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Huge Turnout for Council 2546 Christmas Party

Great food, holiday music and even a visit from Santa himself highlighted our annual Council Christmas party that was held on December 15th. Over 175 of us came out to enjoy a truly well planned and joyous evening. It all started with a great meal prepared by Brother Gary Post and his family. Brother Dan Palattella, our Dee-Jay for the evening provided Christmas music, which made dinner that much more enjoyable.



Then the most amazing visitor stopped by Council 2546. That's right, Santa Claus came to town and he had presents for all the good boys and girls. The big man made the rounds to every table, leaving gifts and posing for pictures and then it was back to the North Pole.

Christmas is the time for sharing and it was evident this evening as Grand Knight Rich

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KNIGHTS SHOW SUPPORT FOR PRO-LIFE

On January 13th, the annual March for Life was well attended by Knights from all over the state. The overall turnout was a huge success as pro-life groups gathered to show support on a weather friendly day. Many 4th Degree Knights in full regalia stood out among the crowd and most councils displayed their banners or signs showing support. Bishop Michael F. Burbidge opened the rally with a prayer and recognized Martin Lu-

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for the year 2006-2007:

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Outside Guard

Emmanuel Ezeobi

TRUSTEE 3RD YEAR

Mike McGehean PGK

TRUSTEE 2ND YEAR

Tim Whelan PGK

TRUSTEE 1ST YEAR

Ron Duffy PGK

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

Church Director

John Copensky

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Mike Strother

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Frank Ferraro

Family Director

Ed Rogosich

Youth Director

Jim Doherty

Operation Lamb Director

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Columbus Club Officers

Mike Kuharcik—President

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Vinny Sheehan

Tom Monck

Family of the Month

Columbus Club President “Jersey” Mike Kuharcik and his wife Rachel received the honors as Family of the Month for January. Along with all of the duties that go along with being President of the Columbus Club, Mike stays very active in other council activities. One of the key changes instituted by Mike and his Board was the ban on smoking in the lounge during council events, which has helped to increase the number of families returning to our socials. Just recently, Mike and Rachel were the driving force behind our most successful Christmas Party as Mike did most of the organizing and Rachel did most of the shopping, set up and decorating. Congratulations, Mike and Rachel.



Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Brother Bob Kearney for receiving the honors as January Knight of the Month. Bob has become more and more active at The Council and most recently showed huge support at our annual fruit drive. Bob was there working every shift before and after Mass on both Sundays and helping with loading and unloading of the fruit. In addition to attending and helping at many of our socials, Bob has been a member of our Bowling league and supports all of our sporting activities.



Good of the Order

Prayer Blanket presented to Deacon Steve from the Council. Dan Picciotti, a brother Knight was married the past weekend. Suggest congratulation letter to Bishop on his recognition in local newspaper. Letter from Supreme, GK presented Pocket Token to 1st Degree Team. District Deputy Presented Certificate of Appreciation to 1st Degree Team. Please pray for those who are Sick: Pat Scalise, Ann Norkus, Bill Scott, Don Dubois wife, Ellen Varney, Tim Kilpatrick's wife, Deacon Steve's son Mark, Ed Rogosich sister in law, Jim McGowan's son, Ed Ryan, Janet McKelvy, Floyd Mallet, Cathy Gouldie's brother. Jerry Santoro's nephew. FS Jeff Russell and DGK Jim Humphrys both had surgeries the 2nd week of January...please pray for their speedy recovery. Pray for all our Armed Forces Personnel. Note of thanks to John Gouldie who volunteered and drove 5 Marines to Jacksonville in time for Roll Call. Please pray for those who have died: Carmine's Brother Felix, Francis Ezeobi, Father of Emmanuel. Daniel Panaccione, Lew Baffaro. Steve Zamiara, President Ford.

Grand Knights Report

Happy New Year to all my brother Knights and your families. I wish you all the best of health and prosperity throughout the coming year.

Along with a new year, comes many resolutions that many of us make and try to keep. Whether it's to resolve to shed a few pounds, (that's always one of mine), quit smoking, exercise more....the list goes on and on. I hope we all do our best at keeping the ones we make.

At the mid year meeting, attended by myself and DGK Jim Humphrys, the most prolific speaker was State Membership Director Mike Durbin. Mike didn't speak so much about adding new members, although very important for our order to survive, as he did speak about what we do as Knights to keep current and future Knights active in our order. I hope to have the 2 videos he showed us at our next business meeting and it would be great for all Knights to see and hear what Mike said. Mike's passion for the order resounded throughout the meeting and sent a positive message to all. I hope as your Grand Knight I can carry it home to you.

As you will read further on in the newsletter, there are many activities and fund raisers in the months to come (yes we are always busy at the Knights). So, please make it a point to show up at a meeting or two to learn more about what's going on. If you can't attend a meeting, contact any officer or director to find out how you can help and resolve to be a better Knight.

Vivtat Jesus

Rich Ferraro GK

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ther King, stating " King's hope for a brighter tomorrow will not be realized until people do more to respect the sanctity of human life."

"The dream can only come true," he said, " when human life is revered, respected and protected from the moment of conception until natural death."

(Pictured clockwise from top-left are: Sir Knights/ Brothers John Nussbaum RDD and State Secretary John Gouldie, Bishop Burbidge posing with a Hispanic support group and our 4th Degree Honor Guard).

Chaplains Report

Greetings and Salutations to my brother Knights and all who gaze at this report!

We have ended the Christmas season and are moving on. Just some reflections, one question we might want to ask ourselves, might be, how has Advent changed my life?

During Advent we were given a stark reminder to get ourselves prepared for the coming of Christ. Are we done yet? Are you ready for Christ to come and take you to His Father's house? Or did you just prepare yourself for the coming of a baby? Did you prepare your hearts so that Christ may enter a pure heart, and strengthen your spirit?

While you ponder these questions, remember that the only way to show your love for God is to love one another. Smile at a stranger, make peace with you enemies, and always find Christ in everyone you meet!

If you know of a brother knight that you have not seen recently at one of our meetings, invite him to come, there's always room for one more at our meetings! Thanks for your time, and Peace be with you!

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Steve



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Ferraro presented checks to our Pro Life representative Betty Rogosich and Wake County Special Olympics Representative Brian Philpot.

Many thanks to all who helped set up, cook and clean and a very special thank you to Jersey Mike and the Columbus Club for making this one of the very best Merry Christmas parties ever.



Lounge Help

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.

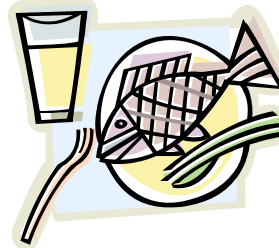


FISH FRY FRIDAYS

The Friday night Fish Fries will begin on February 23rd, the 1st Friday after Ash Wednesday and continue every Friday through March 30th.

All members, their families and friends are welcomed to come by the council and enjoy some great seafood & delicious deserts.

We have 3 fish fry teams and if you would care to help out and be a part of the fun, contact any of the team captains: Jerry Santoro PGK, Miguel Frisco or Rich Ferraro GK.



We still have plenty of raffle tickets remaining for the trip to Italy. In order to help sell these tickets, we have decided to extend the dates the winners can travel. This will cost a little more, but we believe it will help to sell the remaining tickets. The winners will now be able to travel after May and into the Summer months.

Just a reminder; this trip is for 4 people, 8 days 2 cities, 2 tours, air and rail transportation, upgraded hotel accommodations up to 4 rooms. So far tickets have been purchased by families individuals or the most popular by 2 couples.

Tickets cost \$100.00 and there are only 125 tickets being sold. That's a 1 in 125 chance of winning a most spectacular vacation. That's better odds than Power-ball. All ticket buyers are also invited to a dinner the night of the drawing and other prizes will be awarded.

Please help to support this fund raiser by either buying or selling some tickets. Hey, you or someone you know is going to win!

Columbus Club Report

Happy New Year to all of you. I hope you had a good holiday season. Thanks to all of you that came to the Christmas Party. It was a pleasure to see it all pull together in such a great event. Gary and Rose Post and their daughter did an exceptional job on all that fabulous food. Frank Casey was the best Santa we could have had. He did a fine job of passing out all the presents. Thanks also to Miguel Frisco, Tom Dunham and Vinnie Sheehan for sticking around to clean up. Terri Ferraro and Tom Dunham's wife Lisa get thanks for helping to put the food away. But, most of all I want to thank my wife, Rachel. She spent at least a whole month shopping and wrapping all the gifts that Santa handed out. She bought all the table decorations and all the paper and plastic supplies for the tables and food and added all the extra decorations that made the atmosphere for the party look special. The basket of cheer was also put together by her. I couldn't have made this party as special as it was without her help with all the planning and executing.

I contacted the storage facility next to our property about installing a stop sign, and they agreed. Our annual Chicken BBQ fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for April 27. We will need volunteers to deliver. Time to pay the \$5 annual fee for renting your liquor lockers. You can pay Vinnie Sheehan or you can leave the money at the bar. Tom Monk is planning on replacing the Plexiglas on our marquee sign at the front of our property.

We are still looking for someone to take over Wake Management Services. We will pay \$12,000 a year to the person that takes over the responsibility. Please contact any Board member if you are interested, or know of someone else. Have a great new year, and hope to see you soon.

“JERSEY” MIKE KUHARCIK

Council 2546 is proud to participate in the annual Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade



Saturday, March 17, 2007 @ 12:00 noon (rain or shine)

The parade starts at the corner of Wilmington and Lenoir streets. All Knights and their families are invited to attend and/or march. We will also have a float this year. If you plan on participating, please arrive at least 1 hour prior to the start of the parade.

After the parade, all Knights, their families and friends are invited back to the Council for some food and refreshments.



Upcoming State Athletic Events

State Basketball Tournament--Winston/Salem Feb. 24, 2007

State Bowling Tournament--Kernersville March 9/10 2007

State Softball Tournament--Raleigh April 28, 2007

State Golf Tournament--Jacksonville Sept. 15/16 2007

All Knights in good standing are eligible to participate in any or all State competitions. Check with any Council Officer or State Council director Tim Whelan on how to sign up.

10 FACTS ABOUT WW II by CARMINE SACCHITELLO PGK

1. As of February 8th 1944, there were 359, 258 prisoners of war in the U.S. these included: 305,873 Germans, 50,561 Italians and 2,824 Japanese
2. The term "D" Day was 1st used by the U.S. Army in WW I. It referred to the first day of an upcoming battle.
3. In June, 1944 the German Army was an international army. It had troops all over the Soviet Empire, including: Mongolians, Cossacks, Georgians, Muslims, Chinese and Koreans. Most of these men were captured by the Germans in the Soviet Union in 1941-42.
4. Three quarters of American casualties that took place during the battle of Normandy, were caused by German Mortar fire.
5. Author Stephen Ambrose, who wrote many books on WW II, would travel all over the U.S. interviewing WW II vets for his books. After interviewing a veteran, Ambrose was getting ready to leave, when the vet said to him, "now don't make a hero out of me". Ambrose replied, "I don't make heroes, I just write about them". Unfortunately Stephen Ambrose died in 2002 at the age of 66. He was also the founder of the D-Day museum in New Orleans.
6. The top 5 Divisions with most casualties from D-Day (June 6th 1944) to the end of the war in Europe were: The 4th Infantry Division (35,545), The 9th Infantry Division (33,864), The 1st Infantry division (29,005), The 29th Infantry Division (28,776) and The 3rd Infantry Division (28,400).
7. The U.S. Destroyer U.H. Moore was commanded Lt Commander Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. son of The President. It saw action in the South Pacific.
8. U.S. production of WW II: 102,351 Tanks, 269,429 aircraft, 2,455,964 trucks, 5,425 cargo ships, and 71,062 Navy ships. That's not including the 16,000,000 serving in the Armed forces.
9. U.S. "odd" numbered Navy Fleets served in the Pacific and "even" numbered fleets served in the Atlantic.
10. U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier designators: CV- Aircraft Carrier, CVA- Attack Aircraft Carrier, CVB- Large Aircraft Carrier, CVL- Small Aircraft Carrier, CVE- Escort Aircraft Carrier and CVS- Seaplane Aircraft Carrier.

Membership

To all 2nd degree Knights; here's your opportunity to make your 3rd degree right here at our council home. On Saturday, February 3rd 2007 we will host a 3rd degree and if you are planning on attending to make the degree or observe you need to contact the Grand Knight (Rich Ferraro (919) 741-2212) or the Membership Director (Richard Scalise (919) 231-7231) as soon as possible. Registration starts at 11:00 AM and proper attire is required.

Family

Like to dance? Why not join us for our Family Valentines day dance on Friday, February 16th. The festivities start at 7:30 PM and food will be served. As always if you care to bring along a dish to share, you are welcome to do so. What a great way for Fathers and Daughters or Mothers and Sons to come out to the council and have a fun night!





Council Activity

Are You Ready For Some Football?

Come join us for our annual Super Bowl Party held on, you guessed it, Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th starting at 6:00 PM. Here's what you get for only \$10.00: 2 wide screen High-Def TV's in the lounge, 1 huge projection screen in the hall, tap and domestic beer, soda and loads of great food from kick-off to the final whistle. No penalty flags here....just some good old gridiron fun.



February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 3rd Degree @ Council 2546 @ 11:00 AM
4 Super Bowl Party 6:00 PM	5	6	7 Business Meeting 8:00 PM	8	9	10
11	12	13 Columbus Club Meeting 7:30 pm	14 St. Valentines Day	15	16 Family Valentines Day Dance 7:30 PM	17
18 4th Degree Social and Meeting	19	20	21 Ash Wednesday Presidents Day	22	23 Fish Fry 6:00 PM Santoro Team	24 State Basketball Tournament Winston/Salem
25	26	27 Officers/Directors Meeting 7:30 PM	28			

March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Fish Fry 6:00 PM Frisco Team	3
4	5	6	7 Business Meeting 8:00 PM	8	9 Fish Fry 6:00 PM Ferraro Team	10 State Bowling Tournament March 9/10 Kernersville, NC
11 Founders Day Mass 11:30 St. Joseph's Tentative	12	13	14	15	16 Fish Fry 6:00 PM Santoro Team	17 St. Patrick's Day Parade and Social Noon
18 4th Degree Social and Meeting	19	20	21	22	23 Fish Fry 6:00 PM Frisco Team	24
25	26	27 Officers/Directors Meeting 7:30 PM	28	29	30 Fish Fry 6:00 PM Ferraro Team	31

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