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Knights Stand Out In St. Pat's Parade

Here are your Council Officers for the year 2006-2007:

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Tony Difede

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TRUSTEE 3RD YEAR

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TRUSTEE 2ND YEAR

Tim Whelan PGK

TRUSTEE 1ST YEAR

Ron Duffy PGK

Despite the seasonal weather accompanied by some cool breezes, the annual O'Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade had a huge turnout of spectators enjoying all of the floats, marching bands and dancers winding their way through downtown city streets.

Right in the middle of the parade was our own Knights of Columbus float, beautifully decorated and pronouncing our support of mentally and emotionally handi-

capped people.

Led by our 4th Degree Honor Guard in full regalia and showing our colors, members and their families handed out Tootsie Rolls to thousands of cheering onlookers along the entire parade route.

Ariel Watson, Daughter of Brother Chuck Watson was a real hit as she sped up and down the street on her wheelies giving candy to all the children.....big and small!

Then there was Phillip Toupin, son of Mark Toupin PGK. When asked if wanted to wear this great looking

Tootsie Roll costume, he jumped at the opportunity really playing up shaking hands with other kids and waving to the crowd.

Besides the 30-40 plus people riding the float and waving to the crowd, there were also about the same amount of members and their families walking, who were also handing out Tootsie Rolls.

All in all, it was most spectacular day for The Knights, The Irish and all

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Phillip Toupin poses as Mr. Tootsie Roll & Ariel Watson gets ready to wheely some out!

Here are your Council Directors for the year 2006-2007:

Church Director

John Copensky

Community Director

Mike Strother

Council Director

Frank Ferraro

Family Director

Ed Rogosich

Youth Director

Jim Doherty

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Rich Ferraro GK

Vinny Sheehan

Tom Monck

Knight of the Month

Hats off to Brother Ken Growney PGK.

Brother Ken has been very active lately chairing two events and assisting with another. Ken is heading up our annual council chicken bar-b-queue this year and he has been very busy raising money for the grotto of The Virgin Mary we wish to erect on our council grounds. Throw in some help with the softball tournament and I'd say ken is a very busy Knight. **Congratulation to Brother Ken as our Knight of the Month.** He has been a pillar of our council and is truly deserving.



Good of the Order

NBC aired a segment last night on Fr Thomas Price and his advance toward Sainthood. This is Holy Week, please remember to keep it holy. Remember June 1st, Golf at Pine Hollow.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Pat Scalise, Ann Norkus, Bill Scott, Ellen Varney, Deacon Steve's son Mark, Ed Rogosich sister in law, Ed Ryan, Janet McKelvy, Floyd Mallet, Frank Ferraro's Mom, Clare Maday, Jim McGowen son, John Nussbaum, wife. Jerry Santoro's wife.

Please pray for those who have died: Daniel Panaccione, Lew Baffaro. Steve Zamara, Lisa Dobbins Mother, Sr Mary Louise Aguirre, Brother Al Ruocchio.

Family of the Month

As our Family Director, Ed Rogosich stays very active and very busy in and around the council. Whether he's planning events or helping out at one, he always does it with great enthusiasm. In addition his wife Betty is very active with Birth Choice. As parishioners of St. Joseph's, Ed is an usher and Betty is always helping with fund raisers and many other activities that go on at the church.

Congratulations to Ed and Betty as our Family of the Month.



Grand Knights Report

Spring has finally arrived and that means that what ever was dormant over the winter is starting to come alive once again. Trees are budding, flowers are blooming, the birds and the bees..... you get the picture!

One thing that wasn't idle was Council 2546. We had so many events and activities the past few months, surrounded by the holidays, it's hard to believe we still have 3 more months to go before our year ends. It almost seems as if we are always starting something new, even if it's something we've always done. That's what makes our organization so unique. That ability to keep going on and growing.

Speaking of spring and all the new things that are going on, I'd like to ask our newest members a question..... Why not make this your spring to get more involved in the Knights? Of the 19 or so new members who joined since last July, I have only seen a few of you at our business meetings, let alone the many functions, events and activities we support. Come to think of it, I don't see quite as many of our members as I would like to. Yes, I know we are all busy with our work, our families and our lives....but gentlemen.....come on? One Night a month? One activity or event fund raiser once in a while?

Remember what we all learned when we took our 1st degree and the lesson on charity....it all starts right here....month in month out!

Come on back, please, get some spring back in your life. Get and hold onto that feeling of helping others, feel the camaraderie your Brother Knights feel when we get together. There is so much for all to share. Bring your families, your friends and your neighbors...**be proud to be a Knight!**

I realize this sounds more like a speech than a report from your Grand Knight and I guess it is.

But, if I didn't feel so strongly about what I said, I never would have put it in print. Go back a couple of newsletters and read what I said about what it means to be a knight. I believe I quoted someone off one of the membership DVD's. It went something like this:

“Joining and being a Knight of Columbus gives me the opportunity to help others”.

What a great statement. I'd like to get into it a little deeper though. “Being a Knight of Columbus helps us to help ourselves as well”. Every time I do something to help others, I feel so much better about myself and I know all of you do too!

Being a Knight of Columbus also gives me the opportunity to insure my family will be well taken care of if something should ever happen to me. In addition The Knights have given me the opportunity to start planning for my children's future and my retirement. All of these benefits for so little.....some of time, some extra effort, some care towards others.

Last but not least, being a Knight of Columbus has brought me back and closer to my church. Getting to know and work with the priests and clergy in our parish the past several years has been a wonderful experience. The bonds between our order and our religion runs very deep. **After all, our order was founded by a priest!**

In closing, thanks to all of you for the continued support you have shown throughout the year. Please remember that elections for new officers and appointments of new directors are just around the corner. What a great time to come to a meeting, nominate and vote for an officer, volunteer to take a directors seat or chair one of our many events.

Thank you also for the opportunity to lead and serve this past year.

I believe!.....do you?

Rich Ferraro Grand Knight

others who participated in the parade or those who came to watch it.

Afterwards, there were plenty of activities to do, vendors booths selling a variety of goods and some good Irish music to listen to or dance to. God Bless the Irish, God Bless the Knights and God Bless us all!

Pictured at right, our Honor Guard makes the turn onto Fayetteville Street.



The Easter Bunny made a special stop at Council 2546 on April 1st. After all the kids gathered up all the Easter eggs he had hidden around the council grounds, he stopped inside and posed for pictures with the kids and a few others. All the kids got to make some neat Easter crafts and then they colored some eggs. Thanks to Laura and Jim Doherty for putting this together as they always do a fine job.



It's baseball season, so Family Director Ed Rogosich with some help from Council Director Frank Ferraro will be planning 2 trips to see The Mudcats out in Zebulon. One will be our regular family outing on a Sunday afternoon and the other will be a Knights only night, probably on a Friday evening. Ed will be setting the dates soon, so keep an eye out and get ready to enjoy some good old fashioned baseball at a real friendly park.



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Our last blood drive in conjunction with Sacred Heart cathedral was very successful as we donated over 40 units of blood on March 31st. Rex Blood Services Director Lynn Leach and Community Director Mike Strother have done a great job this past year keeping things coordinated and getting volunteers to come out to the bloodmobile, whether at the council or at the church.

Lynn tells us, "one unit of blood can save up to four lives". What a great gift!

Thanks again to all of you who participated and keep donating.



Effective May 1, Miguel Frisco and his wife Patsy will take over operations of Wake Service Management. This is great news. Please join me in wishing the Frisco's good luck in their new challenge. The Board will do everything to help them to be successful. Your support will be appreciated. John Copenski has been appointed to fill the financial treasurer position left vacant by Miguel. This is a temporary appointment until the elections in July. Tom Monk is arranging to get a tune-up on the riding lawn mower so it is ready for the summer. Tom will be looking for help in mowing the grass, weed-whack and helping to maintain the lawn. Please let him know if you are available to volunteer. The burned out lights on the ball field will be replaced within the next couple of weeks. Another reminder that the Chicken BBQ will be held on April 27. We are still in need of volunteers to help prepare the meals and drivers to deliver. Please consider helping with this annual fund raiser. You can contact any Board member to sign up. Each of you should have received two tickets to sell for the BBQ. If you need more tickets, please arrange to get them from the Club. A very special thank you to Jerry Santoro for filling in as manager of Wake Service Management until we found someone to assume the position on a permanent basis. A new pump was installed in our well after it broke down a couple of weeks ago.

Respectfully submitted,
Jersey Mike

At our March business meeting, we elected 2 delegates and 2 alternates to the North Carolina Knights of Columbus State Convention. Grand Knight Rich Ferraro, DGK Jim Humphrys were elected as delegates, and Chris Podgurski PGK and John Nussbaum PGK as alternates, will be sponsoring Council 2546. Our Council Chaplain, Deacon Steve was invited as well. If you were not elected as a Delegate or an Alternate, you may still attend the Convention. There is a Saturday luncheon and dinner along with activities for the wives and children. The Convention will take place at the Sheraton Imperial at RDU on May 18th, 19th and 20th. The Council will also be taking out ads in the Convention Program Book. If you or your company would care to take out an ad, please contact me via phone or email or see me at the May business meeting.

What's a great way to meet members and get involved at the council? Why not help by tending bar. There are many shifts available and it's not hard work

If you are interested contact Jerry Santoro at 919-231-3315 or just stop by the lounge any afternoon.



State raffle tickets are now distributed by the Worthy Jim Humphrys. All we ask or purchase at least 5 tickets. Some of you will be available and are being Deputy Grand Knight, is that each member sell receiving your tickets in the mail. If you need more tickets or have not received them by the time this is published, please contact Jim or myself at the contact information listed below. Tickets are only \$5.00 each. 1st and 2nd prizes are trips to Hawaii and the Caribbean and there are 5 cash prizes as well. This is a great opportunity to raise funds at the State and Council level to help support all we do as a Charity organization.

Jim Humphrys: Jim.Humphrys@adc.com or (919) 889-6481

Rich Ferraro: rich0317kofc@bellsouth.net or (919) 741-2212

Please remember that all of our fund raisers are just another way we are given the opportunity to help and serve others. We all have family, friends, neighbors and co-workers and most of them if approached the proper way will gladly purchase tickets...all you have to do is explain and then **Ask.**

10 Facts About World War II with Carmine Sacchitello PGK

1. The U.S Navy light aircraft carrier U.S.S. Bataan was the 1st U.S. ship to bear the name of a WWII battle. It was launched on Aug. 1st 1943.
2. The British aircraft carrier H.M.S. Courageous was the 2nd ship to be sunk in WWII. (The 1st was the British passenger ship Athenia). The Courageous was sunk on Sept. 17th 1939.
3. One of every 27 merchant seaman were killed in WWII. It's the largest percentage killed of any U.S. service.
4. Lt. General Simon Buckner, who commanded the 10th U.S. Army on Okinawa, was the highest ranking U.S. officer to be killed by enemy fire in WWII. He was killed on June 8th 1945. Lt General Lesley McNair was killed in France in 1944, but he was killed by friendly fire.
5. A U.S. infantry division had 211 .30 caliber machine guns and 237 .50 caliber machine guns assigned to each division. An armored division had 433 .30 caliber machine guns and 385 .50 caliber machine guns and an airborne division had 284 .30 caliber machine guns and 165 .50 caliber machine guns in each division.
6. The biggest disaster of WWII was the British attack on the Dutch town of Arnhem. Of the 11,000 British troops in the attack, only 4,000 returned to allied lines. The rest were killed or captured. The whole operation was planned by British Field Marshall Bernard Law Montgomery.
7. Total U.S. killed in WWII: Army: 318,274 (includes the Air Force). Marines: 24,551. Navy: 65,614 for a total of 408,439. 16,112,566 served in the Armed Forces in WWII. There were also 670,846 wounded.
8. Aside from the sinking of the titanic in 1912, the D-Day invasion of Normandy on June 6th 1944 received more headlines than any other event of the 20th century.
9. From the battle of Midway, which took place in June of 1942, to the end of the war in 1945, only one U.S. carrier was sunk. It was the light carrier 'Princeton'. (The carrier Yorktown was sunk at Midway).
10. The largest conventional bomb used in WWII was the Grand Slam Bomb. It was 25 1/2 feet long and had a diameter of almost 4 feet. It had a warhead consisting of 9,135 lbs of explosives. It was 1st used on March 14th 1945 on German concrete viaducts and submarine pens at Bielefeld, Germany.

This will be your last chance to purchase a raffle ticket for the trip to Italy!

Only a few remain. Tickets cost \$100.00 each and there are only a few of the 125 tickets being sold (better odds than power ball!). Tickets may be purchased individually, by 2 couples or by 4 singles. Odds on winning the Grand Prize are 1 in 125 (WOW). The Grand Prize will include: Italian Vacation for four (up to 4 hotel rooms if needed), round trip air fare, upgraded hotel accommodations in 2 cities (Venice & Rome), rail transportation between Venice and Rome, one sight seeing tour in Venice and a sight seeing tour of The Vatican in Rome. Winners will have 2 free days in each city and may purchase other tours at a discounted rate or you may tour on your own.

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Retention Meeting 7:00 PM	2 Business Meeting 8:00 PM	3	4	5 O'Berry Center Picnic
6	7	8 Columbus Club Meeting 7:30 PM	9	10	11 Italian Raffle Ticket Drawing Tentative	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18 NC State Convention	19 NC State Convention
20 NC State Convention	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29 O/D Meeting 7:30 PM	30	31		

June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 1st Degree 7:30 PM Business Meeting 8:00 PM	7	8	9
10	11	12 Columbus Club Meeting 7:30 PM	13	14	15	16
17 Fathers Day	18	19	20	21	22	23 Clergy Appreciation Dinner 7:30 PM
24	25	29 O/D Meeting 7:30 PM	27	28	29	30 Bye-Bye

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