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Be the Voice for the Voiceless



On Saturday, January 12th, Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama presided at a **Mass for Life** at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh. Approximately 800 people attended the Mass in support of the sanctity of life - from conception to natural death. Many of those in attendance were families with young children — showing that our parents can be the best teachers of living a faith-filled life. There were also many high school students who attended the Mass, living their faith of protecting the born and the unborn — providing a voice for those who are voiceless. Bishop Zarama delivered a beautiful homily about showing

Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh

your love for others and respecting life. The Mass was a great reminder to live the life Jesus calls us to live — to be Christ to others, to provide support for those in need, and to love each other as brothers and sisters.

Be the Voice for the Voiceless, Cont.



Sir Knights from North Carolina gathered together in their Regalia to provide an Honor Guard for the Bishop at the Holy Name Cathedral in Washington DC prior to the march.



Many Catholics showing their support for this years march by first attending mass prior to the days march.

BE THE VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

During the month of January there were several annual events that we, as Knights of Columbus, as Catholics and as parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi, allowed us to demonstrate the support for **The Culture of Life**. Brother Kent Siefkes, PGK, who is our council's Life Program Director, provided leadership regarding the month's activity on **The Culture of Life**. Here are some examples of Kent's involvement: On Saturday, January 12th Kent attended the March for Life in North Carolina while also being present at the start of the day's event, the **Mass for Life**. On January 18th Kent organized the trip to Washington, DC to show support for the annual **March for Life** along with Brothers Tom DuPree, Steve Becker and Ed Rogosich. In addition, Kent informed the Council and parishioners of the Novena which spanned January 12-18 of the **Prayer for Life** by distributing the prayer cards after each Mass. The culmination of **The Culture of Life** events occurred on Sunday, January 18th as Kent led a group of Knights and parishioners reciting the **Rosary for Life**.

Article quoted from the Columbia Magazine, January 2019:

On the 10th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, we celebrate the placement of more than 1,000 life-saving machines!! Ultrasound technology allows pregnancy centers to better serve women and empower them to choose life.

Quotes from women who wanted to make a decision concerning their pregnancy and turned to the ultrasound to seek help....."It changed me in the blink of an eye. It did not matter what I thought before, all that mattered was loving my child and caring about her safety."

"The sonographer showed me the baby's heartbeat and I cried happy tears. At that moment, I knew I needed this little human in my life."

"This big smile appeared on the screen, and I knew she was my destiny. The Lord spoke to me that day through my unborn's smile, and for that I am forever grateful."

We, as Knights, must continue to pray and voice our support for the unborn especially in the light of the recent law passed in New York allowing a mother to agree to an abortion following a full-term pregnancy.

OLD CELL PHONE COLLECTION



PGK Kent Siefkes above is collecting phones for our annual cell phone drive.

Brother Joe Azzopardi headed up our phone drive this year. Seen here loading up the boxes to ship off.

Our Council supports an organization called INTERACT by collecting old, discarded cellphones INTERACT'S goal is to try to end domestic and sexual abuse in Wake County. These phones are re-conditioned and issued to needy individuals who are faced with abuse and now

have an opportunity to dial 911 for help when needed. Brother Joe Azzopardi is responsible for educating our Council of this very worthwhile program as we do our part by advertising in the bulletin and setting up a phone drop off point in the Stewardship Center during the month of January. This year our parish-

ioners were very supportive as we collected over 100 cell phones. Thanks Joe and those who took the time to answer questions in the Stewardship Center. This is our second year of collection.

Below are the cell phones collected and now boxed up to be delivered to INTERACT to help those suffering from domestic violence.



Knights Sponsored Spelling Bee at the Franciscan School



Mike Wrzesien presenting a certificate to Dianne Cantu-Melo, a four time winner of the Spelling Bee.

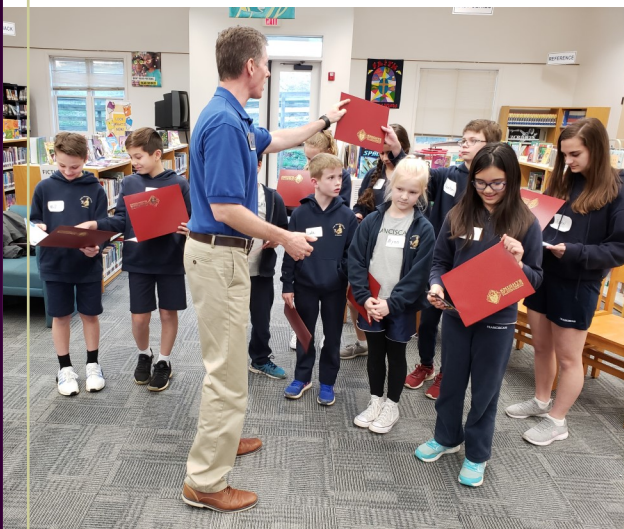
On Thursday, January 10th, twelve students from The Franciscan School competed in the finals of the school round of the National Scripts Spelling Bee. The twelve finalists, two students each from grades 3rd through 8th, won their classroom competition to advance to the finals. The competition was exciting, with the students performing very well. Some of the challenging words spelled correctly included: antagonism, diabolical, gondolier, dervishes, and promenade.

The Spelling Bee lasted 26 rounds, with Diana Cantu-Melo - a 7th grader - correctly spelling the word



“Prague” to win the championship. Diana is a four-time winner of the TFS Spelling Bee, having first won as a 3rd grader. Congratulations also to the runner-up, 4th grader, Izzie Villanueva.

The All Saints Council of the Knights of Columbus was honored to serve as the sponsors of the event for the seventh year. The Knights provided the enunciator, the scorekeeper, and the judges. The Knights are proud to support the children of our parish and our community as they strive to reach their academic goals.



From left to right, Brothers David Payne, Tony Rivezzo, Ron McGrath, Steve Mohn, and Mike Wrzesien were the acting judges for the Spelling Bee.

MILITARY APPRECIATION HOCKEY GAME AT PNC, JANUARY 13

In support on our veterans, Brother Shawn Bayle, PGK, organized an event, dedicated by the Hurricane organization, which created an exciting day not only for our invited veterans but also for our Council members. Brother Shawn was able to secure tickets from the Hurricanes for veterans in addition to a block of tickets for Knights at well below regular price. The turnout was great!! The attendance came to 67 hockey fans including 16 veterans. Although the game started at 12:30 pm, the fun and a show of appreciation began at 9:00 am at a tail-

gate party featuring plenty of beverage selections, snacks, and specially prepared pulled pork from Chef Austin. Joining our group were members of the Winston-Salem Council who came with their food specialty, barbecued chicken. The weather did not cooperate with chilly temperatures and rain but this did not dampen the enthusiasm and fellowship extended to the veterans. And finally, we saw a great hockey game as the Canes beat the Predators 6 goals to 3, which included a hat trick from Sebastian Aho, a rising 21 year old star of the future.



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Breakfast for Lunch at TFS sponsored by the Knights



On Monday, February 4th, our Council had the unique opportunity to prepare and serve lunch to the students at The Franciscan School. Taking on this challenge was a little disconcerting since preparing a lunch for 130 students was a first time adventure for us. But, our Grand Knight Bob Weisenberger, took control and got us through it without a hitch. With the help of 12 volunteer Knights, preparations began at 9:00 am in Jacoba kitchen by dicing up fresh fruit, ensuring several waffle makers were working, and deciding on a readiness plan. By 10:30 am the first wave of hungry, loud and joyful students arrived as we were fully prepared with plates laid out with waffles, sausage, fruit, ice cream on the side, syrup and orange juice. Father Jim, knowing of this delicious lunch, also arrived loudly and joyfully to the delight of the students and Knights.



Brothers Ron McGrath and GK Bob Weisenberger working hard to keep up with the number of students being feed..

Our biggest kid of all showed up to provide entertainment for the diners.



Knights Teaching the Rosary



On Sunday, March 3rd, following the 9:30 am Mass about 130 students in the 2nd and 3rd grade Crosswalk program assembled in the Founders room for a lesson on Praying the Rosary. Brother Richard White, our council's Faith Program Director, conducted the class with some help from Brother Tony Rivezzo. The lesson plan included several gospel examples of the Blessed Mother in the life of Jesus, a discussion on the Glorious Mysteries and the special devotion the Knights have for the Blessed Mother. The children were very attentive while asking intelligent questions and excited to receive a rosary gift from our council. Their eagerness to learn is attributed to the devotion of Sarah Bowser, Crosswalk Director, and the volunteer parents giving their time and talents to these young parishioners.



MAGGIE KANE, GUEST SPEAKER

Prior to our Business meeting on March 5th we were delighted to have as a guest speaker, Maggie Kane, who proudly talked about her nonprofit, charitable restaurant, **A PLACE AT THE TABLE**, located in downtown Raleigh. This establishment is unique in that customers who come in for a meal, but do not have the means to pay, will not be charged. Ms. Kane noted that the restaurant provides community and healthy food with pay-what-you-can pricing. Founded in January 2018, the business is able to operate due to corporate support, customers who choose to over-pay and donations from charitable organizations such as our Council. Amazingly, in its first year of operation over 8500 meals have been served. In January 2019, it received national attention when NBC's TODAY SHOW came to Raleigh to do a feature segment. Maggie Kane is an entrepreneur driven by humanitarian goals, truly a rare quality. For more information and donations, go to www.tableraleigh.org.



Grand Knight Bob Weisenberg presents Maggie with a check to show her our appreciation for her selfless giving to people in need.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our Council's Deputy Grand Knight, Bryan Kozak, who managed the semi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive, achieved another successful event. On Saturday, March 16th, Fellowship Clare Hall was nearly filled with beds, equipment and Red Cross attendants ready to collect the precious life-saving blood from our gracious donors. And precious it is: statistics indicate that there is a need for blood every two seconds in the United States, and one donation can save up to three lives. So, with volunteer help from Father Kluge, Brother Knights and the Boy Scouts, the donors were welcomed with gratitude then after donating were treated to a wide variety of beverages and food. Although this year's collection was slightly less than expected while totally 115 units, Red Cross was appreciative and willing to return for the next Blood Drive at St. Francis.



Brian Kozak checking on sign-ins for Blood Drive. PGK Brian Denison at the registration table.



Special thanks to Fr Kluge for helping at the Check-in table for the Blood Drive. Assisted by Brother Knight Tim Wagner.



Steven and Maria Nicholas, Mike Supianoski, Local Troop Scout and Gerald Kearney worked tirelessly to keep the food tables well stocked throughout the day.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

As we continue our journey into Easter, please remember these two things:

First, remember the parish's focus this Lenten Season -- Because I Dare to Believe in God, this Lenten Season I will.....instead of giving up something, try being better at something. Is it being a better Catholic, Father, Husband, Friend? And remember, self improvement and change are not limited to the Lenten Season. It is proven fact writing down goals increases the chances of attaining them ten-fold. Write down your plan and store it in a place where you can reflect upon it now and into the future.

Second, during our Initiation into Knighthood we were asked to pray the rosary often. Now more than ever we need prayers for our state, country and world. The news is constantly filled with terror, suffering and death. Pray the rosary that our society embraces change and adopts the Golden Rule. Pray our politicians work together for the betterment of our world today and tomorrow.

In this age of smart phones, consider downloading an app for the Rosary or Daily Devotion. Here are two I use:
Rosary - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/holy-rosary-standard-edition/id980806882?mt=8>
Catholic devotion and readings -- <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/laudate-1-catholic-app/id499428207?mt=8>

Peace and Blessings to you and your Families .

Robert Wiesenberger

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

April 2019

- 2- Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Founders Rm
- 11 - Start Bulls Baseball season games
- 11- Assembly Meeting, 6:30 for Social dinner, 7pm
- 16- Social Gathering, Outback on Creedmoor 6:30pm
- 19- Knights doing the Stations of the Cross
- 20—Knights Decorating the Church for Easter
- 24/25 Special Olympics
- 26/28 KofC State Convention
- 27 - Planning Meeting

May 2019

- 1/2—Special Olympics
- 4- Veterans 5K Run
- 7 - Business Meeting 7:00pm - Founders Rm
- 14- Assembly Meeting, 7:00, Dinner 6:30pm
- 18- Coffee and Donuts after Mass in Clare Hall
- 21 - Social Gathering, Relish Restaurant 6:30 p.m.,
- 28 - Planning Meeting, 7:30pm, Conference Rm.

June 2019

- 4 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Founders Rm
- 4- Social Gathering 6:30pm, Village Grill -
- 8 - Kof C Adopt a Highway
- 12 - Assembly Meeting, 6:30 social, 7:00 Meeting
- 23- Coffee and Donuts in Clare Hall

ELECTED OFFICERS

GRAND KNIGHT - The Grand Knight is responsible for the welfare of the Council. He presides over Council meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all Committees, appoints the Membership and Programming Directors, convenes officers for a monthly meeting and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the State and Supreme Councils. The Grand Knight's signature appears on all checks drawn.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - The Deputy Grand Knight assists the Grand Knight with Council affairs and fulfills all the duties assigned him by the Grand Knight. Should the Grand Knight be absent from a Council meeting, the Deputy Grand Knight will preside. He is also Chairman of the Council's Retention Committee.

CHANCELLOR - The Chancellor assists the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the Council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in Council activities and is also Chairman of the Admissions Committee.

WARDEN - The Warden is the "watchdog" for Council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Recorder. He is responsible for setting up the Council Chambers for meetings and ceremonial work and appoints and supervises guards during ceremonial exemplifications.

TREASURER - The Treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining of records of all Council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the Council's accounts and provides certificates of such monies to the Grand Knight. He is also responsible of payment of all expenses.

RECORDER - The Recorder is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the Council and its correspondence.

ADVOCATE - The Advocate is the legal representative of the Council and serves as the Council's attorney at trials and investigations of interest to the Council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the Council By Laws, Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting and Robert's Rules of Order.

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE GUARDS - The Outside Guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the Inside Guard checks to make sure that membership cards are current.

TRUSTEES - The Board of Trustees consists of three members elected by the Council and the Grand Knight, who serves as Chairman. They oversee the work of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and with the Deputy Grand Knight, serve on the Council's Retention Committee. Only the three-year Trustee is voted, with the others continuing their terms.



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KNIGHT STARS



Past and Present Grand Knights gathered with a plaque

Our Council's past and present Grand Knights standing proudly display the plaque honoring all Past Grand Knights that is now full.

Did you know? The Knights of Columbus have donated \$1.6 billion to charitable causes over the past decade.

Did you know? Last year our Council volunteered over 16,000 hours of service for charitable causes.

AWARDS

Honorary Life Members- service over 25 years

- * George Beserock
- * Bob Caron
- * Paul Grace

Knight of the Month

- * Chuck Hennesen- January
- * George Beserock- February
- * Steve Becker- March

Family of the Month

- * Mark and Theresa Baumgartner- January
- * Kent and Virginia Siefkes- February
- * Tom and Elaine DuPree- March

Mid-Year Elections due to vacancies

- * Steve Becker- Chancellor
- * Bryan Kozak- Deputy Grand Knight
- * Mike Wrzesien- Recorder (Temporary)



CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

ADDING TOMORROWS

**Cystic Fibrosis - Wake County -
Great Strides Walk
Saturday May 18, 2019
Halifax Mall - Downtown Raleigh
9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

For 30 years, Great Strides - the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's largest national fundraising event - has supported the Foundation's mission to cure cystic fibrosis and raise awareness for this rare, genetic, life-shortening disease that makes it difficult to breathe and shortens lives. Great Strides provides a fantastic opportunity for family, friends, students, and colleagues to come together and make a difference in the lives of people with CF.

We welcome walkers and volunteers.