



Raleigh Knights

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

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Advocate

Carmine Sacchitello PGK

Lecturer

Ken Maldonado PGK

Inside Guard

Tony Difede

Outside Guard

Emmanuel Ezeobi

TRUSTEE 3RD YEAR

Mike McGehean PGK

TRUSTEE 2ND YEAR

Tim Whelan PGK

TRUSTEE 1ST YEAR

Ron Duffy PGK

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Council 2546 Makes It 3 In A Row

For the 3rd year in a row council 2546 's Blue Team has captured 1st place in the State Softball Tournament.

Great weather, some great food and a gathering of some Brother Knights made for an awesome Saturday afternoon.

The 5 teams that competed in the tournament were from: Council #8509, Ker-

nersville, Council 6650 Cary, Council **** and 2 teams from Council 2546, Raleigh. All day the competition was tough, but 2546's Blue Team rose to the occasion in the final game with some timely hitting against a tough Holy Cross team.

The games were enjoyed by families and friends of all the councils as well as

by our State Advocate Greg Kent.

During the presentation of the 1st and 2nd place trophies, Grand Knight Rich Ferraro dedicated the tournament to Brother Ken Growney who was in the hospital at the time. It was explained to all the other councils that Ken was our

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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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Richard Scalise
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Tom Dunham—Vice President
Tony Infantino—Secretary
Miguel Frisco—Treasurer
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Rich Ferraro GK
Vinny Sheehan
Tom Monck

For all of his hard work he does the ball shape chairing softball

Knight of the Month

keeping field in and co- the State Tournament this year, Brother "Big" Ed Bartoszewski receives the honors as Knight of the Month. Ed makes sure that the field is kept in shape, arranges and schedules times teams can rent the field and plays a pretty mean 1st base as well. This year, he and Brother Vinny Sheehan insured that the tournament ran smooth, there was more than enough food to eat and overcame all the obstacles of chairing an event such as this. Congratulations and thanks for all the hard work.

Family of the Month

Our Family of the Month honor goes to Brother Vinny Sheehan and his family; Diane, his wife, and two children, Vincent who is also a member of our council and his daughter Jaime. Vinny is our softball team manager, assisted Ed with chairing the softball tournament and is active in our bowling league. This past year, there was a need for a new director on the board of the Columbus Club, Vinny was asked and stepped up to the plate. He and his son also joined one of the fish fry teams and both stay pretty active around the council. Congratulations to Vinny and his family on this most worthy honor.

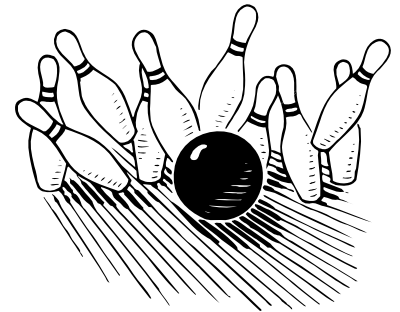
Good of the Order

Special Olympics, Fri June 1st, opening the games. We will host Organization meeting this year. We have been asked to provide Pall Bearers for both Leo Ciesla and Ken Growney funeral. June 9/10, Tony Defede will bike 150 miles for Diabetes.

Please pray for those who are sick: Pat Scalise, Ann Norkus, Bill Scott, Deacon Steve's son Mark, Ed Rogosich sister in law, Ed Ryan, Clare Maday, Jim McGowan's son, John Nussbaum's wife. Jerry Santoro's wife, Bob Singer, John Kilpatrick.

Please pray for those who have died: Brother Lew Baffaro. Sr Mary Louise Aguirre, Brother Al Ruocchio, Brother Leo Ciesla, Brother Ken Growney. Pray for all our Armed Forces Personnel.

At the State Bowling tournament held in Kernersville, Brothers Jerry Santoro PGK, Gary Post, John Copensky, Bob Kearney and Bob Vetrano took home the 1st place trophy. Congratulation to these fine Brother Knights as they represented Council 2546 (The Humble Council) in bringing home the gold.





Grand Knights Report

Having two of our Brother Knights pass within the same week was very emotional for me this past month. As I did not know Brother Leo that well, I heard many good things about him from some of our elder statesman. I was told he was very active in days past and was just a great, regular guy.

Brother Ken Growney on the other hand I came to know so very well. I first met Ken when I made my 1st and 2nd degrees along with Bob Kearney and Tim Whelan PGK. Ken had proposed them as he had proposed so many other past and future Knights. Ken was always looking for new blood. He was also present at our 3rd degree as well. When I told Ken I was originally from Oceanside, N.Y. and that my Father was in the Oceanside Council along with my nephew, he told me of the softball tournament where they played my Dad's council from Oceanside and what a great time it was. He loved telling me that story and I loved hearing it. No matter how many times I heard it, you could always tell Ken was quite proud of it. As I became more active in the council, Ken, along with some other elder Knights became mentors to me. I would speak with Ken after meetings or during socials and we would talk about some of the things he had helped get done for the council and things I would like to see get done. It was Ken who 1st told me I should consider moving up the Officer's ladder. Some of the best advice I ever received and I am glad I took it. The last time I saw Ken was at our April business meeting, which was just before he went into the hospital. I wanted to be sure he was going to attend the meeting as he had an update on the Grotto we are planning to erect on the council grounds. Ken so loved the idea of erecting the Grotto and he seemed to have a lot of people involved and was making progress. The other reason I was hoping he'd attend was that He was our Knight of the Month. As I presented him His certificate, you could see the gleam in his eye as he was so proud to receive it. Ever the humble one, Ken accepted it most graciously. Ken was an inspiration to a lot of Knights, young and old, this one included. His good deeds, His works and His memory will forever live on with Council 2546 and The Knights.

Vivat Jesus

Rich Ferraro GK



The weekend of May 18th, 19th and 20th, the annual North Carolina State Convention was held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel at RDU. The convention was attended by myself, DGK Jim Humphries, RDD John Nussbaum, DD Chris Podgurski, Tim Whelan PGK, Tim Kilpatrick and State Secretary (State Deputy elect) John Gouldie. Yes, I did nominate him and yes, he did get elected! Brother Gouldie follows a long list of members from council 2546 (The Humble Council) to not only serve at the State level, but also serve as our State Deputy. As current State Deputy Bob Grabasky put it: "The Reign of Terror is about to begin". All joking aside, we at Council 2546 are very proud of Brother Gouldie for his dedication to the order, his church and his country and will give full support to him and all State Officers the coming years.

Thanks to the hard work of our members, officers and directors, we also brought home some hardware.

This year we received awards for:

Largest Net Membership Gain for a Division IV council, 2006 Op L.A.M.B. Award for raising \$30,489.44, 125% of goal and having raised \$811,223.32 in the past 33 years (the most of any NC council), 3rd place in the Duane Russell Newsletter Competition, Distinguished Council Recognition and the only Division IV Council to receive The State Deputy Award.

As your representative to the convention, I was most humbled to accept all of these awards on behalf of Council 2546. All of you should be proud of yourselves and I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all of your support throughout this past year.

Once again, let me remind all of you that it does not stop here. Very soon our new fiscal year will begin, with new Officers and Directors that need your help. And we need to stay focused on all of our goals. That means more help from **ALL OF YOU!** Think of all the great deeds we can accomplish if we all just helped a little more, got involved in areas we need more help in and attended more meetings and functions. It's great to get these awards and recognition....but what it's all about is the help we lend to others who are in need and to our Brother Knights.

God Bless You and God Bless The Knights of Columbus.

Your Most Humble Grand Knight,

Rich Ferraro

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11th man on the team as he had always been our manager and that our field was named for him as he was instrumental in having the field installed on our council's grounds. Brother Ken passed away the following Wednesday, so I believe it was fitting that we dedicated the tournament and the trophy to Ken

I would like to thank all of the teams that participated and I would like to thank all of my Brother Knights who helped put the tournament together as well as those who helped with the cooking and cleaning:

Ed Bartesewski and Vinny Sheehan for co-chairing, Michael Ames and Ken Maldonado PGK for cooking and clean up and a special thanks to our state athletic director Tim Whelan PGK.



Nominations for fiscal year 2007/2008

<u>Grand Knight</u>	<u>Jim Humphrys</u>
<u>Deputy Grand Knight</u>	<u>Ed Rogosich</u>
<u>Chancellor</u>	<u>Mark Palko</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Dave Bayard</u>
<u>Warden</u>	<u>Tony Difede</u>
<u>Advocate</u>	<u>Carmine Sacchitello PGK</u>
<u>Recorder</u>	<u>Joe Ryan</u>
<u>Inside Guard</u>	<u>Emmanuel Ezeobi</u>
<u>Outside Guard</u>	<u>Mike Varvaro</u>

Deacon Steve will serve as Chaplin.

Michael Ames is proposed as the new FS.

If there are any other nominations to go before the floor, they must be submitted at our next business meeting on June 6, 2007. Brothers, this is your time to nominate and vote for the candidates. I encourage you to come to the next meeting and show support for your council and its officers.

Vivat Jesus

Brothers, let us keep the dream of Brother Ken Growney alive. Ken so wanted to have a statue of The Blessed Virgin Mary erected on our council grounds and he has come close to fulfilling it. There is still a lot of work to be done and more funds to be raised. Brother Gerry Ryan has proposed that if every Knight in our council would donate just \$10.00 each, we will be able to not only keep the dream alive, but fulfill it as well. Some of you have already donated some money and some of you have pledged your time.....but we need it to be universal. This dream should be all of ours. A council as humble as ours should have a Grotto with the Statue of Mary proudly displayed. Please, find it in your hearts to help....Just \$10.00, or if you care to donate more, I'm sure Ken wouldn't mind. Make your check payable to KofC 2546, attention Grotto fund and send them to the council or to me or to Gerry Ryan.

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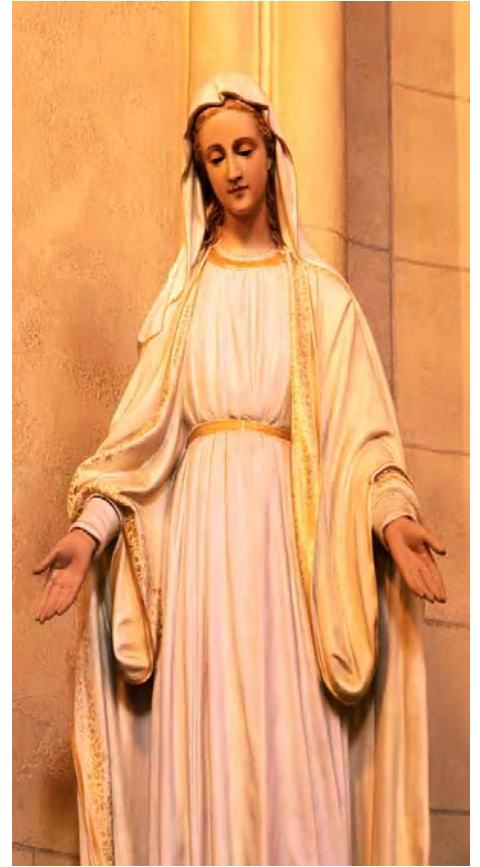
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Mary, Queen of the Knights, Pray for Us

Rich Ferraro GK

As reported in a past newsletter, Council 2546 will conduct a Spring and a Fall Tootsie Roll street drive to support Op L.A.M.B. Our spring drive will take place June 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th. Sign up sheets are at the Council and there are plenty of shifts to be filled. I encourage all members, especially our newest ones to please come out and participate. For more information, please contact GK Rich Ferraro (741-2212), DGK Jim Humphrys (366-2225) or Op L.A.M.B. Director Jerry Santoro (839-1667). In addition to our street collections, we depend on corporate and personal donations as well. Please ask your employers, your family and friends and yourselves to contribute to this most worthy cause. All donations are tax deductible, but the best part is you get to help some very special people.

“For The Least Among My Brother”



The State Organizational Meeting will be held on July 20th, 21st and 22nd at the Sheraton Imperial at RDU and guess who the Host Council is? That's right, our own council 2546.

Plenty of help will be needed with registration, hospitality, babysitting and event planning. This is a great opportunity to not only show support for your council, but for one of your council's most notable members, Brother John Gouldie, our new State Deputy elect. Please contact Chairman Rich Ferraro GK (741-2212) or Registration Chairman John Nussbaum RDD PGK (266-6257) for more information on how you can help.

In addition to helping out, you get to meet some Brother Knights from all over the state, make some new friends and perhaps see some old friends as well.

10 Facts About World War II with Carmine Saccitello PGK

1. Adolph Hitler's father's birth name was Aloys Schicklgruber. It was the maiden name of Hitler's paternal Grandmother, who was unmarried when Hitler's father was born. She then married a man named Hiedler. When Hitler's father grew up, he changed his name from Hiedler to Hitler. If Hitler's Grandmother never married, the Nazi salute would have been "Heil Schicklgruber".
2. Pea Shooter was the name given to U.S. fighter planes by U.S. bomber crews during WW II.
3. One of every four of the Japanese in WW II died in captivity.
4. When the U.S. invaded Okinawa in April 1945, the U.S. ships offshore fired 400,000 tons of shells onto the island for three days.
5. Of the 300 U.S. subs that patrolled the Pacific, and to a lesser degree the Atlantic, fifty-two were lost. Between 65-75 men manned a U.S. sub.
6. General George Marshall, who was Chief of Staff of the Army during WW II said in May of 1938, when he was a Brigadier General, that "the entire U.S. combat force could be seated in Chicago's Soldier Field".
7. Adolph Hitler and Josef Stalin, as young boys, both sang in their Church Choirs (believe it or not).
8. A U.S. Marine who was in the invasion of Okinawa said after being on the island for 2 hours, "I have lived longer than I expected".
9. The U.S. Military Academy located at West Point, N.Y. was founded in 1802. The graduating class of 1915 produced 60 Generals. Most served in WW II and among them were Eisenhower and Omar Bradley.
10. Robert Wall was U.S. Navy seaman aboard the Carrier Hornet, who was accidentally thrown into the propeller of the last B-52 to depart for Doolittle's raid on Tokyo on April 18, 1942. Seaman Wall lost his left arm in the accident.



The annual meeting of the membership of the Columbus Club of Raleigh will be held on Sunday July 8, 2007, at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Council Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect four (4) directors to the Columbus Club of Raleigh Board of Directors. Open positions include two (2) directors for three (3) year terms and two (2) directors for two (2) year terms. Nominations for director will be accepted from the floor.

The annual chicken BBQ was a huge success! Thank you everyone who helped out...Initial estimates show we made more than \$1,200 dollars.

At the May Board of Directors meeting, the Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Board President, Mike Kuharcik. As Vice President, Tom Dunham will be taking on the duties of the President until new officers are elected at the annual meeting in July. The Board of Directors would like to thank Mike for his many years of devoted service to the Columbus Club.

The 1st section of this article was submitted by Tom Dunham, Vice president of the Columbus Club. As Grand knight and member of the board, I would like to add the following:

Please remember that as members of Council 2546, we are also members of Our Columbus Club. That's right, our Columbus Club. These past several years some great changes were made with one thought in mind; the betterment of our Council and Council home. Of course there will always be differences of opinions, but we need to stay focused on the overall big picture. In order to continue this trend, we need new faces and new ideas and you the membership body is where these faces and ideas come from. With all of our new members and members that have been around for several years, we have a large pool to tap this talent from. There are still many improvements left to be done. Now is the time to get active!

June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 3rd Degree in Garner
3	4	5	6 1st Degree 7:00 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
24	25	29 O/D Meeting 7:30 PM	27	28	29	30

July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Annual 4th of July Family Celebration	5	6	7
8 Columbus Club Meeting and Elections 2:00PM	9	10	11 Business Meeting 8:00 PM	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Installation Dinner 7:00 PM	28
29	30	31 Officers/directors Meeting 7:30 PM				

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