



Knightslife

St Raphael's Council 9880 Knights of Columbus

November 2003

Council Calendar

1st Tuesday 7:00 Officers' Meeting rm. 107
2nd Tuesday 7:30 Business Meeting rm. 107

Nov 23	Put Thanksgiving baskets together
Nov 24	Thanksgiving Basket Distribution
Nov 27	Thanksgiving Day
Dec 2	Officers Meeting
Dec 6	Capital Towers (Bill Hast)
Dec 9	Business Meeting
Dec 21	Put Christmas Baskets together Council Christmas Party (Mark Parrish)
Dec 22	Christmas Basket Distribution
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Jan 3	Capital Towers (Bill Hast)
Jan 6	Officers Meeting
Jan 13	Business Meeting
Jan 24	Chilifest

Grand Knight

The Holidays are fast approaching and I can already sense the urgency in every ones voice. Me, I'm just waiting for the turkey and pumpkin pie. This is probably my favorite season and with two toddlers, it is especially special this time of the year.

We head into December with two major projects planned; the gathering, organizing and distribution of the Thanksgiving/Christmas baskets. We will be putting the Thanksgiving baskets together this weekend; November 22-23 with distribution on the 24th. The Christmas baskets will be the weekend of December 20-21.

As I mentioned at the Business meeting, I would like to continue with our efforts in supporting the Parish. I think that we need to step up to the plate and take the lead, where allowed. This can be something as simple as a cookout for the Parish, another Pancake Breakfast (complete with Frank's famous chocolate chip pancakes) or just general repair work around the Church.

We had two of our Council complete their 3rd Degree; congratulations to David Demo and Tim Hiltbrunner.

Let's continue to recruit new members for our council and if you have anyone in mind, have them attend one of our Business meetings or social functions that we have planned.

Let's all have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!!

Vivat Jesus,

Gordon Perry, Grand Knight

Join Us

Help needed for Thanksgiving Baskets

This year there have been many changes in preparation of the Thanksgiving Baskets. As you may have noticed, we will not be collecting monetary or food donations to support the Thanksgiving or Christmas baskets, as indicated in the church bulletins. The parish will reimburse the Knights of Columbus for expenditures related to the food baskets.

Historically we have obtained a large percentage of the food for the baskets from the Food Bank. However, the Food Bank will not be providing us any food this year due to increased demand from its core agencies.

Fortunately our resources will be focused on helping a significantly smaller number of families in need. We will be providing Thanksgiving baskets for approximately 67 families in need with St. Raphael's school providing baskets for 8 additional families in need. In addition, we have been blessed with support from several Wake County businesses. US Food Service will be donating 50 turkeys total for the Thanksgiving/Christmas baskets. UPS will also be donating turkeys for the Christmas baskets.

Saturday, November 22nd

I will need a few people to help transport food from Aldis grocery store (Louisburg and New Hope). We will probably need at least two trucks. Time is flexible.

Sunday, November 23rd

We will be preparing the Thanksgiving Food baskets in Raphael Hall on Sunday November 23rd from approximately 11am to 1:30pm.

Monday, November 24th

We will also need help distributing the Food baskets at Raphael Hall from 9am to 6pm.

Please send me an email or call me at 261-0246 if you are able to help.

Jeff Price

Knights Cook for Cardinal Gibbons:

A special thanks to Bill Hast, John Gunther and his wife for their time and efforts on October 24th. They provided a hot cooked meal complete with chips, dessert and drink on Friday night. Several of the students who attend Cardinal Gibbons High School decided to live like the homeless for a weekend. They actually lived in boxes on the school grounds and solicited (begged) for donations from the public (to be donated to the homeless shelter). From what I heard, the food was greatly appreciated and I know for a fact, all was consumed.

Knights and Breakfast with Santa:

Just a reminder that we are helping Gail Williams with the cooking and setting up of Raphael Hall on Saturday, December 13th. I need 6-8 volunteers at 7am to assist with the setup and initial cooking. The shifts were printed in this week's church bulletin and if I'm not mistaken, there are three shifts: 8am, 10:30am and 1pm. We will need 3-4 volunteers for the 10:30am and 1pm shifts. Please contact Gordon Perry (782.0283 or ncperry@nc.rr.com) if you can assist with this very important function.

Merry Christmas

A Knight of Columbus 2003 Family Christmas Party is just around the corner. All Knights and their families are invited! Mark your calendar now and reserve Sunday, December 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 in Lewis Hall.

After the 11:30 mass, all Knights and family members can help put together Christmas baskets for the needy of our community in Raphael Hall. This should only take an hour. As soon as that is done we will celebrate Christmas together. This year the festivities will feature a gift exchange (bring one wrapped gift per family, \$10-15). Also bring a Sunday sweet (cake, cookie, pie, etc.) to share. The Knights will provide drinks, music, entertainment, and a festive atmosphere. There will be more details in the next Knightlife.

Mark Parrish (848-1708)

Capital Towers

Our next capital towers visitation is on Saturday, December 6th. We help the ladies out by turning mattresses, vacuuming the carpets, wash windows, hang pictures, and other small jobs that they can not do themselves.

We need more knights to come help us out so please let Bill Hast or myself know that your will be there. You can email or call us. Our info is on the last page of this newsletter. Thank you and God Bless You All.

Andy Demchak, Lecturer

Business Meeting Minutes

The November business meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Grand Knight Gordon Perry followed with prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening ode. Roll call was taken. The October minutes were voted on and approved as printed in the Knightlife.

- The meeting was then handed over to the 1st degree team to welcome in a new candidate.
- Tim Kilpatrick, our Insurance Field Agent, gave a short talk.
- The meeting was resumed at 8:30.
- Two transfer applications were voted on and approved for John Boland and Brian Cookson.
- Five brothers met on November 1st for Capital Towers. The next project will be on December 6th at 9 a.m.
- The road clean-up and ramp will be this Saturday (15th).
- Food baskets will be gathered on Nov. 23rd and distributed on the 24th. We need volunteers for both days. See Jeff Price for details.
- Unfinished business:
- The slate of officers for the Columbus Club was voted on and approved.
- Open house for prospective members will be on the 19th in the Lewis room at 7 p.m.
- Breakfast with Santa will be on December 13th from 7 am to 3. Eight to ten brothers are needed for cooking and set-up. There will be 3 shifts.
- A dinner for 4th degree will be at Fr. Price on November 14th.
- Tom Smith gave the district deputies report.
- The meeting was closed at 9 p.m. with prayer and the closing ode by Gordon Perry.

K of C Insurance –

A SMALL SACRIFICE TODAY

What is a widow?

She's the same woman who was a wife. She used to be a mother, and now she's a dad and a mother. She used to be a homemaker, and now she's that and a handyman too.

She used to have an income to count on; it was enough money to pay bills with some left over for family treats and, occasionally, a luxury. Now she has to make do with one-third enough money to manage the household.

What has she done to deserve all this? Not a thing. She's really a great person; her only fault was marrying a man who died too soon. And all her money troubles could have been avoided by listening to the life insurance philosophy of "a small sacrifice today to avoid a tremendous sacrifice tomorrow."

Somebody always pays the premiums on life insurance. Either the husband and father pay for them while he's alive or his widow and children pay for them later. How much of your income can you set aside today to care for your family tomorrow?

Call me today. I want to hear from you.

Timothy, Kilpatrick, Field Agent, K of C Insurance
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Editor's Note

Knightlife is published every month immediately after the council business meeting (2nd Tuesday). All member contributions are welcome. Please send text to Andy Demchak (894-7664) in electronic format if possible. Ademchak1960@earthlink.net



MEMBER INTEREST SURVEY



As a member of this council, you are our greatest asset. We value your judgment, we appreciate your opinions and we rely on your participation for continued success.

Since joining the Knights of Columbus you have undoubtedly become familiar with many of our varied programs of involvement — programs where you can personally apply your talents and fulfill your ambitions. In an effort to satisfy your desires and interests, we ask that you complete the following survey and return it to our program director for evaluation and action.

SERVICE PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT

Please list your preferences for possible committee assignments. Mark those areas which you find exciting, challenging and promising.

Programs

CHURCH

- Vocations
- Parish Round Table
- Lay Apostolate
- Parochial Services
- Religious Devotions
- Christ in Christmas

Other, specify: _____

COMMUNITY

- Pro-Life
- Human Needs
- Civic Involvement
- Environment
- Public Safety
- Health Services
- Decency

Other, specify: _____

COUNCIL

- Public Relations
- Fraternalism
- Cultural
- Social
- Blood Donors
- Athletics

Other, specify: _____

FAMILY

- Survivors' Assistance
- Memorials
- Education
- Communications
- Family of the Month/Year
- Family Projects
- Recreation

Other, specify: _____

YOUTH

- Columbian Squires
- Youth Groups
- Athletics
- Educational Programs
- Youth Welfare
- Substance Abuse
- Social Activities

Other, specify: _____

Membership

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Insurance Promotion
- Admission Committee
- Ceremonials

In your opinion, how can our council improve existing programs? Please be specific.

INSURANCE PARTICIPATION

NON-INSURANCE MEMBER? If you are not currently enrolled as an insurance member, would you like our Supreme Council Insurance Representative to contact you to explain the many benefits available through the Order's insurance program? Yes _____ No _____

INSURANCE MEMBER? If you are an insurance member, would you like our Supreme Council Insurance Representative to contact you to explain new and additional benefits available through the Order's insurance program? Yes _____ No _____

Survey completed by:

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

(City—State or Province — Zip or Postal Code) _____

Date: _____

Unemployment Awareness -

I believe there are some Knights that are unemployed.

We should band together to help ourselves.

If you are unemployed, please email me with 3 facts:

Name, Phone number, Career sought

If you know of a brother without email that should join our group, please have him call me.

I will compile and publish a list in every issue of the KnightLife. I will try to make our case in the St. Raphael Bulletin on a monthly basis.

Clayton Rodgers - Knights' Council 9880

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Pray for our troops

Prayer request from a friend but something we should have been doing for a long time.

This morning I received a prayer request from church. Cathy Mitchell, who attends Spring Hills, called in to our secretary. Her husband, Tony is an Air Force Commander in Afghanistan. She received an urgent email from him this morning. It said,

"We Need Christians to pray, pray, pray." Please pray for God's protection of your troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders.

Pass this on to as many as you think will respond.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

When you receive this, please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our ground, air and navy personnel in every area of the Middle East.

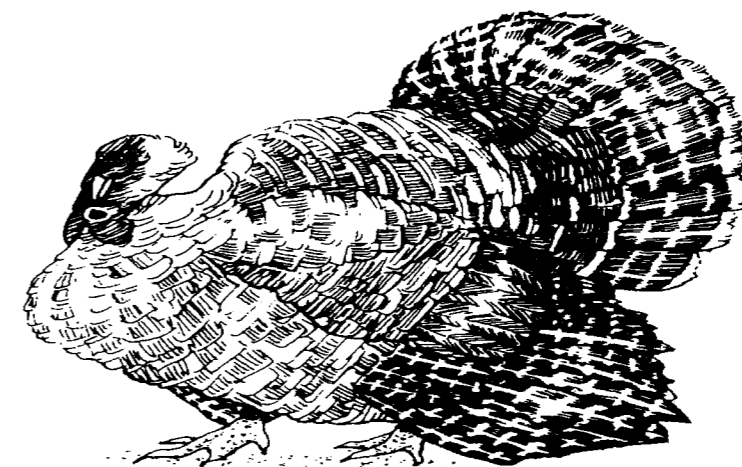
Of all the gifts you could give to anyone in the US Military, be it Army, Navy, Marines or National Guard, Prayer is the very best one..... Amen!

BROTHER,

Thanksgiving is a day to give thanks for what we have. I thank God for all he has giving me, a wonderful wife and family, and for protecting me and for giving me the strength to get through all bumps in life. I ask that you thank God everyday and that you keep me in your prayer as I am still searching for a job. Also keep the service men and women in your prayers. My wife (Kathy) and I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving.

God Bless you all.

Andy Demchak - Knightlife Editor and Lecturer



Happy Thanksgiving



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