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## Knights' Cell Phone Drive



Tom DuPree sits in Stewardship Center at St Francis to collect the much needed cell phones for this years drive.

Brother Joe Azzopardi oversees the annual drive collecting old cell phones from our parishioners for **Interact of Wake County**. **Interact** wipes the phones then distributes them to victims of abuse who will be able to dial 9-1-1 in case of emergency. This year we collected 71 usable cell phones and accessories to benefit **Interact**, a resource to help victims of abuse, men and women alike. Last year, 9,622 clients were served. They have three 24/7 hot lines that received 7,757 crisis calls that same year. Women and children receive shelter and support in their **Solace Center**, a 45 bed home away from home. These statistics are staggering and sad.



Phones being loaded into Joes car for delivery to Interact to help victims of domestic abuse.

# TFS Spelling Bee



This years contestants of the TFS Spelling Bee have shown some fierce competition.



Dianna displaying her award winning smile after receiving her reward for this years competition

Our All Saints Council hosted the annual Spelling Bee at the Franciscan School on Wednesday, January 8. Here's how it works: each grade from 3rd to 8th sends two contestants to compete in the Spelling Bee. The contestants won their respective class competition to advance on to the final bee. Twelve contestants take turns by coming to a dais to spell a word presented to them. The Knight team included Mike Wrzesien, moderator, Ron McGrath, pronouncer, Ralph Guenther, Tony Rivezzo and Steve Mohn as judges. The competition was fierce as it took 60 rounds of words to finally leave one contestant as the winner. And with no surprise, Diana Canter-Melo, an 8th grader, who battled with 4th grader, Apollo Lin, won AGAIN. Amazingly, Diana has won 5 out of the 6 bees. Congratulations to all contestants. Prizes and certificates were awarded.



This is our multiyear winner of the KofC sponsored Spelling Bee. She is also a very gifted Ballerina who has performed on stage downtown in local productions.



Diana, this years winner stands with her supportive family. Her mother Diana is also a teacher at TFS.

# New Desks for TFS



We were called upon to assemble 75 desks for the 5th grade at TFS on January 30. The task was expected to take about 3 hours, but because of a great turn out by the Knights, 12 in all, the job was completed in less than 2 hours.



Brothers Tony Anello and Jeff Rohman teaming together to make short work of it.

# MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY---PART 1



What a beautiful Display at the arena that night. Brothers and Veterans together enjoyed a very special game dedicated to the Veterans.

In conjunction with the Hurricanes hockey organization our Council paid tribute to military veterans on January 19. This annual event was again organized by Brother Shawn Bayle by providing free hockey tickets for the vets while securing special discounted tickets for Council members. The game was preceded by an outstanding tailgate party where food and drinks were abundantly available such as gumbo, pulled pork, brats, hot dogs with a variety of sides dishes and various liquid refreshments. The fabulous party, enhanced



by sunny weather, was equally matched by an exciting hockey game where the final results could hardly be imagined in a Hollywood movie script. Hockey player Justin Williams, who retired last year, decided to come back to play for his beloved team. Today was his first game after retirement, and to the fans screaming delight, scores the winning goal in an eight round shot-out duel against a playoff contender. A great day for our Vets and hockey fans.

# VETS DAY HOCKEY GAME--PART II



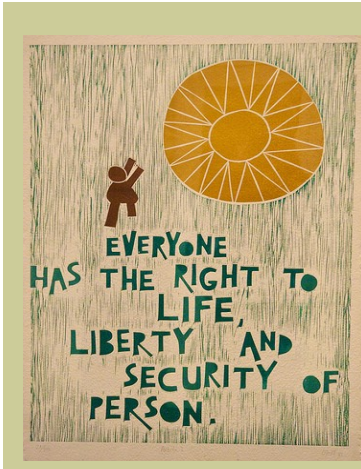
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The Santa Maria Council teamed up with the All Saints Council 9709 in Raleigh to jointly put on an event to honor our Veterans with a wonderful tailgate and tickets to the Carolina Hurricanes hockey game at the PNC arena. 16 of our Brothers participated in the event making the trip to Raleigh. In addition to our Council there were over 20 Vets from the Raleigh area and approximately 30 Brothers from the 9709 Council. Our Council provided a chicken gumbo dinner with all the trimming to compliment the Raleigh Council's chopped BBQ dinner. We have now assisted 9709 for 3 years at this wonderful event for the Vets and the Knights and their families. It has turned into a great multi-council event.



Veterans show the true meaning of what a tail-gate party is all about. These events mean so much to our vets and their families.

# KNIGHTS JOIN THE MARCH FOR LIFE



What an amazing trip ... I enjoyed the time with my Brother Knights as we traveled to Washington, DC for the March for Life. It was a joy to spend time with men of high character and integrity. As we attended Mass at the Basilica, and watched the hundreds of thousands of individuals marching in support of life, my faith in our youth — our future in our Christian faith — was deeply strengthened. It was a moving experience to see the support of the unborn. My hope is many hearts were changed — in our community and with our legislators — about the value of human life.

Also, thank you to Kent Siefkes and Steve Becker for planning the trip. You did a great job covering all the bases — travel, hotel, parking, meals, Mass, march, time at the Russell Senate Building — I was very impressed with the agenda and the seamless nature of moving from my event to the next. Finally, thank you Michael Darrow and Grant List for driving. Thank you for the safe travel on our round trip.

Written by: Mike Wrzesien, PGK



Brothers from our Assembly join our Bishop as acting Honor Guard for Mass at the Basilica in Washington DC. Shown from left to right: Joseph Czejkowski, Mike Darrow, Steve Becker, Mike Wrzesien, Mike Rock, Tom DuPree, Grant List and Kent Siefkes.

## Message from the Supreme Knight

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announces that Knightline will be a twice weekly source for practical and spiritual resources to Knights



Dear Brother Knights,

Be assured of my continued prayers for you, your family and for all our brother Knights. In this difficult time, I believe God is asking every Knight of Columbus to pray in a special way for one another and for our Order, not just for health or wellbeing, but also that we be faithful to the great calling the Lord has given us as Knights in this challenging time. To address the particular needs and challenges of these days, the Supreme Council is changing the format and timing of *Knightline*. During this unprecedented time, it is important that we are in more regular contact with you, and we will work hard to provide resources, both spiritual and practical, for you and your

family. We are all facing challenges — I believe as Knights we are all called to be leaders in a special way during this critical time. The question we all must face right now, today, is this: “What does it mean to lead in this time of trial? “

*Vivat Jesus!*

Carl A. Anderson

Supreme Knight

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Azzopardi	4/03	Richard Hammer	4/19
Joshua Riley	4/06	Norman Tuomi	4/20
Joesph Massimilla	4/06	George Beserock	4/23
Ronald Guarino	4/07	Gerald Cucurullo	4/23
Jeffrey Zollinger	4/08	Kevin Lavin	4/23
Joesph Maltese	4/09	Akuro Adoki	4/24
Sean Flanagan	4/10	Fernando Bernal	4/26
Thomas Byrnes	4/13	Patrick Lynch	4/27
Derek Schwarz	4/13	Louis Coker	4/29
James Pratt	4/15	Maichle Gould	4/29
Timothy Stevens	4/18	Robert Noonan	4/30

# Valentine's Dinner at Casa Carbone

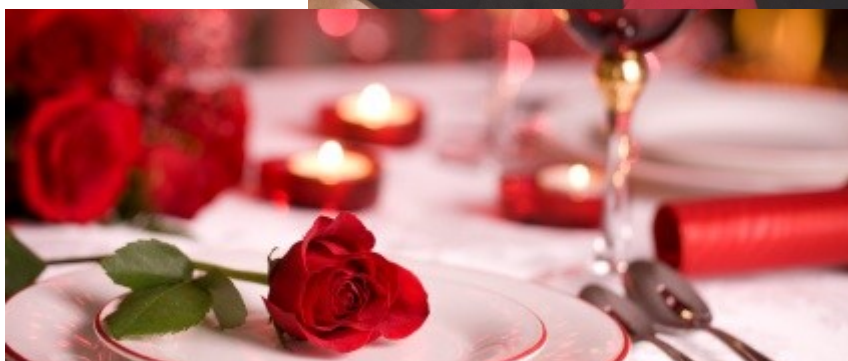


Brother Knights and their wives enjoyed a wonderful evening at Casa Carbone Italian Restaurant on Sunday, February 16th to celebrate Valentine's Day. Our Faithful Navigator, Michael Darrow, presented roses to all the women.

The Knights and their lovely wives selected from a special menu of delicious Italian dishes and specialty drinks.

The evening allowed the Knights to show appreciation for our wives, sharing our gratitude for all they do for us, for our families, and for our community. We are blessed to have these amazing women in our lives.

*Happy Valentine's Day*





# PLACE AT THE TABLE



Once again several Council members volunteered their time to work at **A PLACE AT THE TABLE**. This restaurant in downtown Raleigh has received national attention with coverage on Good Morning America and The Today Show. It's founder, Maggie Kane, opened this restaurant with a unique business model for its customers, "**pay-what-you-**



**can."** A person who cannot afford a meal can eat at no cost, truly a testament to Christian value. Last year 48,127 meals were served while one third, 12,559 meals, were given out. That equated to \$158,549 feeding people in need.

## Lenten Suppers

Our Council helps out with the Lenten Suppers which are scheduled each Friday during Lent at the conclusion of the Stations of the Cross.

While Michelle Cash prepares the supper which range from several types of homemade soup, salad and bread. Volunteer Knights handle the cash register, present the supper and then afterwards clean-up Claire Fellowship Hall. As of this writing each of the first two suppers have doubled last years receipts for the entire season. On average, the attendees have doubled between 55-65 parishioners.



Jim Wall providing entertainment at the Lenten Supper. His skills as an accomplished musician makes for a good night of entertainment

# RED CROSS EMERGENCY BLOOD DRIVE



Lonely looking truck waiting to haul away the days collection of blood collected from all the generous members of our community.



Bryan Kozak front with GK Bob Weisenberger in back awaiting blood donors. They worked to maintain the rules of separation between donors.

At a time of crisis due to the CORONAVIRUS, donated blood was in great demand. Our Council and the Red Cross teamed up to supply this critical need. Because of the crisis St. Francis of Assisi's doors were closed but Father Patti, realizing the need, allowed us to use Clare/Fellowship Hall to run a very important Blood Drive on March 28th. Each of the last two Blood Drives resulted with about 120 units. But on this day, thanks to our generous parishioners and with the on-site direction of our Grand Knight, Bob Weisenberger, and our Deputy Grand Knight, Bryan Kozak, this Blood Drive will successfully result in over 159 units. Additionally, our Council is planning two more drives, April 4th and 6th. The second drive on the 4th is already filled, anyone wishing to donate still will have to sign up on the 6th.

Image of empty hallway is deceptive with all that was going on in the donation area. We were pleased with the record turnout and the fact that we are repeating the drive twice more in a week.





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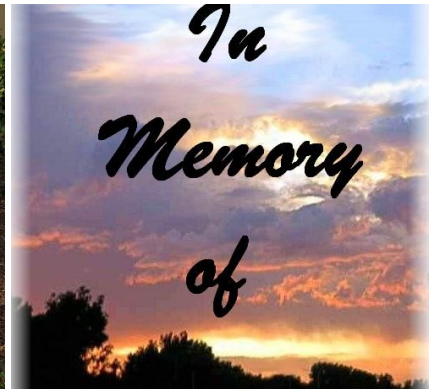
WE'RE ON THE WEB!



## Special message to our council

This is a part of a message from our RSVP candidate Susan Boylston, OSC, to Richard White, (Church Committee Chairperson for our council):

I was able to attend program (the Franciscan inter-federation formation program) at Graymoor because of the Knight's generous support, and I took all of you with me in prayer. I asked the Franciscan friars and sisters in attendance to pray for you and your intentions too. Each day, I also said special prayers for you in St. Francis Chapel, before the altar, which was originally at Mt. Alverna, and marked the spot where St. Francis received the stigmata — this altar was given to the Atonement friars in the early 20th century — and before the statue of St. Anthony, where the Atonement friars first began their perpetual novena to St. Anthony. On my last morning on the Holy Mountain, I also prayed for you the Knights, your families, and all your needs and intentions at the St. Anthony shrine. It was such a privilege to be at Graymoor and to pray for you all there.



Manfred sitting with Carol Ware.

It is with deep sadness that I alert you to the passing of Brother Manfred Varnhold. A really good Brother to all of us, a gentle character and friend. He will be greatly missed. Please take a moment to pray for Manfred and keep his wife Kathy and their family in your prayers during this difficult time of sorrow. The Family is planning a Mass at a later date due to the current Corvid situation. We will keep you informed.

Condolences can be sent to:  
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