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## Annual Art Auction Provides Great Fun While Supporting Catholic Education



Bidders prepare for the next piece of art up for auction.

For the 5th straight year our annual Art Auction to support Catholic education was a huge success. As in years past it was very evident that this is one of our most fun events. Right from the start of the evening as prospective buyers viewed the items up for sale until the final “sold” was announced a good time was had by all.

Our auctioneer Michael got the crowd loosened up early and did a great job of keeping the eve-

ning flowing smoothly. The audience participation, especially that of Tony and Tracy Infantino, made for hardly a dull moment throughout the night.

As always the Council would like to thank all those who participated and made purchases. Your generosity will help many children in continuing their education.

The following people need to be recognized

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## History of Council 2546

Father Thomas Price Council was chartered on August 31, 1924. The first Grand Knight was Herman Wolfe and the Chartered Chaplain was Rev. Thomas Griffin. Other chartered officers are unknown at this time. There were no District Deputies in 1924.

The council was formed at the time that the Raleigh Diocese was inaugurated in 1924. In the early years of the council they met at the Catholic Orphanage in Raleigh. When the Orphanage was disbanded

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Raleigh Knights is published monthly for the members and families of Fr. Thomas Price Council 2546. The publication is meant to inform and entertain its readers as well as solicit Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The officers, directors, contributors and editor hope you enjoy its contents.

Here are your Council Officers and Directors for the year 2007-2008:

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**2nd Year** Tim Whelan PGK

**1st Year** Rich Ferraro PGK

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# Grand Knights Report

January was filled with several important activities; On January 12<sup>th</sup> there were many knights from local councils and from all over the state who went to downtown Raleigh in support of The Right To Life March. There were several wonderful guest speakers, most note worthy is our very own Bishop Michael Burbidge. It is always a joy listening to him speak.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree presents at the March was outstanding!!! One of the best turnouts I've seen in some time. The following Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, myself, Ed Rogosich DGK, Michael Ames FS and Jerry Santoro LAMB Director attended the Mid-Year meeting held in Greenville, it was a one day trip where the FS and LAMB Dir. got special training because of tax law changes etc.

Ed and I had the opportunity to listen to a very nice speech from the State Chaplin and a guest speaker whom both conveyed the message about looking deeper into our church and community to our Spanish speaking brothers. The rain and snow didn't keep us from attending a very nice mass at St Paul's church in Greenville, Bishop Michael Burbidge said mass and once again he delivered a great sermon. After mass the host council offered a fantastic dinner.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, many made there way to DC for the national Right To Life March .If anyone from our council was able to go to Washington, could you send Rich Ferraro a note about your experience and include any photos.

The Art Auction for Cathedral School and Catholic education January 26<sup>th</sup> had a good turnout, the food was amazing and the variety of wine was super. Rich took some great pictures and has the cover page listing all of the Grand Knights, from the first Grand Knight to start the Art Auction [PGK Mike McGehean] to present. It was a lot of fun and

Remember, we are having a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree at our council on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be hosting a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on the 9<sup>th</sup>

Reminder 2, the next business meeting will be on Ash Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Some are going to meet at the council, then drive to St. Joseph's for mass. After mass, we return to the council and conduct our meeting [start time around 8:30 PM]

Reminder 3, FISH FRIES start Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Jerry's team is up first, everyone come out and support your council. One more Reminder, have you visited the website lately? [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

Matt has added some more links . . . check out the one for the Columbus Club, the hall looks so good in the picture; I want to rent the hall!

Well that's it for this month, hope I added enough without going too far into detail.

God Bless All of You,

Jim Humphrys GK 2546

# Chaplains Report

Greetings Brother Knights!

Buy the time you get this Lent will already have started. It seems that we have just put away our Christmas stuff, and here it is almost Easter already. Well tempus fugit! And the older you get the faster it goes. With so much going on, it is really hard but very important to take some time out and take stock of where we are in our spiritual lives, and how does Christ fit in with everything we do. I think we need to ask ourselves what are we living for is just to pay the bills, just to buy more stuff, or are we really living for Christ. Do we put our money where our mouths are, or do we just pay lip service to our God. Do we just do the minimum that we think we can do that will get us into heaven? Or are we really willing to live out God's will?

Lent is the time to re-examine our spiritual lives, and make the necessary changes that will bring us closer to our Lord. So that like Christ on Easter, we to will be ready and willing to be with our heavenly Father in His heavenly Home.

Till the next time, peace be with You!

The Chaplin.

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## Knight and Family of the Month

For all of his hard work and dedication, Tim Kilpatrick was selected as our February Knight of the Month. Besides all of his field agent duties, Tim has always helped out at Council activities. Most recently he did a great job of chairing the Art Auction, which was a huge success.

Our award for Family of the Month goes to Tom and Lisa Dunham and family. At our last fruit drive, Tom, Lisa and the kids were out in force at Our Lady of Lourdes. Most recently, Lisa cooked up some great appetizers, deserts and fun food for the Art Auction. Both have participated in many other Knights functions throughout the year.

**Congratulations to all.**

# 10 Facts About WW II with Carmine Sacchitello PGK

1. When the tiny atoll of Tarawa was invaded in December of 1943, Navy carrier planes dropped 800 tons of bombs while war ships fired 2,000 tons of shells. Tarawa was 2 1/4 miles long and 800 yards wide. (About the size of N.Y.'s Central Park).
2. The Germans used a siege Mortar when they invaded Sebastopol. It had a 22foot barrel that fired a one ton shell a distance of nine miles. The crew was made up of 235 men.
3. In 1943, during the battle for North Africa, two G.I.'s were sent to an observation post and told to report any movement on this particular hill by their Artillery Officer. They reported back that three Italians were coming down the hill. Moments later, so many shells were fired on the hill that it was almost leveled. When the G.I.'s got back they asked the Officer why so many shells were fired for just three Italians. The Officer replied, "three Italians, we thought you said three Battalions".
4. In 1942 the monthly average of Japanese shipping sunk by U.S. Subs was 100,000 tons. By 1944, with improved torpedoes, the monthly average was more than 200,000 tons.
5. John F. Kennedy was asked by reporters, when he was running for President, how he became a hero in WW II. He replied, "it was involuntary, they sunk my boat".
6. Because the Germans were beaten by the Soviets when they invaded Russia, it's easy to forget the cost in Russian lives. Incredibly 90% of all Soviet men 18-21 years old died in the fighting.
7. The P-51 Mustang was considered the most capable "land based" fighter of WW II. It was said to be the best "single-seat piston engined fighter of the war. 14,819 P-51's were produced during WW II. It was also considered by many to be the turning point of the air war.
8. In November, 1944 General Patton ordered his XII Corps Commander, Major general Manton Eddy to invade and take the German city of Metz in two days. When general Eddy told Patton it would be impossible to do it in two days, Patton replied, "if you don't take the city in two days, recommend your successor to take over XII Corps". General Eddy took Metz in two days.
9. The life expectancy of a 4 engine bomber, (B-17's and B-24's) that didn't get blown out of the sky by enemy flak or enemy fighters was about 35 missions.
10. Of the 1,176,048 wounded U.S. Servicemen evacuated by air from battlefields throughout the war, just 46 died en route to hospitals.



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# March 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5 Business Meeting 8:00 PM	6	7 Fish Fry 6:00 PM	8
9	10	11 Columbus Club Meeting 7:30 PM	12	13	14 Fish Fry 6:00 PM	15 St. Patrick's Day Parade
16 Palm Sunday Kids Easter Egg Hunt	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21 Good Friday	22
23 Easter Sunday	24	25 Officers/ Directors Meet-	26	27	28	29
30	31					

# April 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Business Meeting 8:00 PM	3	4	5
6	7	8 Columbus Club Meeting 7:30 PM	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Chicken Barbeque	26 State Softball Tournament
27	28	29 Officers/ Directors Meeting	30			

# Program Reports

## Columbus Club / Wake Services Report

The following events and specials will take place in our members lounge. In addition to posting events and specials in the newsletters, Dan and myself send out mass emails weekly. If you have any questions about events you can call the council directly for event schedules. As always, all council events are smoke free.

Most of the events are family friendly unless noted. Enjoy!

Sunday : \$2.00 Imports ALL Day (New Beers Blue Moon, & Beck's plus Heineken, Harp, Guinness, Molson, & Corona). Including Super Bowl Sunday!

Night at the Races after the first Fish Fry on February 8th

Bill Stonehouse sings: Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin & other favorites after the Fish Fry February 15th

### Rentals

We have our hall & pavilion available for rental to both members & non members. Members will get a member discount (ask for this) when they book the hall or pavilion for themselves or one of their family members. Our hall can accommodate up to 150 people. We have caterers available who can provide the food for your party! The pavilion is a great place to have an outdoor party or event! We can do a great outdoor wedding & reception at the same location! Have your wedding outdoors with a view of our lake!

Contact: (919) 231-3315 for more information

It is with much regret to the Council and The Columbus Club that I have to inform you of the departure of Dan and Maryjo from their duties of running Wake Services. We would like to thank Dan and Martjo and hope they will continue to stay active in all other Council activities as they always have.

Meanwhile we will be taking applications for any member in good standing who would care to take over the position as Wake Services Manager. Please contact any Board member to apply.

**State Raffle Tickets:** Ed Rogosich DGK will be contacting members to assist in selling our annual State Raffle Tickets. 1st and 2nd prizes are vacation packages with cash prizes for 3rd through 7th. Tickets cost \$5.00 each and half the money we raise selling tickets stays with the council. Our goal this year is to sell 600 tickets. The money we raise selling State Raffle Tickets helps the council in so many ways, so it is important that we all do our best to support this fund raiser. Ed's contact numbers are: (919) 833-0302 or (919) 395-0060. Please do your part in helping the council and others.....you may get a nice vacation out of it too!

**Community Report:** Be on the lookout in next month's newsletter for our next blood drive to support Rex Hospital and Adopt-A-Highway.

**Family/Youth Report:** Don't forget the fish fries are great family events and the kids Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner. Please come out and enjoy all of our fraternal events.



**Join us every Friday night during Lent for the best Fish Fry in the State.**

**Dinner starts at 6:00 PM**

**We serve fried Flounder, White Fish or Shrimp with sides of French Fries, Cole Slaw and Hush Puppies**

**Or, if you prefer, Heart Healthy meals: broiled Flounder or Shrimp with sides of Boiled Potatoes and Green Beans**

**Macaroni and Cheese is available for the non fish eating kids**

**We also serve complimentary Ice Tea and Coffee and someone is always selling deserts for another worthy cause**

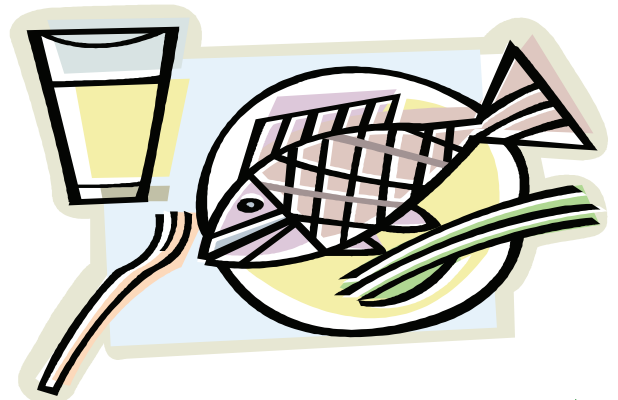
**Beer and Wine are available in our members lounge**

**As with all Knights of Columbus Functions we offer a Family Friendly atmosphere that is**

**“Smoke Free”**

**Our 1st Fish Fry is on Friday, February 8th and every following Friday through March 14th**

**Hope to see ya there!**



**May the luck of the Irish be with you!**

**Come join us on Saturday, March 15th as we march in the Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade**

**Our Op L.A.M.B float will be stocked with Tootsie Rolls for all to hand out as we traverse the streets of Downtown Raleigh.**

**Wear your Green and bring your smiling eyes!**



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for their help and support of this most worthy cause: Lisa Dunham for preparing some great food, Sammy's for wine and food donations, all of the advertisers in the evening's program, Carmine PGK and Anna Sacchitello for registration, Matt Leonhard and Tony Difede for accounting, Bruce Mcrae for wine serving, GK Jim Humphrys, DGK Ed Rogosich, Jay Taylor and Steven Beausang for keeping the art pieces moving, Michelle Viccaro for ad preparation, Jim Blinco for wine donation, Bob Kearney Bob Daly and Jay Taylor for prize donations, Dan Palattella for sound equipment, Paul Cacciatore, Marlin Art, The Columbus Club of Raleigh and Wake Services for the facility, set up and clean up crews and of course Tim Kilpatrick. Brother Tim has been the driving force behind the Art Auction for the past several years and it was evident he did a great job again here in 2008. His hard work and determination should be an example to all Knights in every action we take to assist others in need. Council 2546 is fortunate to have Tim and his family as a part of our family.

There was a rather unique situation at this years Art Auction. The art Auction was the brainchild of Mike McGehean PGK and his wife Diane five years ago during Mike's term as Grand Knight and has continued through this year. The present and past Grand Knights during these five art auctions were all in attendance this year. Grand Knight Jim Humphrys is flanked by Rich Ferraro PGK and Tim Whelan PGK on his right with Ron Duffy PGK and Mike McGehean PGK on Jim's left. With the continued support of our members, their families and friends of the Council, we can and will fulfill all of our duties as good Catholics and Knights of Columbus. God bless us all.

Faithfully reported and submitted by Rich Ferraro PGK.



**Membership/Retention Report:** At our last retention meeting, held in January, the committee resolved to make every effort to contact those members whose dues are not current in order to determine if they care to stay active or not. We further resolved that we will only drop on a one for one basis; one joins one gets dropped. We do not care to drop anyone, but some members dues are several years past due and have either moved out of state or have not been active in any council events. If you wish to stay a member of our Order or care not to, please contact the Grand Knight, Jim Humphrys (919-366-2225) or the Financial Secretary Michael Ames (919-848-2396) to discuss this matter.

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the council was able to purchase 33 acres with a pond and an old clubhouse. This was used as the council's meeting place until a new clubhouse was built. The new meeting place is known as the Columbus Club of Raleigh and has been the scene of many District and State meetings as well as many degrees.

In the days prior to World War II the orphanage was the main project of the council. The work of the council was done around the children and the building. The council acted as surrogate fathers, taking the children under their wings, helping with their school work, providing clothing, vacations and kept the building in good working order.

During the War, the council was the only United Service Organization (USO) in Raleigh and the members saw that the military were entertained, fed and had a place to sleep. At the time of the council's 25th anniversary in 1949 the council had grown to over 100 members and included all of Wake, Durham and Johnston counties. Also by this time the council had two members who were State Deputies. Some of the noted members from this council were, Raymond Streb, George Burkett, Harry Clody, Charles Powers, Jr., W. W. Scott, George Wahl, Don Dubois and John Norkus. All were Past State Deputies, District Masters or Vice Supreme Master.

Some of the major accomplishments of the council, has been their dedication to the Catholic Advertising Program, the L. A. M. B. project at both the State and Council level. The council has held several State Conventions, State Golf Tournaments and a full program of local sports.

This is an independent council which has members from five local churches. Over the years the council has had Bishops, Monsignors and priest as Chaplains. For many years Father Price Council held a monthly Nocturnal Adoration Group made up of Knights. This was terminated at the request of the pastor as he felt the downtown area was no longer safe at night.

In 1999 the council will celebrate their 75th anniversary and it is gearing up for the celebration. Bishop Waters was an excellent member of this council, attended meetings and always appointed top priest to the council as Chaplains. Bishop Waters attended the council's 50th anniversary celebration and was honored by the council for his work within the Diocese and particularly for his work with and for the Knights of Columbus.

The council is honored to be named for the first TAR HEEL APOSTLE.

The council has survived the race issue and the conversion of the south. The Catholic population was less than 1% well into the 1950's. After this time the membership of the council saw a rapid growth.

This history of our council is something we should all be proud of as Knights and members of 2546. Please do your part to keep this history alive. Get involved, get active!

## Editorial:

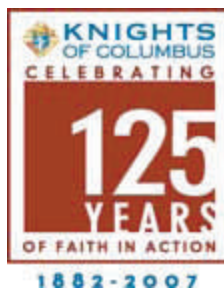
With so much coverage in all of the medias, it's impossible to not be constantly bombarded with news of this years Presidential Election. As the candidates from both Parties debate or campaign, we realize that there is a lot at stake. Since I have been editor of this newsletter, I have never used it as a political platform and I am not about to start now. What I will say is this: It is the right and patriotic duty of every American over the age or 18 to VOTE! And, not just at the National level, we need to vote for our State and local officials as well. We all have our own views and opinions , but they don't mean a thing if we just sit back and leave it to someone else. There are too many serious issues going on in our world right now and we can make a difference if we choose to. Please, take the time to get the facts and exercise one of the rights that so many have fought and died for.....VOTE

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