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3rd Annual First Responders Tribute



Talk about raising alarms around the church, try parking 4 firetrucks out front without notifying anyone first.

Our Council continues with a popular tradition: A TRIBUTE DINNER FOR THE FIRST RESPONDERS serving in our community. This year's event attracted the best attendance in its 3rd annual affair as Brother Knights and family came together to demonstrate a respect for our FIRST RESPONDERS. Invitations were extended to several local Fire Stations, Wake County Sheriff's department, Raleigh Police northwest district and EMS stations. While the primary purpose for the Tribute was to honor our FIRST RESPONDERS, a secondary theme was added to the evening's agenda: REMEMBERING 9/11. We were fortunate to have a special guest with us, a retired New York City fire fighter who has devoted his retirement years to creating oil paintings depicting many solemn scenes of the September 11, 2001 tragedy. The artist, Andy Collazo, proudly

displayed many of his works at the tribute dinner. Additionally, due to his generosity, Andy donated two of his artist prints to be used as door prizes. The first winner was Battalion Chief Carmen Adornetti and the second winner was our Faithful Navigator, Joe McCarthy.

The evening gained a high level of success, not only because the food was delicious, not only because the attendance was outstanding, not only because the art display was emotional, the success was achieved because of the standing ovation for our FIRST RESPONDERS received which in essence said "thank you" for your service. Finally, a special thanks goes to Father Jim Sabak who started the evening with a profound blessing and concluded the evening a very directed blessing for our FIRST RESPONDERS praying for their health and safety. Continued next page:



Grand Knight Robert Wiesenberg gives opening speech.



Brother Tony Rivezzo headed up our dedication once again this year.



Andy Collazo handing out door prize gift to PGK Joe McCarthy.



Sheriff Deputies that attended this years party.

FRANCIS FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 21



The Knights seen here are serving drinks and handing out wrist bands worn by participants in different events. Fr Kluge seen checking out the different activities.

Francis Fest, an annual church sponsored event that reaches out to families for a day of fun, food and games. Our council helps out in several ways including setting up tables, chairs and tents. Also, we provide assistance at the different venues throughout the campus. Then finally, we are responsible for tearing down and storing the equipment which from start to finish requires the combined effort of 20 to 25 Knights. The planning and execution of the many facets of the Festival are directed by Ashley Watson and her volunteer staff. Just to list a few of the activities which officially begin after the 11:30 Mass, the attendees seeking something to eat can satisfy their craving from a choice of 8 food trucks, while the children can enjoy face painting or enjoy a scavenger hunt, and many more.



Youth seen registering volunteers to assist with the many events.



Many food trucks showed up offering a large variety of foods. There was something there to suit everyone's taste.

BLOOD DRIVE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27



The fall Blood Drive is a coordinated effort between our Council and the Red Cross. This year's results, a final count of 134 units of blood, was another success thanks to Brother Bryan Kozak and a supporting cast populated by our Brothers, the Boy Scouts and SFA students. Brother Bryan worked tirelessly weeks before the event signing up donors before and after Masses while Brother Tom DuPree hit the road visiting restaurants and super markets asking for free food and drinks to feed the donors. Between the hours of 11:00 am and 1:00 pm on the day of the event several Brothers embarked on a food run collecting the promised donations while Maria and Steve Nichols maintained control of the kitchen by keeping some food warm in the ovens and doling out the food as needed for consumption. Finally, around 4:00 pm as the blood donations were concluding and the Red Cross personnel began to pack up for departure, a team of Knights and other volunteers started the arduous process of cleaning up Clare Hall, dismantling and storing tables and chairs to end the long day. Hopefully, we are able to continue this humanitarian work because there is always a desperate need for life-saving blood, and sadly, it is always in short supply.



Attendance was high for this years blood drive. Fr. Kluge awaiting his turn.



Left to right, SK Tom DuPree, Bryan Kozak (Blood Drive Coordinator) and PGK Brian Denison at the welcoming table for the Blood drive.

HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL



Harvest Festival Fund Raiser to benefit the Pre-School



The Harvest Moon Festival is the annual fundraiser for the St. Francis of Assisi Preschool. Our Council's role, thanks to the leadership of PGK Mike Wrzesien and the support of about 12 Knights, is to purchase and prepare lunch for those attending the event. For a nominal price the lunch includes a choice of hot dogs, chili, pulled pork sandwiches, mac and cheese and a variety of soft drinks. All fun activities

begin at 12:30 pm and last for about 2 hours in Clare Fellowship Hall. Families participate in Carnival type games for the children while adults can purchase raffle tickets to vie for silent auction items such as Durham Bulls tickets, Hurricane hockey tickets and various other prizes. The Festival is enjoyed by all while benefiting the SFA preschool.



Too many Chefs? The food was extra special thanks to Mike Wrzesien and his band of Knights volunteers.



From the Grand Knight:

Dear Brothers - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
As we approach the end of 2018 and Welcome in 2019, let us take a moment to reflect on our past and pray for our present and future. The past few weeks of Advent, the homilies at mass have focused on charity and our need to service our God regardless of age. Let us pray we continue to live out our first and primary principle of our order by serving others beginning with our family, church and community.

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.

We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways.

We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us

away from a close walk with you.

Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your spirit. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence.

We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, for this coming year. We pray for your refreshing over us.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. And when the enemy reminds us where we have been, hissing his lies and attacks our way, we trust that your voice speaks louder and stronger, as you remind us we are safe with you and your purposes and plans will not fail. We ask that you will be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls. Lord, lead us on your level ground.

We ask that you would provide for our needs, we ask for your grace and favor. We pray for your blessings to cover us, we pray that you would help us to prosper and make every plan that you have birthed in our heart to succeed. We pray that others would take notice of your goodness and could not help but to say, "These are the ones that the Lord has blessed."

Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own.

May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us.

May all your plans succeed. We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

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Vivat Jesus *Robert Wiesenberg*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

January 2019

- 3- Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Founders Rm
- 10- TFS Spelling Bee held in the School library
- 13- Canes Hockey Game with the Knights
- 14- Second Degree Formation, Founders Rm
- 18 - March for Life in Washington DC
- 27- Coffee and Donuts after Mass in Clare Hall
- 29 - Planning Meeting, 7:30pm, Anthony Hall Conference Rm

February 2019

- 2-3rd Degree Formation.
- 4- Knights Cooking Lunch at TFS.

- 5 - Business Meeting 7:00pm - Founders Rm
- 16 - 4th Degree Exemplification
- 19- Social Dinner at 6:30, for Leesville Tap Room,
- 26- Planning Meeting, 7:30pm, Anthony Hall Conference Rm

March 2019

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Founders Rm
- 9 - Adopt-A-Highway cleanup, 9am in TFS parking lot
- 16 - Blood Drive, Clare Hall
- 26- Planning Meeting

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY



Our Council's Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 2nd at Capri Restaurant. This year's gala turned out to be one of our most attended while exceeding 70 Knights, family members and guests. We were delighted to have Church Staff members also attend. Joining us were Kathleen Owens, who helps support the many ministries of Care and Wellness and Ashley Watson, who manages the summer camps and is coordinator of several community programs, Francis Fest as one example. Bob Wiesenberger, our Grand Knight, greeted the guests and officially began the party welcoming all and offering a prayer of thanks. Afterwards, the wine bar became very popular and the social din grew louder only to be interrupted by culinary aromas as the waiters started to lay out the extraordinary buffet featuring tortellini, lasagna, sausage and peppers, and chicken cacciatore. And so the food line quickly formed to appease the hungry appetites. To top it off, SK Dino Pinelli owner of Capri, created his famous Tiramisu dessert. Family, friends, food and fun, what a perfect way to kick off the Christmas season!!



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ST FRANCIS CHRISTMAS DECORATING



Brothers banded together on the 21st of December to add new lighting to the entrance to St Francis. This was a first time for us hanging lights on to the post lining the entry through the Columbarium. We candy striped the post with white lights which added a unique look for members arriving at church that evening. I hope it made a good impression since attending the early mass, they were not noticeable.



For the past several years our Council has helped with decorating the Church. Besides hanging approximately 4500 lights on the massive tree next to the altar, this year a new addition was included by adding lights to the walk-ways, trees and spot lights on the exterior of the Church. Although we provided the man-power to this project, all the creative direction comes from Theresa Baumgartner, wife of Brother Mark, who is responsible for the beautiful decor in the Church to coincide with each liturgical period throughout the year. All accomplished on her own time. Our Council is proud of the Baumgartners and say THANK YOU.

Decorating the tallest tree ever can be quite challenging. Mark Baumgartner shown on the lift. All Brothers assisting are shown on right.



Brother Mike stretching with a pole while Bill maintains the ladder on the altar side, which I'm sure was challenging. The results speak for itself, see picture on the right:





7th Annual Knights of Columbus Day with the Carolina Hurricanes!

Game Time 1:00pm Ra-
leigh, NC - PNC Arena

Tailgate Begins at 10:00am
In "our Private Location!"

Join fellow Knights of Columbus members for a tailgate and game to show appreciation to our veterans!

Sunday, January 13, 2019
Canes vs. Nashville Predators
Raleigh, NC - PNC Arena



***** **MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY** *****



Seat Location

Standard Seat
Online Price

Your Price
(includes tailgate)

Lower Level South
(Canes 2-shot side)

\$111

\$45

NOTE: You must visit tailgate no later than 12:15pm to get your game tickets!



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Brother Tony Evans performs his final scripture reading after 37 years as a lecturer. Thank you Tony for your wonderful gift that you have shared with us.

Charity Raffle



RAFFLE TICKETS

The annual 2019 KofC STATE RAFFLE has begun. The drawing will be held on April 27, 2019. Brother Knights, we are asked to sell and/or buy raffle tickets to support our State Council and our own Council as a fund raiser. For each raffle ticket sold for \$5.00, our Council receives \$2.50. With a goal of selling 700 tickets, potentially we can earn \$1,750 for our charitable causes. Let's help achieve our goal by each Knight purchasing several tickets with a chance of winning the following:

FIRST PRIZE---\$5,000 CASH

SECOND PRIZE---\$4,000 CASH

THIRD TO SEVENTH---\$500 TO \$200 CASH



Welcome new members:

New Brothers:

- ◆ Hector Javier
- ◆ Patrick Sauter
- ◆ John Creed