



Knightslife

St Raphael's Council 9880 Knights of Columbus

October 2002

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,
The first major event of the year is behind us. I am sorry to say Op Lamb was not as big of a success this year as in the past. A few of our normal storefronts have tightened up on their solicitation policies and restricted us from collecting. We were also unable to fill all of the spots we did have. We need to find new storefronts and new ways to raise money for Op Lamb. As the rules, which govern our activities change, we must change and adapt with them.

Our second major of the year is coming up.

OCTOBERFEST WILL KICK OFF AT 12:00 PM ON SAT OCT. 26th.

This is a major event and we need all of the help we can get. If you are not going to be at the 4th degree or out of town, please contact Ernie Beauregard (850-9733) and sign up for a shift. Help make this a successful event.

I want to bring up one last point, and that is dues. We have over 25 members who have not paid dues. Letters of suspension will go out this month. If you want to be a part of the Knights, you need to send in your dues. Last year we started cutting members who did not pay. This year we will do the same.

This council is an active group of men who are doing great things to help the community. We need more help to accomplish all of the tasks set before us. If you have not attended a meeting, please come by on Tues Nov 12th and get involved. I am confident you will enjoy it.

Vivat Jesus,
Jack G Giamportone, Grand Knight

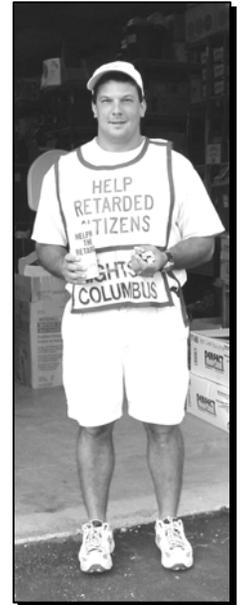
Council Calendar

1st Tuesday 7:30 Officers' Meeting rm. 107
2nd Tuesday 7:30 Business Meeting rm. 107
4th Tuesday 7:30 Social Gathering

Oct 18-27 NC State Fair
Oct 26 Octoberfest, St. Raphael – Ernie Beauregard
Oct 26 4th Degree, Embassy Suites, Cary
Nov 9 9:30-2:00 3rd Degree, 105/107 (Lewis Rm)
Nov 12 Council Meeting
Nov 24 – 26 Thanksgiving Basket Sorting and Distribution,
Raphael Hall
Dec 9 Council Meeting

Operation Lamb Report

The Operation LAMB Fall 2002 collection campaign was conducted over the weekends of September 26-29 and October 3-6. We handed out Tootsie Rolls and collected donations at three locations (Wal Mart, K Mart, and Harris Teeter) and after all Masses at St. Raphael's over the two weekends. Thanks to all of the Knights, their spouses and families who helped out during the campaign. Our efforts resulted in a collection total of approximately \$4,500 for the eight-day campaign. That, combined with our collection of \$1,500 during the one-day Spring campaign with Service Raleigh, brings our total collections for 2002 to about \$6,000. Taking out the cost of the Tootsie Rolls (\$500) leaves our net collection total for 2002 at approximately \$5,500.



This net collection represents approximately 50% of our



Octoberfest 2002



Noon to 8:00, Saturday October 26

Come to enjoy German Food, Drink, and Music

goal of \$12,600 for this year that was established by the State LAMB Director. We were unable to reach our goal for several reasons:

- ✦ Not all stores responded favorably to our request to conduct our campaign at their location (we only had three of six locations approved)
- ✦ Not all collection shifts were manned by Knights in our council (we were only able to man one night shift over the eight-day campaign)
- ✦ A decrease in donations from individuals and corporations due to a recessed economy

Although we were not able to reach our goal, we did put forth a noble effort, and some individuals did work above and beyond the normal call of duty. A special thanks go out to those folks (I will give special recognition to those individuals at the next Business Meeting). We will try to



collect some additional money by selling off the remainder of the Tootsie Rolls as Halloween candy after Masses on the weekend of October 26 and 27. All money collected (minus the cost of the Tootsie Rolls) will go to assist those citizens in our area with mental retardation.

Thanks again to those who helped out in the campaign, and let's put forth an even better effort next year to reach our goal! Andrew M. Rodak, Operation LAMB Director

Ideas for Distribution of Funds

A motion was initiated by Brother Gus Kaposky to use the proceeds from the fair to give back to the church. After some debate, several brothers had different ideas of how the church could benefit from the money. Please review the list, form an opinion and show up at the Nov 12th meeting to cast your vote.

1. Let Father Fran decide how to spend it .
2. Give it to the Youth Ministry.
3. Give it to the Children's Liturgy.
4. Add it to the gift baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas.
5. Use it as seed money for a fundraiser to generate even more for the church.
6. Fix the Ice Machine in the Lewis Room.
7. Buy tractor for church grounds.



These are all excellent ideas. Please think and show up at the meeting. Do not start mass emailing all of us with discussion. Please reserve your opinions only for the meeting. Thank you, Jack Giamportone GK

Turn out Low for Sunday's Blood drive

Submitted by Frank Castillo: Turn out for the October 6 blood drive sponsored by the Knights at Raphael Hall was lower than expected. In an attempt to improve donor collection, we proposed a 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. schedule. Apparently, over at the American Red Cross office, in North Raleigh, they were under the impression that the hours of operating the drive were to be from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Another conflict may have been little advertising. Even though posters had been placed throughout the church and adjacent areas on Wednesday (the day of Fr. Gillespie's installation), only one announcement foretelling the event was placed in the church bulletin. (Another mention was made the actual day of the event, Sunday, October 6th, within the schedule of the week's activities.)



After all the donors left, the mobile collection team had collected only 25 pints of blood. It is important to mention, however, that this quantity can directly supply the needs of up to 75 patients. Since human blood cannot be made synthetically, direct donations are needed year-round, for patient's needs. Pints that are not used, are easily converted into reagents for the constant quality control required when testing blood samples.



The next scheduled blood drive will be on April 6th, 2003. It has been scheduled for 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. with the hope of attracting a greater number of donors. Your cooperation is needed. If you can, please donate.

Council 9880 Third Degree

Submitted by Gordon Perry: Council 9880 will be hosting a Third Degree on Saturday, November 9th. We will need volunteers for setting the room up, beginning at 9am. We will also need volunteers at 4pm to assist with serving dinner after the degree has been completed. We would like to make a good impression with the number of volunteers present this day and I hope that most of you can help. Please contact me and let me know if you can work morning, afternoon or both. I can be reached at home (782-0283) or email (ncperry@nc.rr.com).

Meeting Minutes (Oct. 8)

Submitted by Dan LeMarble

The business meeting was called to order by GK Jack Giamportone at 7:30 on October 8th. Jack opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the opening ode. September minutes were approved as published in the Knightlife. There were no new membership or transfer applications pending.

Grand Knight's report: There will be a 3rd degree on Sat Nov 9th at 12 pm. Candidates are to arrive at 11 and presenters at 9. We will be serving a breakfast for the presenters at 9 am and a luncheon for the candidates after the degree. The luncheon will be provided by Vincents catering for \$5.00 per plate. We need 5 volunteers to come at 9 and 5 more at 11. The holidays are coming up. We need a volunteer to organize the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. The church wants to replace the golf cart and wants funds of \$2,000 to help with this. The issue was tabled until next meeting for more information will be available. A Columbian Award service plaque was presented to Rick Gall for his service to our council as Grand Knight last year.

Other Reports: Rick Gall presented Ron McCord with the Family of the Month for May. Bill Hast reported that 26 people gave blood at the blood drive on Sunday. Gordon Perry reported that we will have a table at masses for the next two weeks to promote dining guides and the Octoberfest. Ernie Beauregard reported that everything is ordered for the Octoberfest. We will be needing help for two shifts, 12-4 and 4-8. We need help for the set-up Friday night and also for the clean-up afterwards. John Gunther reported that the Knights painted Fr. Gillespie's living quarters on Sept. 17. John also reported that our council took 3 awards in the recent state golf tournament in Southern Pines. James Flanagan took a 3rd place while David Bichler and John Gunther both took 1st place in their divisions. Bill Hast reported that the bowling league is still looking for more bowlers. They bowl on Monday nights from about 6-9. We will be hosting the State Bowling tournament on March 29 and will need volunteers to help with lunch on that day.

Membership: Our membership goal for the year is 8 new members. Notices will be sent to 24 members who have not paid dues that were due in July.

New Business: Gus Kaposky motioned that the profit from the fair be given to Fr. Gillespie for the needs of the Parish. Discussion followed on different uses for these funds that might give more exposure for the Knights. Seven ideas were discussed and will be voted on at the next meeting. GK Jack Giamportone said he would submit the ideas in an article for the KnightLife. John Gunther reported that we need to publish what the Knights do in the bulletin. Also, coffee & donuts will be starting up and we will need volunteers to help on weekends at Mass. Ron McCord reported that a new council is starting in Apex and our council will send \$10 to help them out. Several people suggested that we need volunteers for the Parish Council that meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. Ernie Beauregard volunteered for November and Steve volunteered for December. The meeting was adjourned by Jack Giamportone.

Brother Andy Demchak Needs Help

Brother Knights,

I am asking for help from any of my brother Knights. I lost my job the end of August and have not found one yet. I ask if any one knows of companies that are hiring to let me know. I am looking for a full time job with at least \$11.00 an hour pay. I need something now. Please help. You can contact me at home (919-894-7664) or my cell phone (919-272-2922). Also pray for me that I will find a job soon. Thank you and God bless you all. Andy Demchak

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