



Knightslife

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Council Calendar

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

Dec. 25	Christmas
Jan. 4	Officers Meeting
Jan. 8	Capital Towers / 9-12 noon
Jan. 11	Business Meeting
Jan. 15	1 st & 2 nd Degree
Feb. 5	Capital Towers / 9-12 noon
Feb. 11, 18, 25	Shrimp Dinners 5-9pm
Feb. 19	3 rd Degree
Feb. 19	Cupids Bingo Night / 6:30-9pm



the coming months will be just as busy. In January we are hosting a 1st & 2nd degree on 1/15/05 and a 3rd degree on 2/19/05. At our last business meeting we approved 6 new applications for membership, and are looking for more worthy men to join the order. I'm sure that the Christmas food baskets and the Christmas Party will be just as successful as the other events we have done so far this year.

We are getting good support from the parish and the priest. Announcements from the pulpit have been excellent, and we are thankful for the support. This season let's be thankful for what we have and be safe when traveling. I want to see all our members next year. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,
Tom Smith - DGK

Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

This past business meeting, which for those of you who may have forgotten is every second Tuesday of the month, I thanked everyone there at the meeting for the hard work they have done for the first part of the year so I would like to extend a thank you to those Knights who were unable to make the meeting that night which I hope some of you will not miss the next business meeting in January. As I told the Knights that night this council can only exist and survive by the good work that you as Knights do for the council and the outside functions that we help. That is why when we officers or brothers in the council ask for help in whatever capacity we hope that all brother knights in the council will run to our aid for whatever the cause. I do hope that at the start of the New Year we will see more new and old faces at meetings and functions. The council can only get better if you are there to help.

Vivat Jesus

Thomas Smith, Jr. - Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

The last three months have been a busy time for the council, and I want to thank everyone for their help in making the things we have done successful. It doesn't matter if you helped personally or financially. During these three months we held 2 pot luck dinners, food baskets for Thanksgiving, 2 pancake breakfasts, Advent Family Breakfast, Keep Christ in Christmas tree and sign, 1st degree in November, and our degree team did a 1st degree at St. Francis. It has been a busy time, and

Notes from the Financial Secretary:

Brothers,

I want to keep you informed of our membership and other Council efforts that I oversee. To date, Council 9880 have 151 total members, which includes the 5 new members as of the First Degree on Nov. 30. These new Knights are: Richard O'Brien, John Nosike, James Muldowney, Bill Segreve, John Todd.

At our December business meeting, a motion was made and passed, which I sponsored. This motion tries to assist those Knights in financial needs, and it reads: Should a fellow Knight be unable to pay his annual dues, but still desires to retain his membership in good standing, then all he would need to do is to contact any officer with this confidential request, and Council 9880 would then declare him to be in good standing.

A reminder to all Knights: the unemployed need your help in finding their careers. If you know/hear/suspect of any professional position, please call me or any officer. We need your prayers as well.

Clayton Rodgers - FS 9880 848-1793

**Knight of the Month for November Rick Gall
Family of the Month for November Mark & Pat Parrish**



Merry Christmas

Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

- Membership: Received Form 100s for six new members and 1 transfer. Motion to accept these new members passed
- Treasurer's Report: Balance for dining guides is -\$75. However, not all money has been turned into the K of C accounts yet. All dining guides purchased have been sold. Additional dining guides have been ordered.
- Financial Secretary's Report: Have 151 members. Received badges for new members and membership cards will be sent to members via Andy Demchak.
- Financial Secretary's Report: Motion passed allowing members who are unable to pay membership dues to the Knights of Columbus due to unemployment can talk to one of the officers in private to ask for that year's membership dues be waived if the brother is in good standing
- Financial Secretary's Report: If you have job leads for fellow unemployed brothers, please forward them to the Financial Secretary who is currently helping two unemployed brothers.
- Financial Secretary's Report: Asked if anyone was interested in being the council's "reporter" by writing announcements for the Church bulletin advertising upcoming K of C events for the parish or by providing highlights for the work that we do for the parish.
- Social chair: The council Christmas party will be in the Lewis Room on December 19th from 12:30pm to 3pm. Please bring a \$5-\$15 dollar wrapped gift for the gift exchange and a dish for a potluck meal. The council will provide beverages. This is an event for the council and their families.
- Social chair: If your mailing address or e-mail address changes please update with Andy Demchak
- Service organization: Five brothers contributed to the Advent Breakfast for the parish.
- 1st Degree is being offered at St. Raphael's on January 15th. Candidates need to arrive at 8am with the ceremony starting at 8:30am. A 2nd Degree will be offered on the same day. Candidates need to arrive at 9:30am with the ceremony starting at 10am.
- John Gunther and Dick Dingee were thanked for their efforts in putting up the "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign and Christmas tree lights.
- Tom Smith presented to the council information about the "Wheels 4 hope Program" following discussions with the Parish Social Concerns Director Andree Stanford. This is a five year old program in conjunction with a Presbyterian Church that received donated cars and sells them to families in need. Tom wanted the council to think about contributing efforts to this program, possibly by connecting individuals who can fix cars to the organization or by donating their used cars to the program. For more information check the www.wheels4hope.org website.
- Capital Towers: There were six brothers that helped the residents of Capital Towers. The next Capital Towers event will be January 8th at 9am.

Unfinished Business

- An organization meeting will be held on January 18th at 7pm to prepare for the State convention.
- Shrimp dinners: We should start posting announcements in the church bulletin.
- The Grand Knight will be coordinating with John Gunther and other brothers to set up 400-500 luminaries on Christmas Eve. The initial set-up will be at 8:30am to prepare for 10:30pm lighting of the candles.

Unfinished Business

- A competition is being started for preparing a council ad for the State Convention booklet. The ad will be a black and white whole page ad. Please help provide ideas.
- KnightLife articles are due to Andy on Friday. Andy will be going on vacation and plans to go to press on the following Monday.
- The council received a letter thanking the council for their \$250 donation via the RSVP program (Sister Dolly).
- Received two nominations for replacing the Inside Guard: Tom Daily and John Harrod. Additional nominations can be made at the next business meeting in January. Voting for Inside Guard will be in January.
- Certificate presented to Andy Demchak for all the work that he does for the council. Andy has recently attained his 4th Degree.
- Prayers go out to the Andy Demchak. His family pet was recently euthanized due to health issues. Andy and his wife are also expecting their first child with a due date in June. Please keep Andy's family in our prayers.
- Prayers go out to Brian's friend. Their mother in law recently had a stroke. Another friend of Brian recently gave birth prematurely. Please keep these families in our prayers.
- Prayers go out to Gilbert Hendrick's family. His sister has pneumonia.
- Prayers go out to Joe Foley's family. Joe's father passed away this year.
- Prayers go out to John Harrod's family. His brother and sister-in-law recently moved. Please pray that John's with social security benefits will be settled soon.



Calling all Knights - (2005 State Convention)...

For those of you that do not know, our council is one of nine councils in charge of organizing the 2005 K of C State Convention. Part of the convention is the convention book and that means ads. This year in hopes to make the ads more creative, a contest has been devised between the organizing councils. The contest is judging the ads for the best (most creative) council ad. This is where you come in. I have been put in charge of getting our ad designed and I am looking to you for ideas. Why? Because I want to come up with the best design possible. Not only that, the winning council get

twice the cost of the ad refunded to them. That means for us that if we win, we get back our \$125 plus an additional \$125. All ads are black and white and our council is purchasing a full page ad (8.5 x 11 in). Please submit any and all ideas and sketches to me, Brian K Kasprovicz. You can email me any ideas at javadragon@nc.rr.com. If you have a sketch or other form or non electronic submission, you can call me at (919) 302-6722 and I will arrange to pick it up from you. So, gets those creative juices flowing and submit your ideas!

Speaking of the ads, we also need help selling ads to help fund the cost of the convention. So, if you are an excellent salesman please answer this request. The benefit of selling ads is that any profit made through the convention is distributed to the nine organizing councils by percentage of ad sales. This means the more ads that our council sells the greater the profit our council receives. And more money means the more our council can do for the community and the people within. If you are interested in helping sell ads to the local businesses, you can contact Tom Smith, Thomas Smith, John Gunther or myself as we all have the ad information and forms.

Brian K Kasprovicz

All Wheels 4 Hope

At the last meeting, I mentioned a program that we could get involved with. It is all Wheels4Hope. This program was started about 5 years ago to help people obtain transportation. You can help in 3 ways: partner with someone to repair a car, adopt a car, or donate a car. The program has a car lot in Raleigh where they sell the cars to the people who are in need.

The web site is: wheels4hope.org. If anyone is interested in this program, they can call me at 919-971-1087 and I will give them the names of people to get in

touch with. I will also try to have more on this program at our January business meeting.

Tom Smith, DGK

K of C Insurance – DECEMBER -SCROOGE DIDN'T BELIEVE

We can all remember the story of Scrooge and his failure to believe in the spirit of Christmas. To all but the Scrooges of the world, the celebration of the birth of Christ brings with it a warm feeling of family ties, a joy and pleasure that our faith brings to others.

That same warm feeling comes from owning life insurance. Just knowing that, because of what you have planned, your loved ones will have joys and comforts for years to come if something should happen to you.

I don't think Scrooge would have believed in life insurance either, but men of good will do. And the world is a better place because of them. Through life insurance, they know that comfort and security will not be for only one day, but, instead, a gift that will provide for their loved ones for years to come.

This Christmas, give a gift of security and protection. Happy and Holy Holidays to all of you!

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Note from the Editor

Brothers,

Kathy and I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that you have a safe and fun Christmas. But always remember what Christmas really is and why we should be celebrating Christmas. The birth of our savior Jesus Christ. **Just keep Christ in Christmas.**

God Bless you all,

Andy Demchak – Knightlife Editor



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