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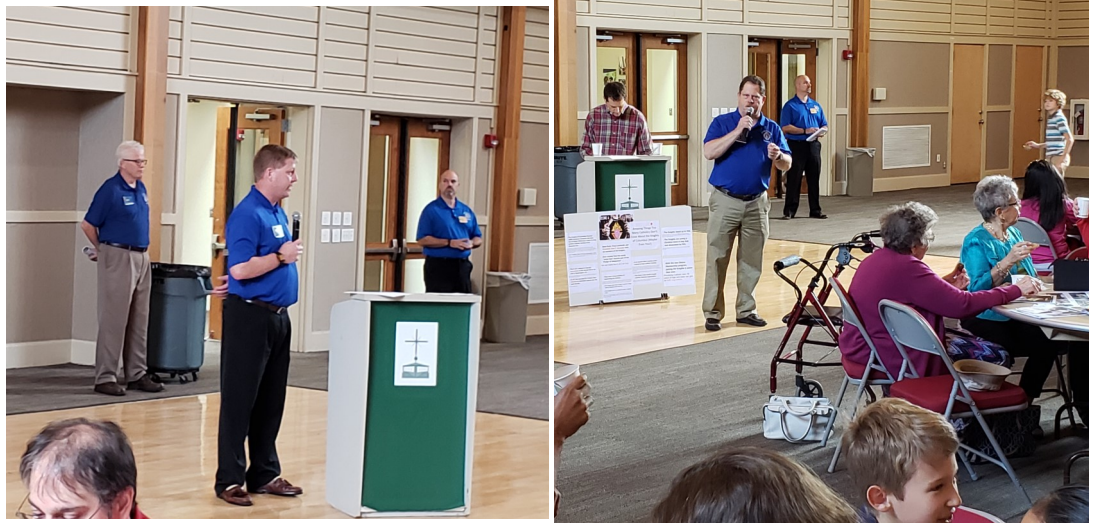
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## Knights' Membership Drive



Grand Knight Bob Weisenberger spoke to the crowd and Shawn Bayle shared the benefits of being a Knight in our Council.

Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6, our Council conducted a membership drive in Fellowship Hall. Announcements were made inviting the families of the parish to hear a few words about the Knights of Columbus. Brother Shawn Bayle, Membership Director, and Brother Bob Weisenberger, Grand Knight, spoke briefly at each gathering explaining the main tenets of our fraternal organization. The results were impressive as 14 prospective candidates completed applications that will hopefully result in a First Degree Installation.



# 4th ANNUAL FIRST RESPONDERS' DINNER



A total effort was on display by our Council on Tuesday, October 15 as Knights and their families prepared various covered dishes for a Tribute Dinner held in Fellowship Hall to recognize the First Responders in our community. Our Council supplemented the potluck donations with a main course of meat loaf and roasted potatoes. The invited guests included members of the Wake County Sheriff's Department, Police Department Northwest District, Fire Station 29 on Leesville Road, Durham Highway Fire Station on Norwood Road and Fire Station Engine 23 on Pine Crest Road. While the dinner was scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm it was just about that time the fire fighters were called out because of a serious accident and missed the Tribute. Recognizing that these fire fighters were still hungry when they returned to their station several Knights collected the leftovers and delivered the food to each of the busy fire stations. The event, however, was still successful as the remaining guests understood the good intention of our Council. In each of the four Tribute Dinners the highlight was a standing ovation by the Knights and their families that in essence said "thank you for all you do".



Bob Weisenberger and Mike Darrow presenting a Certificate of appreciation to Maria Cucurullo, daughter of brother Jerry.

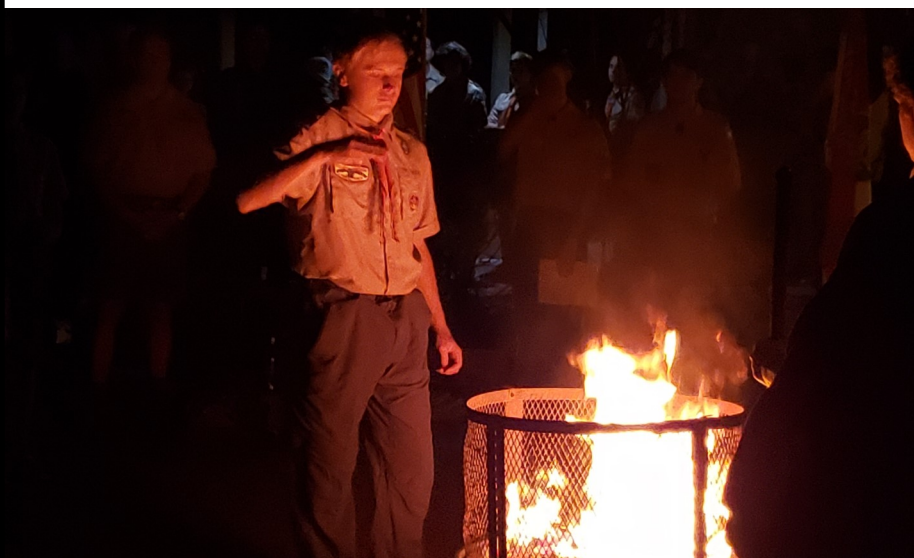


# Scouts Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony



The Knights are supportive of Scout Troop 352 each year as they perform their annual flag retirement ceremony.

Each year the Scouts of America, Troop 352, retire American flags. On November 5, the traditional ceremony was conducted at St. Francis of Assisi in the garden next to the Founders room. The retirement consisted of burning old, faded flags which have been collected by the Scouts. Our Council joined the Scouts completing this ceremony. In preparation, the flags are carefully torn apart first by separating the stripes, which represent the original 13 colonies, then leaving the stars as the last piece. Finally, each piece is carried by a Scout and deposited in a fire while giving a final salute.



Each segment of the flag is disposed of with honor and respect. Young scouts and observers take turns placing pieces on the fire followed by a salute. Scout displaying his respect for the flag with a Boy Scout salute.

# CYSTIC FIBROSIS BIKE RIDE

This event occurring on Saturday, November 2, is held to make people more aware of this dreaded illness that infects the lungs making it progressively more and more difficult to breath. Additionally, the event also succeeds in raising money to continue the research to combat the illness. Many advances have been accomplished but more needs to be done. Brother Mike Rock, his wife Mary Beth and daughter Angelica are strong advocates for the continued research of CF. This year, due to events like this and the corporate donations of over \$25,000, the battle to fight CF will continue. Our Council played a small part in this effort by serving drinks and lunch to the bike riders.



Rider checking in before he begins. Turnout was great and the support was encouraging.



Brothers Bill Quirk, Mike Rock, Tony Rivezzo, and Mike Wrzesien assisted the riders by providing beverages and encouragement. This is now an annual event for our Knights, showing support for Mike Rock.

# HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL



**Harvest Festival Fund Raiser to benefit the Pre-School**



.On Sunday, November 3, the festival is held in Fellowship Hall to raise money for the St. Francis Preschool. Our Council supports this event by purchasing and preparing a lunch for the attendees. Brother Mike Wrzesien does the shopping and cooks his famous blue-ribbon chili while a team of Knights prepares the hot dogs, BBQ and the mac 'n cheese. While the guests part take in lots of fun and games, place bids on many silent auction prizes, the Knights are ready to serve a delicious lunch. This year's annual festival set a new attendance record.



## A PLACE AT THE TABLE



This is a restaurant that provides community and healthy food for all regardless of means. It is a pay-what-you-can cafe in downtown Raleigh. Earlier this year, our Council invited Maggie Kane as a guest speaker to a business meeting. She is the founder and executive director of A PLACE AT THE TABLE. Her desire is to feed people in need not with a soup kitchen but rather with the dignity and atmosphere of a regular restaurant. On November 9, our Council vol-

unteered to help serve the guests at the restaurant as we continue to support this neighborly cause. The photo shows the volunteer team getting ready to go to work. Mike Rock, Joe McCarthy, and Tony Rivezzo washed dishes while Steve Becker, Jerry Kearney, Bob Weisenberger and his son Nate delivered the food to the customers then bused the tables. A very busy but rewarding day.

## CROSSWALK ROSARY PRESENTATION



Richard White and Tony Rivezzo conducting training on the Rosary.

Because of our Council's involvement, the 1st and 2nd grade Crosswalk children are given what could be their first Rosary. Along with our gift they received a lesson on the meaning of the Rosary, and an understanding of its devotion to the Blessed Mother. Richard White, our Faith Director, led this instruction by explaining the four mysteries and their connection to praying of the Rosary. He concentrated, however, on the Joyful Mystery. When he asked the children to recall where in the gospel we read about both Jesus and Mary sharing an event, the response was The Wedding at Cana and with a little prompting The Birth of Jesus. Richard then explained the Annunciation, the Presentation and the Finding of Jesus in the Temple. Lastly, the lesson ends with a recital of a decade of the Rosary. Sarah Bowser, the Crosswalk Coordinator, appreciates the Knight's involvement presentation.



## From the Grand Knight:

Dear Brothers - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
As we approach the end of 2019 and Welcome in 2020, 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.

[www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com)

**Vivat Jesus** *Robert Wiesenberg*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January 2020

- 7- Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Founders Rm
- 8- TFS Spelling Bee held in the School library
- 18- March for Life, Raleigh
- 18-26- Novena for Life
- 19- Canes Hockey Game Military Appreciation
- 21- Social Dinner, TBA
- 23/24 - March for Life in Washington DC
- 28 - Planning Meeting, 7:30pm, Anthony Hall Conference Rm

### February 2020

- 4 - Business Meeting 7:00pm - Founders Rm
- 4 - 1st Degree formation
- 18 - Social Dinner at 6:30, TBA
- 25- Planning Meeting, 7:30pm, Anthony Hall Conference Rm

### March 2020

- 3 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Founders Rm
- 14 - Adopt-A-Highway cleanup, 9am in TFS parking lot
- 17 - Social Dinner at 6:30, TBA/ST Patrick's day
- 28 - Blood Drive, Clare Hall
- 31- Planning Meeting

### April 2020

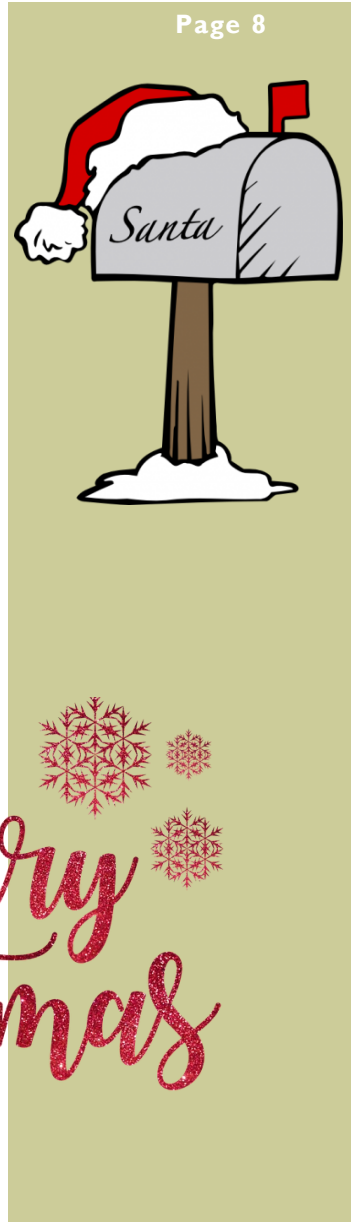
- 4 - 3rd Degree Formation.

# COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY



Another great social event!! Festive, joyous, cheerful and thankful are adjectives that describe this year's Christmas Dinner Party held on December 8. Even the Christmas spirit arrived when Bob Weisenberger, our Grand Knight, announced that our Knights donated 164 \$10.00 gift cards to be delivered to the children at Duke Children's Hospital. As to dinner, no appetite was left lacking as Brother Dino Pinelli, owner of Capri Restaurant, prepared an outstanding dinner. A scrumptious buffet was offered consisting of pasta alfredo, lasagna, pork osso-bucca, chicken piccata and for dessert, tiramisu and chocolate mousse. Such a menu would compete with any Italian Restaurant in Little Italy. Our gratitude to Brother Dino and his staff for another 5 star performance.

Merry  
Christmas





# TREE OF LIFE



A first time event, sponsored by our Council, was the dedication of the Tree of Life. Father Jim led the gathering with prayers while the children's choir, directed by Jim Wahl, sang Christmas songs. After the Tree lights were turned on, to the "ahs" of the crowd, all were invited to the Founders Room for cookies and refreshments. The singing continued by Jim Wahl featuring all-time favorites with accompaniment from the audience. No doubt, the children and their parents enjoyed the evening. The event turned out to be a great start to the Christmas season with reminders of what it means, the Joy of the Birth of Christ. And what Father Steve instructed us during his Sunday homily is that Jesus is part of us and should be shared with others.



# ST FRANCIS CHRISTMAS DECORATING



An assembled team of Knights from the Council met on Saturday, December 21, to decorate the Church for Christmas. Our assignment was two-fold: wrap light sets around the overhead structures along Memorial Garden leading to the sanctuary, and secondly, hang light sets around a 25 foot Christmas tree placed next to the altar. With ladders, tape, manpower and nerve these goals were achieved. The massive evergreen tree absorbed 21 lights sets amounting to 4,200 individual LED lights. While Mark Baumgartner supervised the Tree decorating, his wife Theresa and daughter Allison hung garland around the doors entering the Church. At the same time two teams of Knights, under the direction of Bob Weisenberger, wrapped light sets around the structures over the walkways.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO:** Theresa Baumgartner who dedicates many hours of her time by keeping the altar decorated with either flowers and/or artifacts representing the religious calendar throughout the year.



Brother Mark Bumgardner headed up the decorating committee again this year. Shown from left to right Tony Rivezzo, Bill Quirk Ralph Guenther, Mark with his wife Theresa and daughter Allison, George Besrock and Patrick Sauter.



# 8th Annual Knights of Columbus Day with the Carolina Hurricanes!

**Game Time 5:00pm Ra-  
leigh, NC - PNC Arena**

**Tailgate Begins at 1:00pm  
In "our Private Location!"**

Join fellow Knights for a tailgate and game to show appreciation to our Durham VA veterans!

**Sunday, January 19,  
2020 Canes vs.**

**NY Islanders**

**Raleigh, NC - PNC Arena**



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



**Seat Location**

**Your Price  
(includes tailgate)**

**Lower Level South Sec 129  
(Canes 2-shot side)**

**\$60**

**NOTE: You must visit the tailgate no later than 3:30pm to get your game tickets!**

\_\_\_\_\_ # tickets at \$60 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**



The Honoree life membership ceremony conducted by Worthy Grand Knight Bob Weisenberger, Deputy Grand Knight Bryan Kozak, and the Chancellor Steve Becker. A member has to be a minimum of 70 years of age along with having a minimum of 25 years of consecutive membership. The brothers honored were Jim Hilton, Jim Clinton, Norman Tuomi, Thomas Mrozek, Brian Denison, Doug Hudson, Joseph Carrarh, Frank Sola, Thomas Kelly, Ronald Guarino.

## Charity Raffle



### RAFFLE TICKETS

The annual KofC STATE RAFFLE has begun. The drawing will be held on May 2, 2020. 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

### 2nd Degree Honorees

- Mike Ruff
- David Cuccamo
- Steve Murray
- Lawrence Mathiot



### Welcome new members:

- ◆ Mike Ruff
- ◆ David Cuccamo
- ◆ Eamonn Kelly
- ◆ Sandford Gayle