights) 5pm
March 1	Pancake Breakfast (Smith) 7:30 – 11am
March 3	Officers Meeting (GK)
March 7	Capital Towers (Hast) 9:00 am
March 6	Fish Fry/Shrimp (All Knights) 5pm
March 10	Business Meeting (GK)
March 13	Fish Fry/Shrimp (All Knights) 5pm
March 20	Fish Fry/Shrimp (All Knights) 5pm
March 27	Fish Fry/Shrimp (All Knights) 5pm
March 29	Founders Day table in Atrium
April 3	Fish Fry/Shrimp (All Knights) 5pm
April 4	Capital Towers (Hast) 9:00 am
April 12	Easter Sunday
May 2	Capital Towers (Hast)
May 23	Senior Prom (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	



## Lenten Shrimp Boil and Fish Fry

This annual event during the Lenten Season begins this February 27. Join us in Raphael Hall for some boiling and frying good time! Setup for the event will begin around 3:00pm. Food serving begins at 5:00pm and members are asked to assist where possible: we need people to serve, clean tables, wash dishes, cook, and everything in between!



## Business Meeting Minutes

**February 10, 2008**

Dave Demo, Recorder

Grand Knight	P	Inside Guard	P	Lecturer	P
D Grand Knight	P	Outside Guard	P	Warden	P
Fin Secretary	P	1 Year Trustee	P	Chancellor	E
Treasurer	P	2 Year Trustee	P	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.
- ✘ In attendance at the meeting was District 8 Deputy Joe Sendlback and our new Insurance Field Agent, Thomas Indovina (email: tom.indovina@kofc.org).
- ✘ Also in attendance was Pat Egan, an observer and applicant for the First Degree.

## Grand Knight's Report:

- ✘ Knight of the Month – January - Jim Welte
- ✘ Family of the Month – January - Jackie and Gene Knight
- ✘ At the Mid-year Meeting an initiative of the State organization was announced. The State Deputy has asked all councils to support "Room at the Inn", a facility in the Charlotte area which serves as a residence for women who do not want to have abortions but have no other place to live. The organization has secured a piece of land at Belmont Abbey to build a new building. They are now having their capital campaign and the State Deputy asked all councils to consider a donation of \$7,000 over a five-year period. A discussion was held about council fundraisers that could be held for the purpose of supporting this effort. It was suggested that a

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Jim Welte

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Gene and Jackie Knight

committee be formed. The subject was tabled for another meeting.

- ✘ We welcomed a new member Matt Overby.
- ✘ A slate of delegates was proposed for the State Convention in May. Delegates nominated were Joseph Smith and John Peel. Alternate Delegates nominated were Dave Demo and Bill Wolf. A motion was made and seconded. The slate of Delegates was approved.

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

- ✘ A letter was written to transmit the check for \$643.86 to the Inter-faith Food Shuttle as agreed by the Council.
- ✘ The check for \$1,500 for the church defibrillator has not been cashed.

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

- ✘ Tom Smith reported that we have 158 members.
- ✘ To date we have six new members, 5 new members and one reactivation. Seven members is our quota for the year.
- ✘ Tom put Pat Egan's application for membership up for a vote. It was seconded and approved.

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

- ✘ None

#### **Service Programs:**

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

- ✘ **Family** – Mark Parrish – A Super Bowl Party was held on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at Mark and Patty Parrish's home. All the knights and their families in attendance had great time. Many thanks to Mark and Patty.
- ✘ **Community** – Bill Hast – Capital Towers was held on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Bill if you can participate as a volunteer at 9:00 am on the first Saturday of each month. A Road Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ✘ **Youth** – Jim Lueck – The annual Free Throw contest was held on Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> at Our Lady of Lourdes gym. Pictures are on the website. The District 8 contest was also held that same day. The winners are eligible to participate in the state tournament in Burlington on April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ✘ **Membership** – Tom Smith reported that he is planning a Membership Table campaign for the Atrium after the weekend Masses near the K of C Founders' Day the weekend of March 29<sup>th</sup>. We want to cover all masses, both English and Spanish. Contact Tom if you can help to man the table.

#### **Old Business:**

- ✘ Ed Cody reminded the council that we promised to buy two Hurricane's shirts for the gentleman who supplies us with Martin's bread, free of charge, for our events. Tom Smith will order the shirts.
- ✘ The defibrillator is here and has been mounted in the church. Training will be held on Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>.

- ✘ A Second Degree ceremony will be held at St. Raphael's on Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Tom Smith if you can help.
- ✘ March 1<sup>st</sup> will be the Sunday for the next Pancake Breakfast.
- ✘ The Shrimp/Fish Dinners will start on February 27<sup>th</sup> and be held each Friday of Lent. The time will be 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please contact John Gunther if you can help.
- ✘ The plaque for the Ruocchio's has arrived and was shown to the council. Father Proterra said the plaque will be mounted somewhere in the Atrium during the redecoration which will take place in the next several months.
- ✘ Repairs will be started on the rectory. John Gunther and Tom Smith will lead a team on Friday February 13<sup>th</sup> to power wash the front porch area of the rectory. A date to paint and stain will be announced later. Contact Tom or John if you can help.
- ✘ A Council sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Raphael Hall on Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>, between 10:00 am and 2:30 pm. Contact Frank Castillo if you can participate.
- ✘ The "Senior Prom" is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> in Raphael Hall. The theme is "Blue Moon". The tickets will cost \$40/couple.

#### **New Business:**

- ✘ John Gunther announced that we have two basketballs left over from last year's Free Throw Contest. One ball was signed by Kay Yow and the other ball was signed by Sidney Lowe. It was suggested that we have a raffle for the basketballs, with tickets sold at the Shrimp/Fish Dinners. The winners could be chosen on the last night of the Friday dinners. All were in agreement.
- ✘ We received the State Raffle tickets for this year. We received 300 in English and 100 in Spanish. A poster will be made for the Shrimp/Fish Dinners. First prize is a trip to Alaska and second prize is a trip to Hawaii.
- ✘ The deep fryer purchased by the council needs to be converted to natural gas for use in the Raphael Hall kitchen. The cost will be about \$200. A motion was made to make the expenditure and proceed with the work. The motion was seconded and approved.

#### **District Deputy Report:**

- ✘ All written reports about council activities are due in the month of March.
- ✘ The State Deputy is planning a round table discussion about Spanish Masses.
- ✘ The North Carolina Assembly is supporting the North Carolina Marriage Amendment, which contains language that marriage is defined as being between one woman and one man at one time. He asked that the council consider organize an effort to gather petitions to send to the NC legislature. Bill Wolf said that St. Luke's Council was doing this.
- ✘ Joe thanked our council for hosting the District 8 Free Throw contest.

- ✘ Joe mentioned that St. Luke's council is sponsoring a "Job Skills Networking" program.

#### **Insurance Agent Report:**

- ✘ Tom Indovina introduced himself as our new insurance field agent. Contact Tom at 262-277-7561 or email: tom.indovina@kofc.org
- ✘ He summarized some of the benefits offered by the K of C insurance programs.
- ✘ He offered to speak at all masses, with permission of the pastor, on the weekend of the Membership Drive.

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

- ✘ Prayer intentions:  
John Harrod's mother and brother  
Joe Sendlbach's sister Maryann, who needs a kidney transplant  
Luther Stolts, past State Deputy  
Padre Leon's sister

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

- ✘ Lou Clark reminded everyone about several good articles from last month's issues of Columbia magazine. The three articles he mentioned were as follows; combining a K of C annuity with social security, financial survival during hard economic times, and the "Fathers for Good" campaign.

Olympian, once it has been earned, it is carried for the life of the individual.

There are many brief, but poignant, chapters in this book that the author has chosen to illustrate the values that Boy Scouts recite every time they call forth the Scout Law. [For the uninformed, the Scout Law states that, "A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent."] While not wishing to re-write many of these stories again in this book review, I will encourage readers to look up the stories of George Coker, former POW of the infamous Hanoi Hilton and what he needed to draw from in order to survive the beatings inflicted upon him by his brutal captors. The story of brave commitment to the ideal of freedom is well illustrated by Tuskegee Airman and Civil Rights Activist Percy Sutton. Dedication to duty and personal sacrifice through hardship is related in the interview given by Scott Strauss. Due to his efforts of saving a survivor of the World Trade Center bombing was rewarded with a NYPD Medal of Honor by another Eagle Scout, the Mayor of the city of New York.

I can only, in total honesty, state that the pages went slowly and sunk in deep, to the point of knots forming in my throat. The honest characterization by these men, as they opened up secretive chapters in their lives to another Eagle Scout, left me feeling content and fortunate that this country has produced such quality individuals!

As the author states in the end, "I also hope they (Eagle Scouts) will remember the value that comes from putting others first. And I wish all those who hear this story will forever bear in mind those common values that make our country a nation."



#### **February 15, 2009 Blood Drive Results**

Frank Castillo, Brother Knight

A sincere THANK YOU. To all who helped with this event! The Blood Drive was held in Raphael Hall. There were a total of 42 productive units collected, from an originally stated goal of 30! Of these, eight were first-time donors! Through your efforts, many patients will be offered a chance to live! Assistance was also offered by students of Duke University who translated for the Hispanic donors. Food was provided by "Life In English", an assimilation program headed by Mrs. Maria Romp who also assisted in translating for Hispanic donors.

#### **\$\$ Raffles \$\$**

**Two signed basketballs.** Kay Yow signed one basketball. Sidney Lowe signed the other ball. Proceeds will benefit cancer research and "Room at the Inn". Tickets will be available during the Shrimp boil/fish fry dinners on Friday nights during Lent. Drawing to be held at the final dinner on April 3.

**Knight of Columbus State Raffle is here!** First prize is a trip to Alaska and second prize is a trip to Hawaii. Contact Joseph Smith for more details.

#### **Marriage Amendment Petition Drive**

Submitted by Bill Wolf, Brother Knight

- "The Roman Catholic Church believes that marriage is a faithful, exclusive, and lifelong union between one man and one woman, joined as husband and wife in an intimate partnership of life and love. This union was established by God with its own proper laws. The institution of marriage has a very important relationship to the continuation of the human race, to the total development of the human person, and to the



#### **Book Review**

Frank Castillo, Brother Knight

Legacy of Honor: The Values and Influence of America's Eagle Scouts By Alvin Townley

What do Bill Gates, Sr., Bill Bradley, J.W. Marriott, Ross Perot, Michael Bloomberg, Richard Lugar, Michael Dukakis, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, Hank Paulson, and Apollo 13 Commander James Lovell all have in common? If you said "leadership", or "initiative" or "innovation", you wouldn't be too far off the mark. A long time ago, when they were teenagers, these American leaders achieved the status that few young men, even today, failed to achieve! They are Eagle Scouts! The use of the present tense is intentional, because like all monikers of distinction, e.g. flying ace,

dignity, stability, peace, and prosperity of the family and society.”\* This definition of marriage is often referred to as “traditional”.

- Furthermore, the Church believes that the natural institution of marriage has been blessed and elevated by Christ to the dignity of a sacrament.
- However, we have seen in the last few years, a concerted effort by some activists to re-define the traditional definition of marriage to *same-sex marriage*. These activists are not advancing this cause through state legislatures or voter public referendums, but, instead are using the courts where judges are creating the right to *same-sex marriage*.
- “North Carolina may be more vulnerable to the threat of same-sex marriage than any other state in the South –in part due to its lack of state constitutional amendment.”\*\*
- The surest way to protect North Carolina and our strong marriage laws from legal attacks against the institution of marriage is to amend the State Constitution that would only recognize marriage as a union between one man and one woman at one time.
- The Knights of Columbus Council at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church is sponsoring a Marriage Amendment Petition Drive asking our elected representatives of the North Carolina General Assembly to support legislation that would amend our State Constitution to reflect the “traditional” definition of marriage.
- Please stop whenever you see available the K of C display table to sign the Marriage Amendment Petition.

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Jim Lueck, Knightlife Editor

If you would like to submit an article, you may submit articles for special accomplishments, children, books, special events, etc. News/articles may be submitted to: [JimL96@earthlink.net](mailto:JimL96@earthlink.net) The deadline for submitting news/articles to be published in the Knightlife is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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

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<http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org>

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