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Visibility

One question that keeps coming up, whether I am at a business meeting, Officers meeting or Columbus Club Board meeting is: Why are we not getting the turnouts to events like we were used to in the past? We're not only talking about members, but non members as well. Why is membership down and those who do join don't seem to get that involved? One could say it's the economy. That's one possibility. Another reason could be is that a lot of people are just too busy with work and family. I can relate to that! But we're talking about disassociation on a grand scale here. Even the long time members who attended everything are slowly fading away. Where are our new members and why aren't we seeing new faces at our fund raisers? It makes me wonder if our newer members will ever get more involved or if new friends will continue to visit us. One thought has crossed my mind and that is "How VISIBLE are we as a Council?" Is it just assumed that everybody knows about us and what we stand for? Perhaps we have become a little complacent as a Council and feel that our past will speak for us or we no longer need to spread the word! Is it just enough to say you are a Knight of Columbus? I don't think so. I think we need to prove we are worthy of being a Knight through our words, works and prayers....and most of all our actions. Are we doing all we can to help our Brothers and Sisters? Are we prepared to be the good Catholics we say we are? I'm talking beyond buying a raffle ticket or attending our fish fry's, (they are important too) but I'm talking volunteering at the Church, the hospital, at Birth Choice, a nursing home, the USO or any the other places that need help.....That's true charity! Visibility is wearing a Knights lapel pin, a hat or a shirt while helping. If we do more of that, more support will come. A lot of questions have been asked and a lot of thought has been provoked, I hope!

Here's two last questions: How will you answer these questions and will you strive to become more visible?

On The Horizon

Annual Art Auction.....Saturday, January 30th, 6:30 PM

Annual Super Bowl Party.....Sunday, February 6th, 6:00 PM

Valentine Dinner/Dance.....Friday, February 12th, 6:30 PM

Lenten Fish Fry's Begin on Friday, February 19th, 6:00 PM and will continue on the following five Fridays

Here Are Your Officers And Directors For 2009-2010

**Grand Knight: Dave Bayard 913 Tanglewood Dr. Cary, NC 27511 c (919) 624-9124
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**Chaplain: Deacon Steve Lewendowski Deputy Grand Knight: Michael Costanzo Chancellor: Dan Danford
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Advocate: Carmine Sacchitello PGK Lecturer: Ken Maldonado PGK**

Trustees

3rd Year: Rich Ferraro PGK 2nd Year: Jim Humphrys PGK 1st Year: Ed Rogosich PGK

**Directors: Church: Ralph Tomkins Family: Mark Palko Youth: Frank Casey Council: Jerry Santoro
Community: Shawn Densmore Membership: Matt Leonhard Op L.A.M.B.: Jerry Santoro Pro Life: Ed Rogosich,
Sunshine: Deacon Steve 1st Degree Captain: Ron Duffy PGK 2nd Degree Captain: John Nussbaum PGK
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Columbus Club Officers

**President: John Murphy PGK Vice President: Ray Trembley Treasurer: Jerry Ryan
Secretary: Jeff Bartoszewski Directors: Jerry Santoro PGK, Rich Ferraro PGK, Dave Bayard GK**

Clothing is available for order with the "Fr. Thomas Price, Knights of Columbus Logo"

Knit Golf Shirt, White, size Sm. thru. XXlg, \$25.00

Long Sleeve Dress Shirt, Button Down collar, White, Sm thru. XXlg, \$30.00

Jacket, water repellent, cadet-style collar, Dark Blue, Sm thru. XXlg \$45.00

Ball Caps, no profile design, White, adjustable size, \$20.00

Sweat Shirt, Crew Neck, Pull Over, Dark Blue, Sm Thru XXlg, \$30.00

Contact Joe Ryan: 919-782-6797 or thegreatjkr@earthlink.net



Under Good of The Order:

Knight of Month: Michael Ames

Family of the Month: Ken Maldonado and Family

First Degree Honoree: Fr. Sal Busichio

Sean Densmore won 50/40. RBC Fund raising, Contract signed for 15 events, Orientation this Sunday for 5 Team Leaders, Team leader plus one man for each event, proceeds 10% sales. See Dan Danford to volunteer. Clothing available with Council Logo, Jacket, Shirts, Hats, see article in newsletter, Contact Joe Ryan.

Please pray for those who are sick: Deacon Steve son Mark, Ed Rogosich sister in law, Jeanette, Jim McGowan's wife & son David, Ken Maldonado's wife, J Norkus nephew Mike Alfano, Jack Chesnick wife, three Knights in the district, Ted Ours, Al Hernandez, Glen Kenady.

Please pray for those who have died: Fr James Dull, Peggy Crosson.

Pray for all our Armed Forces Personnel. Those who have lost their jobs, for our leaders and all of our Priests.

**“MAKE A STATEMENT.....MAKE A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION
ATTEND MORE BUSINESS MEETINGS AND GET MORE INVOLVED”**

Grand Knights Report

Brothers All,

As we leave the holiday season in our wake, let's remember the true meaning of Christmas. That Christ was made man to walk amongst and to show us the truth and the light. We as Knights must continue to walk in his path, do his good works for our community, and shine the light of his truth in our World. That sounds grander and much harder than it is. As I was waiting at a traffic light the other day, I saw a man trying to push his car into a gas station by himself. Other motorists entered the station and pulled up to the pumps without stopping to help. When the light changed, I pulled into the station, parked my car, and helped him push his car into position. It was two minutes out of my day, but for him it was a godsend. I'm sure that any of my brother Knights would have done the same, because that is who we are. We serve our fellow man to serve our God.

Our Family of the Month was the family of **Kenny and Patty Maldonado**. Patty has been suffering through the debilitating effects of her diabetes, and Kenny has been bravely soldiering on through her illness. Please remember Kenny and Patty in your thoughts and prayers, and the next time you see Kenny please give him your support and encouragement. Our Knight of the Month was **Michael Ames**. Not only does Michael faithfully serve our council as the financial secretary, but he also donates countless hours to the retention committee and is responsible for getting the newsletter distributed to our membership each month. As treasurer for many years, I got to know Michael well, and he is extremely passionate about seeing that your dues and the money we raise are used in a manner in keeping with the value and goals of the Knights of Columbus. We are incredibly fortunate to have a man of his talent and commitment serving our Council.

See you at the next meeting!

Dave Bayard

Grand Knight



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SUPERBOWL PARTY
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th AT 6:00 PM
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“10 Facts About WW II You May Or May Not Know”

by **Carmine Sacchitello PGK**

1. In England, a Red Cross worker was checking on a G.I. who was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. She picked up his chart to see how he was wounded. After reading his chart she said, “how did you get shot with two arrows?” The G.I., who was a full blooded American Indian said, “that’s my name, not my injury!”
2. The Italian campaign, which lasted 275 days cost General Mark Clark’s 5th Army 125,000 casualties, including more than 20,300 killed. Rome was liberated on June 4th 1944, just 2 days before the Normandy Invasion.
3. During the tank battle of Kursk, Russia in July, 1943, the Russians on a front of 12 miles gained just 6 miles at a cost of 25,000 dead and the loss of 35 tanks.
4. During the Bataan Death march in April, 1942, an American Prisoner was a former Notre Dame football player. His 1935 class ring was taken from him by a Japanese guard. It was later returned to him by a Japanese officer who explained, “I graduated from Southern California in 1935.”
5. President Roosevelt was paralyzed from the waist down, but was never photographed in a wheelchair or with his leg braces and the press never wrote about his disability. As a result, many Americans never knew he was crippled.
6. At the end of the war, when Russian POW’s were sent home, Joseph Stalin sentenced them to prison for the crime of being captured by the Germans during the war. (Nice army to serve in!)
7. Hitler had to be the dumbest Commander in Chief of all time! During the Normandy Invasion he was 600 miles away and directed his generals and his army and told them what action to take.
8. In 1939 Germany, there began a euthanasia program in which about 80,000 to 100,00 disabled, mentally handicapped or insane were murdered. (A bad time to be sick in Germany.)
9. The battle for Iwo Jima was the only battle in which the U.S. Marines had more casualties than the Japanese. The Marines had 26,800 casualties, including 6,821 killed, while the Japanese had 21,216 casualties, including 21,000 killed.
10. When the French surrendered to the Germans in 1940, it was in the same railroad car that Germany surrendered to the Allies in 1918 ending WW I. After the French surrender in 1940, Hitler had the railroad car blown up.



OUR LENTEN FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY’S START ON



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th 6:00 TO 9:00 PM

JOIN US FOR SOME GREAT FRIED OR BROILED SEAFOOD \$ ALL THE FIXN’S

RAFFLES, 50/50’s & SPECIAL EVENTS ON SELECT NIGHTS

Community:

Our Council’s **Adopt-a-Highway** will be again this Spring and will be announced in upcoming Newsletters!!

Our Rex Blood Services, Blood Drive that was held on Tuesday, December 29th was a success with 12 donors and over 10 pints collected to save over 30 lives here in Wake County!!!



Thanks to all that donated!

Contact our Community Director, Shawn Densmore: densmores@hpw.com, (919)414-9166 for more details.

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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|  1 | 2 | 3 Business Mtg. 7:30 PM | 4 | 5 | 6 Council Planning Meeting – 11 AM | |
| 7 Annual Super Bowl Party | 8 | 9 Columbus Club Mtg. 7:30 PM | 10 | 11 | 12 Valentine Dinner/Dance | 13  |
| 14 Valentines Day | 15 Presidents Day | 16 | 17 Ash Wednesday | 18 | 19 Fish Fry Santoro Team | 20  |
| 21 4th Degree Mtg. | 22 | 23 Officers/Directors Mtg. 7:30 PM | 24 | 25 | 26 Fish Fry Palko Team | 27 |
| 28 | | | | |  | |

March 2010

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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|  1 | 2 | 3 Business Mtg. 7:30 PM | 4 | 5 Fish Fry Ferraro Team | 6 | |
| 7  | 8 | 9 Columbus Club Mtg. 7:30 PM | 10 | 11 | 12 Fish Fry Santoro Team | 13 St. Patrick's Day Parade |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 St Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 Fish Fry Palko Team | 20 |
| 21 4th Degree Mtg. | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Fish Fry Ferraro Team | 27 |
| 28 Palm Sunday | 29 | 30 Officers/Directors Mtg. 7:30 PM | 31 | |  | |

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