



# Knightslife

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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

December	
Dec 18	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree (Smith)
Dec 21	Christmas Baskets - Handout at Shed
<b>Dec 25</b>	<b>Christmas</b>
Dec 28	Christmas Party
January 2009	
Jan 3	Capital Towers - 9:00am (Hast)
Jan 6	Officers' Meeting - Library
Jan 13	Business Meeting - Library
Jan 24	Mid-Meeting in Greenville (T. Smith)
Jan 31	Free Throw Contest - 2:30-4:00pm (Lueck)
Feb 7	Capital Towers - 9:00am (Hast)
Feb-Mar	Lenten Dinners - Shrimp/Fish
May	Senior Prom (Gunther)

## Council 9880 Officers 2008/2009

Grand Knight:	Joseph Smith	360-3706
Dpt Grand Knight:	John Peel	630-2114
Chancellor:	John Tardif	
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 done quite a bit this year so far and we have more to come. A lot more!

Shrimp dinners are around the corner and still more events where we need help. I have been extremely proud of the turn out thus far and I know many more brothers plan on helping in the future. I also want to add that when we go to these events that the one thing we need to have with us is our badges. That is a small thing that could lead to a conversation about the

knights and that could lead to a new member. Thank you to everyone. God Bless. Merry Christmas.

Also a note of thanks:

Brothers,

This past Sunday we had a pancake breakfast and I would like to thank all those who were able to come and help. Jim Lueck and family, Gene Knight, Tom Nielson, Jay Comi, Jim Welte, Osman Chacon, Robin Jewitt, Mark Parrish and of course Gus. Thank you again to all of you gentlemen. We could not have done as well as we did without each of you.

Vivat Jesus

### Knight of the Month

Osman Chacon

### Families of the Month

Jim Lueck Family  
 Osman Chacon Family



### From the Financial Secretary

Tom Smith, Financial Secretary

Worthy Brothers,

Yesterday we cooked for the kids at the Advent Family Breakfast. It was wonderful to see the kids go and sit on Santa's knee and have their pictures taken. I want to thank the following knights who came to help; Jim Welte, Jim Lueck, Jim Muldowney, Bill Hast, Tom Nielsen, Osman Chacon, Gordon Perry, Joseph Smith, and Susan Smith. This event could not have done so well without your help. Thank you very much.

Vivat Jesus



### Business Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2008

Dave Demo, Recorder

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

- ✘ 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.
- ✘ District Deputy Joe Sendelback was in attendance.
- ✘ Rubin Martinez, a potential First Degree candidate, was an invited attendee.

#### **Grand Knight's Report:**

- ✘ Rosary check was announced.
- ✘ The council had a request for monetary help for a brother, Brian Quinlivan. Brian is a member of St. Luke's council in Charlotte. A motion was made to donate \$100 for his family. The motion was seconded and passed.
- ✘ Joseph Smith mentioned that the former state chaplain, Father Lawson, died recently. Please keep him in your prayers.
- ✘ A pancake breakfast was held on Sunday Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. Joseph Smith thanked all who participated.
- ✘ Event Forms were distributed to all event chairmen. Please complete them and bring them to next month's business meeting so that we can get credit for our hard work.
- ✘ Knight of the Month – Osman Cachon.

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

- ✘ Ed Cody mentioned that the donation checks for the churches in Whiteville, NC and Richmond, VA are outstanding.
- ✘ Costs for the "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets were \$270. To date we have received \$350. We have about 49 more to sell.
- ✘ The costs for the Holiday Food Baskets were \$776 and cash donations were \$1,500.

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

- ✘ Receipts in the amount of \$233 were submitted by Dave Demo for the framing of the paintings of Father McGivney, Christopher Columbus, and the photo of Pope Benedict XVI, which were hung in the Library.
- ✘ A First Degree ceremony will be held at St. Catherine's on December, 18<sup>th</sup>. We should have two or three candidates.

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

- ✘ None

#### **Service Programs:**

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

- ✘ **Family** – In the absence of Mark Parrish, Gene Knight announced that the council Christmas Party is

scheduled for Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Details will be coming by phone or email.

- ✘ **Community** – Bill Hast – Capital Towers was held on December 6<sup>th</sup> and five brothers participated. They were Robin Jewett, Jim Muldowny, Tom Smith, Bill Hast, and Joe Halloran. Bill asked for more volunteers to participate at 9:00 am on the first Saturday of each month. A Road Clean-up was held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 9 brothers helped.
- ✘ **Council Director** – Gene Knight – Gene Knight announced that that the outing to "Plaid Tidings" at RLT will be attended by 22 people. He will have the tickets in the lobby at 2:30 pm on Sunday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Gene also mentioned that there was some food in the freezer left over from the Oktoberfest and the Parish Fair. The food was taken to Shepard's Table, a food pantry in downtown Raleigh.
- ✘ **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.

#### **Old Business:**

- ✘ Dave Demo reported that the final donations have been received for Operation LAMB. The final total for this year's campaign was \$2,544.
- ✘ Volunteers are needed for the Advent Family Breakfasts. They will be held in two shifts on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>. Serving times will be 8:30 am and 10:30 am. Please contact Joseph Smith if you can help. Set-up will start at 7:00 am.
- ✘ Christmas Food Baskets will be distributed on Sunday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> at the utility shed. Joe Foley was able to obtain turkeys for \$.35/lb at Food Lion. At Thanksgiving, 71 families from the parish were each given three bags of groceries and a \$10 gift card.
- ✘ John Gunther thanked John Peel, Jim Welte, Bill Hast and Tom Smith for helping with the "Keep Christ in Christmas" display in front of Raphael Hall.
- ✘ Ed Cody presented the mock-up of the plaque commemorating Al and Eleanor Ruocchio. It was agreed that the date of 2008 should be added to the bottom of the plaque along with the KofC symbol.
- ✘ John Gunther suggested that we have a plaque made which would identify the statue of Mary in the side hallway of the church. Ed Cody volunteered to research the plaque and come back with a mock-up.
- ✘ Tom Smith announced that an honor guard is being planned for the 7:30 pm mass on Friday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of Unborn Children. Please contact Tom if you can help.
- ✘ Tom also mentioned that Haddon Ware was looking for Fourth Degree member to participate in an honor guard in Wake Forest.

## New Business:

- ✘ Gus Kasopsky made a motion that we donate any of our excess monetary donations from the Holiday Food Basket event to the Giving Tree program for the church. The money would be used to buy presents for those recipients whose tags were not selected or forgotten tags. The motion was seconded and passed.
- ✘ John Gunther reminded everyone to mark their calendars for the Lenten Friday Fish Fries which are being planned for 2009.

## District Deputy:

- ✘ Joe Sendelback reminded us about the mid-year meeting which will be held in Greenville this year on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The FS, DGK and GK should plan to attend.

## Good of the Order:

- ✘ Our GK, Joseph Smith, reminded us to read the article in the Columbia Magazine about Saint Juan Diego. He was a saint who converted many of the indigenous people of Mexico.

## Please Remember in Your Prayers:

- ✘ Prayer intention:  
Oliverio Philips, recovering from a stroke  
Yolanda Philips, who has cancer  
Tom Smith's aunt, who has cancer  
John Harrod's brother  
Joe Sendelback's sister, Maryann, who needs a kidney donor  
Gene Knight's neighbor



## Book Review

Frank Castillo, Brother Knight

Book Review: [A Walk in the Woods \(Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail\)](#) by Bill Bryson Submitted by Frank Castillo (30 November 2008)

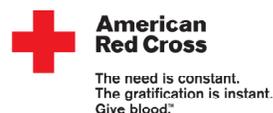
While I was challenged, tested and brought to the brink of immolation hiking 67+ miles during a Virginia section of the Appalachian Trail in October, I was entertained to the point of tears and laughter reading Mr. Bryson's book. In fact, I could only suggest that the reader undertake an extensive hike in the woods in order to relate to the challenges he and his cohort, Stephen Katz, went through. These two characters slugged their way through woods, near-vertical hills, hot sun, marauding insects and their own inner voice advising them to quit their madness. The reader of this book will see himself/herself going through the same angst and bewilderment that typifies an in-experienced hiker. Of course, there's nothing wrong seeing someone else go through these

challenges, while sitting conveniently in the comfort of your own recliner!

One of the first portions of the book that really got me laughing was the section devoted to his venturing forth to the Outfitter's Store to purchase the correct camping supplies. While I've heard it said that "exercise equipment" and "camping gear" are the two more common items found in people's garage sale, the point is made clear...one needs to buy the right stuff in order to survive the great outdoors. He explains how he visited the local camping equipment expert, Dave Mengle "because he had walked large parts of the trail himself and was something of an encyclopedia of outdoor knowledge...Mengle could talk for perhaps four days solid, with interest, about any aspect of hiking equipment...I have never been so simultaneously impressed and bewildered."

Much of what Mr. Bryson explains, in sometimes very crude fashion, is illustrated in his foible, Stephen Katz. Katz is somewhat of a loner, a guy who has not found his niche in life yet, but tags along because all of his expenses are taken care of, and his only requirement is to accompany Mr. Bryson because no one in their right mind would hike the AT by themselves! It's funny to see this character deal with his frustrations of bearing so much weight, of relishing those visits to local campsites for a brief respite of civilized living and the dread of having to put on his pack because the predetermined number of miles has not been accomplished. Much of what Katz goes through and physically expresses are, without a doubt, the same urges and longings of anyone on the trail. His weakness is genuinely expressing his disdain; our deficiency is that we've held back these urges and laugh that someone else has had the freedom to demonstrate them!

Mr. Bryson also explains in his book some of the historical developments associated with the Appalachian Trail, as well as, some significant events that have taken place once it was realized as one of America's greatest outdoor challenges. The AT runs more than 2,200 miles from Georgia to Maine...many of its sections are as wild as when Daniel Boone and similar mountain men traversed its ridges and peaks. What remains is an intrigue, an innermost desire to take up the challenge and see how much one is willing to hike...just for the sake of having done so! As he conducts a self-analysis in the last chapter, "I was weary of the trail, but still strangely in its thrall; found the endless slog tedious but irresistible; grew tired of the boundless woods but admired their boundlessness; enjoyed the escape from civilization and ached for its comforts." The reader might be possessed to take up the challenge...however, if they ponder on it long enough, the urge might just pass!



## Blood Drive

Frank Castillo, Coordinator

For the Sunday of November 30, 2008, the Knights of Columbus of St. Raphael's parish and the American Red Cross were able to successfully collect 32 productive units of blood. (On the assumption that these were collected for normal distribution, 96 potential patients would have been provided this life giving fluid!). Some of the higher

points included having ten "First Time Donors" present and four "double packets" were collected from four donors. Those that were not allowed to donate were either disqualified for having traveled to areas not cleared by the Red Cross's stringent criteria against bloodborne diseases or did not pass the physical exam.

One of the more attractive features of the blood drive was the offering for each individual donor a holiday ornament to show the Red Cross's appreciation. In addition, raffled prizes were offered to keep a sense of excitement in the air!

Apart from the Cub Scouts of Pack 314 (of St. Raphael's church) assisting in the canteen, students from Duke University also offered their assistance in interpreting for those Spanish donors! Extra effort by some Red Cross volunteers was also offered as they assisted with donor registration.



### **From the Editor**

Jim Lueck, Knightlife Editor

I would like to wish each of you and your families a very safe and happy Christmas.

From our family to each one of you, **Merry Christmas!**

If you would like to submit an article, you can send it to me via email. These articles do not have to pertain to council activities. You can submit articles for special accomplishments, children, books, special events, etc.

The deadline for submitting news/articles to be published in the Knightlife is the **15<sup>th</sup>** of the month.

FYI: The North Carolina Knights of Columbus web page:

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

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