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1st, 2nd, 3rd Degrees !

Thanks to hard work and dedication of Membership Director Richard Scalise, DGK Jim Humphrys and all the degree teams, Council 2546 sponsored a 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree in a two week span.

On January 20th, 12 new members joined the order from various councils and 21 members received the honors of the 2nd degree immediately following.

There was plenty of support not only from our council, but from the other councils who brought candidates as well.

Both degrees went smoothly, thanks to some great help from members like Jerry Santoro PGK who prepared food and refreshments for all. Then there's

always Michael Ames, Joe Ryan & Mike Varvaro, who helped with set up, clean up, you name it, these guys do it all. Tim Kilpatrick, our field agent, doing it all and informing new and current members alike of our fraternal benefits. Richard Scalise, our membership Director, who called all of our candidates and followed up with them to insure we had a good turnout. Last and certainly not least was our DGK Jim Humphrys, who pinch hit for yours truly as I was called to work at the last moment. That was

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New 2nd Degree members pose for a shot at Council 2546.

Annual Art Auction Draws Huge Crowd

Approximately 100 people attended and participated in our Annual Art Auction to help support Cathedral School. Many interesting originals, lithographs, prints, animation cells, sports memorabilia and others were bid on and sold in a very loose and enjoyable atmosphere.

The evening started at 6:30 PM with a buffet of wine, cheese and some

tasty Hors D'oeuvres. Bidders were able to preview all the items being auctioned. At 7:30, our auctioneer Abe help to put everyone at ease and the bidding began. Opening bids ranged from less than \$50.00 to over \$1000.00. Most of the pieces purchased were in the \$100.00 to \$300.00 range.

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Here are your Council Directors for the year 2006-2007:

Church Director
John Copensky

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Rich Ferraro GK

Vinny Sheehan

Tom Monck

Knights of the Month

For the month of February, we honor two very important members of our Council as co-Knights of the Month. The honors go to our Financial Secretary, Jeff Russell and our Treasurer, Dave Bayard. Jeff and Dave were chosen for the great work they do keeping the administrative and financial side of the Council running smoothly. In addition they can always be counted on to lend a hand with any cause, fund raiser or event we support. Congratulation Jeff and Dave on a job well done.



Family of the Month

Brother Scott Sharp, his wife Peggy and their 3 children, Nicholas, Allison and Andrew are recognized as Council 2546's Family of the Month. Scott and his family attend Sacred Heart Cathedral, their children attend school at Cathedral, Scott is a Lecture and Allison is an Alter Server, just to name some of the ways they stay active in their church.

Scott attends most business meetings when he is not working nights as a meteorologist for the state and the family stays active in many council events.

Congratulation to Scott and his family.

Good of the Order

Please pray for those who are Sick: Pat Scalise, Ann Norkus, Bill Scott, Don Dubois wife, Ellen Varney, Deacon Steve's son Mark, Ed Rogosich sister in law, Ed Ryan, Janet McKelvy, Floyd Mallet, Frank Ferraro's Mom, Clare Maday.

Pray for all our Armed Forces Personnel.

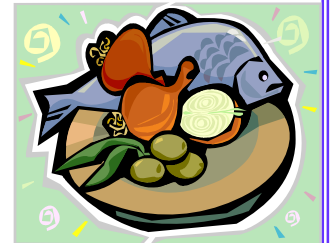
Please pray for those who have died: Carmine's Brother Felix, Rich Ferraro Uncle Mike. Francis Ezeobi, Father of Emmanuel. Daniel Panaccione, Lew Baffaro. Steve Zamiara, Lisa Dobbins Mother, Sr Mary Louise Aguirre, Al Ruocchio PGK, Fr. James Maurice Draim and Fr. Abbott Patrick Shelton.

Friday Fish Fry

The Friday night Fish Fries will begin on February 23rd, the 1st Friday after Ash Wednesday and continue every Friday through March 30th.

All members, their families and friends are welcomed to come by the council and enjoy some great seafood & delicious deserts.

We have 3 fish fry teams and if you would care to help out and be a part of the fun, contact any of the team captains: Jerry Santoro PGK, Miguel Frisco or Rich Ferraro GK.



Gand Knights Report

At our last business meeting, the few of us in attendance had the privilege to view a rather unique and awesome video called "The Experience of a Lifetime". It's a membership recruitment video put out by Supreme not so much telling you how to recruit, but why to recruit. Several Knights tell their stories on how and why they joined the order and what it means to them. They all speak of how wonderful it is to be a part of an organization that supports their Church, their Family, their Community and their Country.

One of the Knights on the video made a very prolific statement, "The Knights of Columbus gives me the opportunity to serve other people". My brothers, if that's not why we're all here, then why be here at all. We all took the same pledge and made the same promises when we made our 1st Degree. Yet, I think many of us have forgotten. To be part of a council that is 400 + strong and the same 40-50 people show up at meetings or the same people come out to help at a function or fund raiser, makes this Grand Knight wonder, "where are our new Officers and Directors going to come from?" In order to be part of an organization you have to get involved. Not day in day out, but at times when you can. With all the functions, activities and programs going on, I hope to see more of all of you. Please make the effort, come to a meeting, come to a fish fry, bring your kids to the Easter Egg Hunt, sell some raffle tickets. Take advantage of this great opportunity we all have to serve others, to take care of our loved ones and those less fortunate than us.

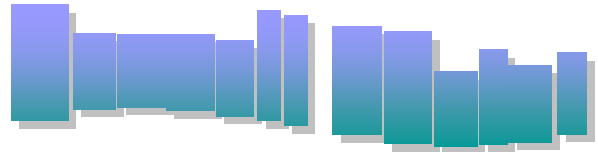
If you're already coming to meetings and attending socials and fund raisers, great, bring a Brother Knight with you. If you know a Brother that needs a ride to an event, call him, maybe that's all it will take. We all need to make the effort. **Not for ourselves, but for all those that we have the opportunity to help!**

February 21st is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. All of us will be preparing ourselves for Our Saviors Crucifixion and Resurrection. I was brought up and taught that this was the time we had to fast or give something up we liked, such as TV, a favorite food or an activity.

I still give up some of these things, but I replace them with something else. Instead of watching TV, I may say an extra Rosary. I try to donate some food or money to those less fortunate than myself or go out of my way to be a little more helpful to others. Since I have become a Knight, one of the better things that has happened to me is that it has helped me to grow in my faith. I know I always had this inside me, I just believe it was the Knights that helped me find it.

I wish all of you a happy Lenten season and may you always find peace.

Rich Ferraro GK



SUPER BOWL AT THE KNIGHTS



VEIWING SOME ART AND SIPPING SOME VINO



PRE DEGREE BREAKFAST LINE

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some great support from a great bunch of guys.

Then, on February 3rd, we hosted a 3rd Degree and had a spectacular turnout. Over 40 candidates from several Councils took their 3rd Degree while over 50 members observed.

Jim Doherty, who chaired this Degree would like to thank the following for their help: Joe Fleszar, Ed Bartoszewski, Jerry Stephenson, Tom Dunham, Ken Maldonado PGK, Carmine Sacchitello PGK, Jerry Santoro PGK, Tim Whelan PGK, Jim Humphrys DGK, Miguel Frisco and his sons Andrew, Anthony and Adam, Bill Keely, Tony Difede, Michael Ames, Joe Ryan, Vinny Sheehan, Chad Burnside, Tim Kilpatrick, Ken Growney PGK, DJ Pavic and Richard Scalise.

Whether it was cooking breakfast or lunch, working the registration desk, setting up or cleaning the hall, I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to Jim and his team for a job well done and making this Degree go as smooth as it did.

Thanks to The Degree Team traveling from Charlotte and doing a great job. Thanks to our State Deputy Bob Grabasky and the State Officers and to all who attended and made this just a great day.

Rich Ferraro GK



Clockwise from top left: Registration, lunch for all, AM cook team, PM cook & clean team.

On January 22nd, members from our council, along with Knights from across the country attended the March for Life in Wash-

Raleigh Students March for Life

ington D.C.

Many other groups from our area participated, including the group pictured below. They are friends of my niece Cassandra Ferraro who attend school and church together. Cassandra is the daughter of Brother Frank Ferraro and is the 4th young lady up on the far left.

Cassandra writes:


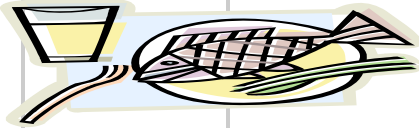
My church and I have been going to the March for about 4-5 years now, this being my second. It's one of my favorite retreats all year. Its a great way to get together with a bunch of people with the same beliefs and stand up for something you believe in. The people who attend this march are passionate about being Pro-Life, and I love the opportunity to do the same beside the youth of my church. Although the bus ride is one of the funniest aspects, when marching, the rest of the youth and myself have one thing in mind, We are Pro-Life and we will fight for it!

Founders Day Mass

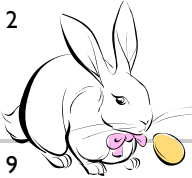



Council 2546 will be celebrating the works and memory of Fr. Michael J. McGivney with a Founders Day Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday March 11th at 11:30 AM. All Members and their families are welcome to join in as we remember Fr. Michael J. McGivney, founder of The Knights of Columbus. After Mass, all are invited for coffee and donuts in the Churches social hall.



March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Fish Fry 6:00 PM Frisco Team	3 Council Free Throw Contest Lady of Lourdes 9:00 AM
4	5	6	7 1st Degree 7:00 PM Business Meeting 8:00 PM	8	9 Fish Fry 6:00 PM Santoro Team	10 State Bowling Tournament March 9/10 Kernersville, NC
11 Founders Day Mass 11:30 St. Joseph's	12	13 Columbus Club Meeting 7:30 PM	14	15	16 Fish Fry 6:00 PM Ferraro Team	17 St. Patrick's Day Parade
18 4th Degree Social and Meeting	19	20 Fraternal Benefits Night 7:30 PM	21	22	23 Fish Fry 6:00 PM Frisco Team	24
25	26	27 O/D Meeting 6:30 PM 1st De- gree 7:00 PM	28	29	30 Fish Fry 6:00 PM Ferraro Team	31 Blood Drive at Sacred Heart Cathedral 9:00 AM

April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Kids Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 PM Palm Sunday	2 	3	4 Business Meet- ing 8:00 PM	5	6 Good Friday	7
8 Easter Sunday 	9 	10 Columbus Club Meeting 7:30 PM	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Op L.A.M.B. Tootsie Roll Drive	20 Op L.A.M.B. Tootsie Roll Drive	21 Op L.A.M.B. Tootsie Roll Drive
22 Op L.A.M.B. Tootsie Roll Drive	23	24 O/D Meeting 7:30 PM	25	26	27	28 State Softball Tournament @ Council 2546 
29	30					

10 Facts About World War II with Carmine Sacchitello PGK

1. Hank Gowdy was the only Major League Baseball player to Fight in WW I and WW II. In 1917, he was a catcher for the Boston Braves (now the Atlanta braves via Milwaukee). He left the Braves and enlisted in the Army. In 1941, he was a coach for the Cincinnati Reds, quit the Reds and again enlisted in the Army.
2. The battle for Guadal Canal, which was fought between August, 1942 and February, 1943 was the 1st battle the U.S. Fought against the Japanese. The U.S. Marines lost 1,500 killed while the Japanese lost 25,000 killed.
3. The 15 inch guns on the Essex class battleships could fire shells 23 miles. It took the shells 50 seconds to travel that distance. It made a crater 30 feet wide and 6-8 feet deep. The 2nd shell was usually in flight before the 1st one hit.
4. WW II cost approximately 50,000,000 (that's 50 million) people their lives.
5. General Lucian Truscott was the only General in the U.S . Army to command a regiment, a Division (The 3rd Infantry Division), a Corp (The 6th Corps) and a field army (The 5th Army).
6. The Japanese Banzai charge got its name from the battle cry " Tenno Heika Banzai". Translated it means "Long Live The Emperor".
7. During WW II The U.S Army had 91 divisions. Of these, 21 were regular army, 19 were national guard, 27 were army reserve, 1 mountain, 5 airborne, 2 cavalry and 16 armored.
8. Six months after the Normandy Invasion, there were insufficient port facilities to unload ammunition creating a shortage from October 11 to November 7, 1944. The 3rd Armies total shells fired was 76,325 rounds. That was less than The 3rd Army would fire in 1 day in the battle of the bulge fought in December 1944 to January 1945.
9. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, no U.S. Battleships were sunk by enemy action in WW II.
10. The Battle of the Bulge was the largest fought by the U.S. Army. Of the 600,000 G.I.'s involved, almost 20,000 were killed, 20,000 were captured and 40,000 were wounded.

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The Knights would like to thank Marlin art for working with us for the past several years in making this a very successful event. Many thanks also go to Tim Kilpatrick for chairing this years event and to all who helped out behind the scenes; John Kilpatrick PGK and Tony Difede for documenting all the sold pieces, Bruce Mcrae for serving food and keeping the wine flowing,

Miguel Frisco for keeping the art moving, Carmine Sacchitello PGK and Anna for working the door and handling registration, Tim's wife Alissa for helping with set up and to all who helped clean up and break down.

Thanks to all those who invited and brought along many other guests and to all who participated and purchased some art.

Rich Ferraro GK



The council hall was packed as close to 100 people attended and participated.



John Kilpatrick PGK and Tony Difede help out with art registration and documentation.

Super Bowl Sunday

Football season would not be the same without a Council 2546 Super Bowl Party, so we had one on February 4th, Super Bowl Sunday. Council Director Frank Ferraro (QB) and his teammates Carmine Sacchitello PGK (WR), Ken Maldonado PGK (S), Tony Infantino (RB), Tony Difede (C), Michael Ames (DB), Ed Rogosich (OT), Jerry Santoro PGK (K), Vinny Sheehan (RB) and the Pavic Brothers (DL) all contributed and brought home the trophy. With plenty of TV's to view the game and more than enough food, all who attended had a great time. No penalty flags here! Oh Yes, Congrats to The Colts!



Fans gather around the big screen in the hall as Michael Ames, Tony Difede, Ken Maldonado PGK and Ed Rogosich get some Super Bowl munchies ready.

Poster Contest

On Monday, Feb. 12th, Grand Knight Rich Ferraro was accompanied by State Youth Director Rick Lewis on a visit to Sacred Heart Cathedral School's weekly Mass. After Fr. Doug celebrated Mass, Rick presented awards to 3 of the winners in the Knights of Columbus State Poster contest. That's right, 3 of the 4 possible winners in the state came from our own Sacred Heart Cathedral School. Rick reinforced on how important it is to have the children participate in these events and remarked on what a wonderful job the teachers, staff clergy and parents do giving our children a Catholic education.

The winners are: Kindergartener Hern Lim, Second grader Valerie Lucas and Fourth grader David Smith.



Our winners (holding their plaques) are joined by their parents and siblings along with Fr. Doug, Rick Lewis and Principal Donna Moss.

State Convention

At our March business meeting, we will be holding elections for Delegates and Alternates to the North Carolina Knights of Columbus State Convention. Our Council Chaplain, Deacon Steve will be invited as well. If you are not elected as a Delegate or an Alternate, you may still attend the Convention. There is a Saturday luncheon and dinner along with activities for the wives and children. The Convention will take place at the Sheraton Imperial at RDU on May 18th, 19th and 20th. The Council will also be taking out ads in the Convention Program Book. If you or your company would care to take out an ad, please see me at the March business meeting or contact me via email or phone. More information will be available at the March business

State Raffle Tickets

State raffle tickets are now available and are being distributed by the Worthy Deputy Grand Knight, Jim Humphrys. All we ask is that each member sell or purchase at least 5 tickets. Some of you will be receiving your tickets in the mail. If you need more tickets or have not received them by the time this is published, please contact Jim or myself at the contact information listed below. Tickets are only \$5.00 each. 1st and 2nd prizes are trips to Hawaii and the Caribbean and there are 5 cash prizes as well. This is a great opportunity to raise funds at the State and Council level to help support all we do as a Charity organization.

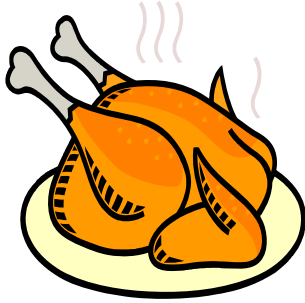
Jim Humphrys: Jim.Humphrys@adc.com or (919) 889-6481

Rich Ferraro: rich0317kofc@bellsouth.net or (919) 741-2212

Please remember that all of our fund raisers are just another way we are given the opportunity to help and serve others. We all have family, friends, neighbors and co-workers and most of them if approached the proper way will gladly purchase tickets...all you have to do is explain and then **Ask**.

Annual Chicken BBQ

Our annual chicken bar-b-que will be on Friday, April 27th. Chicken plates will cost \$6.00 and will be available all day at the Council or you or your company can arrange to have them delivered. Brother Ken Growney PGK will be heading this event and will need lots of help pre-selling tickets, cook team help, drivers to deliver dinners and other tasks that go into making this a successful event. If you care to help in any way you can stop by the Council, contact Brother Ken himself or contact the Grand Knight.



Community Report

Our next blood drive to support Rex hospital will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday, March 31st starting at 9:00 AM.

Sign up sheets will be available at the council or you can contact Community Director Mike Strother at:

mikestrother@myway.com

Mike, along with Rex do a great job promoting the blood drive, but it's up to you to make the effort to sign up and donate.

Remember, when you give blood, you may help to save someone's life.

Membership Report

Sunday, February 25th, is the date of our 2nd membership drive. Please come and help out at Sacred Heart Cathedral or St. Joseph's and speak to others about what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. The pamphlets we hand out do a great job of explaining a lot about the Knights, but it's the personal interaction that helps to get someone interested.

Our next 1st Degree will be held prior to our next business meeting on March 7th, starting at 7:00 PM. If you know of anybody interested in joining the Order, please have them fill out a form 100 and get it to Membership Director Richard Scalise. Please try to make the degree as it is important to support our new members.

Thank you, we look forward to seeing you all at these next events.

Youth Report

The date of our council free throw tournament is Saturday, March 3rd. The tournament will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes in Raleigh and the competition will start at 9:00 AM....so you may want to arrive a little early. Competition is open to ALL boys and girls aged 10-14. Winners will proceed to district and state competition.

To sign up contact Youth Director Jim Doherty at :(919) 366-2923 or Ldoherty@nc.rr.com.

Our annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, April 1st and start at 2:00 PM. Jim and Laura Doherty will have some crafts and afterwards the kids have a ball finding all the strategically hidden Easter Eggs. Not to worry parents, we always split the hunt into two groups, one for the little tots and one for the older kids. The Eggs are filled with goodies and some special surprises. We will have some snacks and soft drinks, however if you care to bring something to share, we won't mind. Oh! Did I mention Easter Bunny? One never knows if he'll hop on over for a visit!



We recently had another problem with our sewer line. A plumber and the city had to be called in and they cleared out the line. Hopefully this will take care of any problems. Tom Monk is going to fix our marquis sign out at the street entrance and he will clean out the overspill drain in the pond. At the last Board Meeting the issue of expanding our existing building was discussed again. Tony Infantino is working with a committee to look at the feasibility of the expansion. We agreed to replace the large flower pots in front of the building. You will be mailed tickets for our annual Chicken BBQ, which will take place April 27. Ken Growney is the chairman of this event. We need drivers and others to help with the preparation of the platters. We will be serving from 11 AM to 8 PM. We will deliver, or you can eat in or take out. We hope to see as many members as possible come out to support this fund raiser. The Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fries are coming up. Come on out to enjoy a great meal and support the council.

"Jersey" Mike Kuharcik

What's a great way to meet members and get involved at the council? Why not help by tending bar. There are many shifts available and it's not hard work

If you are interested contact Jerry

Santoro at 919-231-

3315 or just stop by the lounge any after-noon.



Vacation Italiano

We Have About 35 Tickets Left To Sell

Raffle tickets for a trip to Italy are on sale through the Knights of Columbus Council 2546. Tickets cost \$100.00 each and there will be only 125 tickets sold (better odds than power ball!). Tickets may be purchased individually, by 2 couples or by 4 singles. Odds on winning the Grand Prize are 1 in 125 (WOW). The Grand Prize will include: Italian Vacation for four (up to 4 hotel rooms if needed), round trip air fare, upgraded hotel accommodations in 2 cities (Venice & Rome), rail transportation between Venice and Rome, one sight seeing tour in Venice and a sight seeing tour of The Vatican in Rome. Winners will have 2 free days in each city and may purchase other tours at a discounted rate or you may tour on your own. Winners will be able to travel any time this year (2007). Several consolation prizes will be announced the night of the drawing. The drawing will be held as soon as all tickets are sold (date to be announced) and you need not be present to win. All ticket holders are invited to the drawing at Council 2546's hall and buffet style food will be served.

All taxes and entry fees are the responsibility of the winner(s).

Please contact Grand Knight Rich Ferraro: 919-741-2212 or rich0317kofc@bellsouth.net for ticket information.

The raffle is open to all members, their families and/or friends. Ciao!



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