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SPECIAL OLYMPICS--GUEST SPEAKER



Preceding the May business meeting we were fortunate to have Megan Czejkowski speak to us about the Special Olympics. Megan is a Global Messenger for the Special Olympics as well as a competitor. And, we are fortunate to have Megan and her parents Rosemary and Joe as members of our parish. Megan talked about the many aspects of the Special Olympics one of which was a milestone achievement last year of a 50th year anniversary. Another gem shared with us was the athletes' motto, **"Let me win, if I can't win let me be brave in the attempt."** A motto so strong that all of us should live by it. Megan won multiple Gold and silver medals at the Swim meet in Cary. We were honored to give her awards and share her special moment.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS, AQUATIC VENUE



David Payne (left), our leader and overall do everything kind of guy ran the show this year. He stayed very busy, but we never missed an award.

Each Special Olympic participant received their awards individually. Great care was given by the announcers and ones handing out the awards to assure the right one was given.



Due to the outstanding managerial effort of our Community Program Director, Brother David Payne, the Special Olympics Aquatic Games were a great success. Involved in this undertaking were 24 volunteer Knights with the help of some family members, over 2 days June 1 and 2, who were responsible for dispensing 590 awards to nearly 700 athletes competing in 169 races. No small venture. St. Francis of Assisi parish was well represented in the games with our own Megan Czejkowski winning 3 Gold medals and 1 ribbon and Connie Smith winning 5 medals. No doubt, our council will continue supporting this program. Why? Because the Special Olympics rank among the highest of Christian value not to mention the deep and profound satisfaction experienced by each volunteered Knight. Our rewards are the hugs, the fist bumps and warm smiles of appreciation we receive from these outstanding athletes.



Award announcer Ralph Gunther!



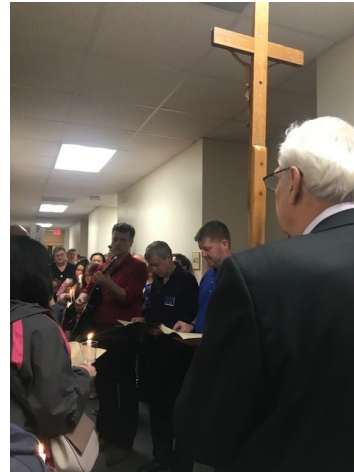
Our very special group of officers were rewarded for the exemplary work with donuts!

Above, award issuing is a very serious job requiring a good working crew. The team from left to right were David Bole, and wife Darlene, Joanne Mills and Elaine Dupree.



Left, the whole crew, which made this day possible. Thanks to everyone that helped out this day. It truly exemplifies the importance of being a fraternal organization.

Stations of the Cross



The Stations of the Cross are comprised of 14 segments of devotion commemorating the passion and death of Jesus on His last day on earth as a man. This solemn ceremony is held during the Lenten season. This year, with the coordinated efforts of Father Jim, Jim Wahl, The Franciscan School, and our Grand Knight, Bob Wiesenerger, a change of venue on Good Friday was planned to process instead entirely from within the church to outside on the campus grounds. The 2nd and 3rd grade TFS students created 14 poster boards artistically depicting each station. The first station was placed at the Founders room, the second progressing down the hall and so on continuing outside along the columbarium then into the church with the last station placed at the altar. The route allowed a congregation of 125 parishioners, each holding a lighted candle, to have more access while praying and visually recalling the sacrifice of our Lord. No doubt, because of the very positive feedback received from the parishioners, this format will be repeated next year.

Brothers assisting from left to right, Jim Wahl, Kent Seikes, Bob Weisenberger and Tony Rivezzo



Family Promise Breakfast

On Saturday April 27th, several Knights who purchased all the fixings in addition to juice, muffins and fruit, arrived at Clare Hall kitchen around 6:00 am to prepare, cook and serve breakfast to the families residing at St. Francis during the last week in April. Thirteen family members, which included eight children, enjoyed a hearty breakfast. The gratitude from the parents along with the hugs received from the children, make this event one of the most rewarding for the Knights. However, the morning was filled with some drama. The Knight in charge of making the toast, who will remain nameless, burnt the bread causing the smoke alarm to activate. Thirty minutes later, after several fire trucks arrived and desperately trying to locate the main control panel, we successfully turned off the screeching alarm but not the ringing in our ears. Still, the event was successful.

Mike Wrzesien----Kitchen supervisor
 Dick Kozacko——Egg man
 Tony Rivezzo--- French Toast Man
 Dick Kozacko-----Egg man
 Gerald Kearney---Pancake man
 Chuck Hennesen-Mixer man

CYSTIC FIBROSIS RUN



This event provides a great opportunity for friends and family members to come together and run in support of a very worthy cause. This year nearly 300 participants ran and walked in the fun run helping raise by teams nearly \$38,000 to support research for the cure.

Brother Michael Rock and his wife Mary Beth and their daughter Angelica are very active participants in the many CF fundraising events throughout the year. Because of Brother Michael our Council members have

a better understanding of CF and have been willing to help out during the events by serving food and drinks to the participants. This year Bill Quirk helped out with the ICE CONES.

Special thanks to this years volunteers:

- Michael Rock
- Tom Dupree
- Elaine Dupree
- Bill Quirk
- Jerry Kearney
- Brian Denison
- Joe Noonan



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DURHAM VA HOT DOG SALE

With the combined effort of the Council and Assembly 12 Knights cooked and served hot dogs at the Veterans Hospital to raise money for the wounded veterans participating in the 2019 National Wheelchair Games. We sold over 600 hot dogs on May 16th to help towards the travel expenses for team AVENGERS who are eagerly waiting and training to compete in these Games. Thanks goes to SK Tom Mrozek for organizing the event and special thanks to Steve and Maria Nicholas who are always present and helpful during these important events.



Memorial Day Mass



Mike Wrzesien reading this years Memorial honorees



Father Jim presiding over the Mass for our Memorial Day Celebration



Mary Beth Bayle, George Maciag and Lauren Bayle.

A special thank you goes to SK Jeff Rohman for his leadership in planning the Mass and ceremony for our deceased veterans who served our country. We appreciate and recognize the many hours it took to organize the events, collecting names of deceased military members, working with Mitchell Funeral Home for the official Memorial Roll Campaign, and engaging the Army Honor Guard for the flag presentation ceremony. Also, a thank you goes to PGK Michael Wrzesien who read the 42 names of the deceased veterans added to the Roll this year in front of a congregation of 195 attendees, most of which are relatives of the veterans. The Roll collected over the years now totals the names of 685 deceased veterans. After Mass the gathering met outside the chapel to witness the honor service for SSG Michael Maciag, US Army. Receiving the flag was Michael's son George who made a special trip to Raleigh for this event. Other family members also part of the ceremony included Michael's daughter, Mary Beth Maciag Bayle, daughter-in-law Steph Maciag, son-in-law Shawn Bayle and granddaughter Lauren Bayle. In closing and without exception, all who attended were appreciative of the Knights remembering their loved ones.



Army Honor Guard members folding of the casket flag while the Bayle family observes.



Army Honor Guard folding of the flag ceremony begins with the unfolding of the flag.



A very emotional tribute as the Army Honor Guard Senior Member presents the folded flag to the family of deceased veteran honoring his service to his country.

Durham Bulls Baseball



Richard White working alongside Mike Wrzesien, our fearless Bulls Club contract manager.



Ron McGrath, Tony Rivezzo and John Dziadul maintaining the second Bottoms up booth. Beer sales have been high during the recent month. Must be the heat!

Another season is on-deck for Bulls Baseball, the main fundraiser for our Council. Our commitment is to work 30 games this season where we are assigned to the BOTTOMS UP beer stands. The commission we earn is calculated on our sales production which at times could take a hit from bad weather. Moreover, this year our sales have been negatively impacted due to more refreshment stand choices. While our fundraising may not achieve our past numbers, what has not diminished is the brotherhood we share and the fun we have during the 5 to 6 hour shift at the games.



Priestly Ordination of Casey Cole,

Durham, N.C—Returning to the parish he served during his internship year, and not far from where he attended high school. Casey Cole, OFM, was ordained to the priesthood in Church of June 22. The celebrant of the 11 a.m. Mass was Bishop Luis Zarama of the diocese of Raleigh.

Studying and Ministering

Casey, who was born in Pennsylvania, graduated in 2011 from Furman University in Greenville, S.C., where he earned a bachelor's degree with a major in religious studies and a minor in poverty studies. He became acquainted with the Franciscans through his participation in a Furman Spirituality group.

Our Council is a sponsor of the RSVP program which supports seminarians with prayers and finances while on their journey to the priesthood. One of our candidates has been Casey Cole, OFM, who after years of study and internship, was ordained on June 22, 2019 at nearby Immaculate Conception Church in Durham. Since this solemn event was so close, this enabled many of our council members to attend and help Casey set-up the reception area. We wish continued success and offer our prayers to Father Casey as he reports to his first assignment on the campus of the University of Georgia.



FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

As a follow up to my Lenten Easter message....

How many of you used the Lenten season to be a better Catholic, Father, Husband and Friend? Was it praying the Rosary more frequently; attending mass on a more regular basis; being better at listening to our children, wives or parents; Being there for that friend going through crisis? As we move into the summer and a new fraternal year, what goals have you set for your faith? The parish is offering several programs over the next few months that will aid in strengthening our faith and fellowship within the SFA Community. Check out the parish website:

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/announcements/>

The Council is also on a mission to aid in strengthening your faith – come out to a business meeting and enjoy some food and fraternity and then hear how the All Saints Council continues to grow and shine in support of our first principle of **Charity**. Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Council 9709 (aka the Guys with the Blue Badges) continues to show its love for our neighbors by participating in food drives and donating the food and moneys to CPO, by volunteering at NC Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. We successfully conducted two wonderful ‘*Breakfast for Lunch*’ programs at TFS and already committed to more this year and next. We actively and regularly support the RSVP program and got to witness one of those sponsorship’s succeed and advance to the next level of sacred service as Casey Cole was Ordained on June 22. We continue to recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action – **FAITH in action**. There is no better way to demonstrate love and compassion for our neighbors than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

Peace and Blessings to your families! Stay Safe this summer!

. **Vivat Jesus** *Robert Wiesenberg*

KNIGHTS CALENDAR:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

July 2019

- 2- Business Meeting, 6:30 dinner, 7:00 p.m., Founders
- 10– Assembly Meeting, 6:30 for Social dinner, 7pm for meeting.TBA
- 16– Social Dinner, 6:30, Leesville Taproom
- 22– Francis Festival, volunteers needed.
- 27 - Planning Meeting, 7:30pm, Anthony Hall Conference Rm

August 2019

- 6 - Business Meeting, 6:30 dinner, 7:00pm - Founders
- 7—Assembly Meeting, 6:30 for Social dinner, 7pm for meeting
- 20 – Social Dinner, 6:30 Carolina Ale House, Brier Ck.
- 27 - Planning Meeting, 7:30pm, Anthony Hall Conference Rm

September 2019

- 3 - Business Meeting, 6:30 dinner, 7:00 p.m., Founders
- 14– KofC Adopt-A-Highway
- 17 – Social Dinner, 6:30 TBA
- 24 - Planning Meeting 7:00pm
- 29 - Francis Festival

Supreme Knight,
Carl Anderson



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KNIGHTS STARS



New Knight Raymond Salem receiving his Second Degree certificate.



PGK Joe and Anne Marie McCarthy receiving family of the Month for May.



David and Darlene Bole receiving the Family of the Month of June for their work with Special



Jeff Rohman receiving the Knight of the Month of June for his work with the Memorial Day Mass.

ALSO CONGRATULATIONS

Jim Wahl, May knight of the Month,

John Dziadul, April Knight of the Month

Steve and Maria Nicholas for April Family of the Month.

DID YOU KNOW:

***The Knights support 40,000 Special Olympic Athletes statewide.**

***The Words "Under God" became part of the Pledge Allegiance due to the efforts of the Knights of Columbus.**