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The Rain won't get us down proclaimed future Knights of Columbus Adam Grilliot, Jake Hoeing and Adam Touchstone as they pose for a photo at this year's Fourth of July Family Picnic. See the full story below. *Photo Courtesy of Kristie Touchstone*

Fourth of July Picnic Wrap-Up

On July 4th, 2011 Council 2829 held the Annual Picnic at the home of Mark and Kelly Cavanaugh. This year we had a great family turnout with 86 men, women and children in attendance. The festivities got going around 5:00 p.m. and despite a thunderstorm in the middle of dinner, everyone had a great time. The kids went out and played in the rain while the adults hung out in the garage and under the tent near the barbeque grill. The only "casualties" of the evening due to the weather was the collapse of the Touchstone's tailgating tent and a few hamburgers that fell to the ground when Dan Schuller slipped on the wet concrete and took a header into the garage with a plate full of meat. A special thanks go out to Mark, Kelly, Maureen and Audrey Cavanaugh for their wonderful hospitality!

Aug. & Sept. Calendar

August 16

First Degree Ceremony
No Monthly Business Meeting
See inside for Details

August 23

Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m.
J Butlers- Lewisville

Sept 10

Third Degree in Pinehurst
9:00 a.m.
For details, go to www.kofcnc.org

Sept 17

Highway Clean-up
8:00 a.m.
See inside for Details

Sept 17-18

State Golf Tournament
Jacksonville, NC
See inside for Details

Sept 18

St. Leo's Church Picnic
Tanglewood Park
See inside for Details

Sept 24

State Bocce Ball Tournament
Miller Park, W-S
See inside for Details

Council 2829 Softball Season Comes to an End

The 2011 softball season came to an end for the Council 2829 team on July 28 at Calvary Baptist Church. The boys of summer were eliminated from the Calvary Baptist Thursday Night League tournament after a 13 to 5 loss to the "Third Stringers" ball club from Calvary Baptist. Council 2829 had a rough season winning only 2 ball games (one by forfeit) during the season. Despite a poor record and never quite getting the bats going this year, the team had several outstanding defensive plays that minimized the damage in many games. Team manager Mark Cavanaugh has done a great job patching together enough guys to field a team every week, even through summer vacation season. According to the skipper, each team member will be given a DVD copy of P90X in order to bulk up and be ready to hit the long ball next season. A big thanks needs to go out to J Butlers in Lewisville, NC who again was our "sponsor" by providing the team with free wings and other various discounts after the games each week. Try to make it out to Lewisville a couple of times this off-season to show your support for the J Butler's sponsorship.

Membership - First Degree Set for August 16!!

Please come over to St. Leo's on August 16th for the First Degree ceremonial. As of right now we have 1 new potential Knight that we have been trying to get in for many months now. Following the meeting, we will have some food and instead a business meeting, we will have a social event and an informational meeting to introduce our new members to the programs and services afforded to each Knight of Columbus. Please note that this degree is not on the normal meeting night and we will not be having a monthly business meeting.

Carl Horstkamp is our new membership director for this fraternal year and we are very excited about some of the ideas he has for new members. Our membership assessment for this year is 14 new Knights and 5 new insurance members. If we meet this goal, we are in line to make Star Council for the 2nd time in 3 years. With a concerted effort to find new quality men to join our order we not only grow our council but introduce new life into our council programs.

Third Degree Ceremony in September

If you are a Second degree member and looking to become a Third Degree, there is a ceremonial set for September 10, 2011 in Pinehurst, NC. For more information, go to www.kofcnc.org and click on "ceremonials".

State Golf Tournament

The Annual State Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament will be held on September 17 and 18, 2011 in Jacksonville, NC. Those Knights that have attended in the past can vouch that this is a great event to meet other Knights around the State and have a fun time. If you are interested in getting a foursome together and driving out to the coast, please contact Larry Stewart at 910.376.2845 or at lstewart@ee.rr.com



Pro-Life Report

The 40 Days for Life Campaign will begin on Wednesday, Sept 28 and end on Sunday, Nov 6. I have not as yet heard anything from Toni Buckler, but I fully expect that she would appreciate assistance from the Knights of Columbus again. As I know you are aware our 3 councils have covered the evening hours, Sundays through Fridays, from 5 PM to 8 PM. Sometimes we are joined by other pro-Lifers, and at other times we are the only presence. Before we took on this effort, many times a women or women were there by themselves, women that should have been able to go home and prepare supper for their children and husbands. And women that, on at least one occasion, some abortion proponents tried to intimidate. So I hope that our 3 councils can again participate during this Fall Campaign. Since we do not have to cover the Saturdays, and because the campaign winds down early on the last Sunday, that again leave 33 days that require our effort. Last year each council took 11 days in a row (leaving out Saturdays) and we made our presence felt. I would surmise we will want to schedule similar this Fall. Our volunteer days will be Oct 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, Nov 1, 2, 3, 4. Please let me know of any preference you have for volunteering for an evening. I will be preparing a sign-up sheet and will be calling to fill up the slots for our allotment of days.



In addition to 40 Days for Life, the early autumn is a flurry of pro-Life activities. The Dixie Classic Fair begins, Sept 30 - Oct 9. The Respect Life Booth and the Birthright Booth need volunteers. The pro-Life Sunday, when pro-Life signs are held along Hanes Mall Blvd., will be Oct 2. Also, Holy Family Church has held its own pro-Life demonstration on US 158 on front of the US Post Office in Clemmons, usually on one Sunday in Oct. I'm certain they would welcome any Knights who would like to participate.

Vivat Jesus,
Brother Dick Finn

State Bocce Ball Tournament

Dear Brother Knights –

It is time to plan for the 2011 State Bocce Ball Tournament.

This year the tournament will be played on September 24th. It will be held at the same location as last year, Miller Park in Winston-Salem. Tournament play will begin at 9:00 AM, so plan on getting there by 8:30 AM. Over the last three years that the councils of Holy Family, Our Lady of Mercy and St Leo's have collectively put this tournament together, and it has grown to a great family outing. Do not miss this opportunity for fun and Brotherhood. The competition is great, the food is terrific and the camaraderie is next to none.

The cost of the event is the same as last year \$60.00 per team, the cost includes lunch for the players.

Should you have a guest that wants to stay for lunch, no problem. That cost is \$10.00 per person.

A copy of the rules and regulations, council application and flier will come to you in a separate mailing.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 336 624 – 0747 or tmiller71@triad.rr.com

We welcome as many teams as you can put together. You just need two Brother Knight's per team.

I look forward to receiving you timely positive response for this event. Deadline is September 10th.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Miller PGK

Chairman

Santa Maria Council 2829

O'Doherty Named to State Council Position

PGK Pat O'Doherty has recently accepted the position of Liaison to the Boy Scouts of America for the Knights of Columbus North Carolina State Council. This position is maintained under the State Director of Youth Programs, a position held by J.C. Reiher. It is very exciting that a member of our council is serving at the state level, especially in a position that Pat is extremely qualified to hold. Pat has been an active "Scouter" for 3 decades (almost as long as he has been a Knight) and currently serves as Piedmont District Commissioner in the Old Hickory Council of the BSA. As you well know the programs served in the K of C parallel those of the Boy Scouts and we are always looking to partner with them in our efforts to help the church and the community. Plus, those boys we know as "First Class Scouts" become the men that we look for as potential Knights to join our Order. Congratulations Pat!

Plan Ahead to Attend the St. Leo's Church Picnic

The annual St. Leo's Church Picnic will be held on September 18, 2011 at Tanglewood Park in Clemmons, NC. The Picnic and Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Knights will of course be involved in the preparation of the food for the event. Dan Levstek, our family director, will be working with the parish council and other church groups to have a good event and he needs your help. Plan on coming out and attending the picnic and volunteering a little bit of your time as we prepare the food and enjoy the fellowship of the entire Parish Community. Please wear your Knights of Columbus Shirts, hats and badges to let everyone in the Parish know that you are in the Council!

Ceremonial/ Degree Team Report

Effective immediately every council now has their own First Degree Team and the ability to instantly add new members to their existing teams. You do not have to memorize the parts as previously required as they can be read!!! We now have a new LARGE PRINT First Degree book that was sent to every Grand Knight on record with Supreme, in December 2010. It is not a serialized book, thus can be reproduced locally, without having to go to Supreme. However, every precaution should be taken not to allow these to fall into the wrong hands. We have been instructed to not let any man wait more than 2 weeks to take his First Degree. Let's let all our candidates know that we want them to be our brother by getting them in the Order right away. In order to achieve this lofty goal we must have additional degree team members to fill the spots of the existing team if they are not able to perform the ceremony with such regularity. In addition, we will be working closely with the councils at Our Lady of Mercy and Holy Family in Clemmons to schedule First Degrees so that we can get new men into the order as soon as possible after their commitment to join has been made. Please contact Pat O'Doherty if you are interested in joining the team.

Highway Clean-up

The first Fall Highway cleanup day to be held on September 17, 2011 on Northpoint BLVD. in Winston-Salem. As always meet at the McDonald's on Northpoint at 8:00 a.m. for a little coffee and fellowship. The cleanup should take less than two hours. It's good exercise and you'll feel good that you did something for the community before lunchtime on a Saturday!!

Grand Knight's Minute

My Brother Knights:

As summer comes to an end and we embark on another Autumn filled with many program and service activities. The executive committee has been busy master planning our fall activities and shaping the direction our council will be going for the next 6 months. As I mentioned last month we are working hard to increase the spiritual component of our order to make each of our brothers better Christians and Catholics. The first phase of our multi-phase plan is to introduce a greater spirituality into our program events and meetings. In order to prepare for this new commitment, we have deferred our monthly business meeting in August so that we can come back in September with a renewed focus on the business at hand as well as new elements to the meetings that will hopefully draw us closer to our faith.

Some of the new items we will be introducing (or re-introducing) to our council meetings will be:

Starting at 6:30 Knights will be present in the meeting room to pray the Rosary together as a council. Please plan to show up early to pray. We feel that this simple (optional) gesture will allow us to fulfill the promise we all took when we became Knights to "pray the Rosary as often as you can". Hopefully this time of prayer will allow each of us to "clear our minds" through prayer and prepare us for a successful meeting.

Secondly, we will use the time set aside for the opening ode (which we never sing) to read aloud and reflect on a Scripture verse or some other inspirational text. This simple act calls to mind that we must always go back to the scripture as Catholic Gentlemen and allow its wisdom to guide us in our decisions throughout our business meeting.

Our opening and closing prayers will be dedicated each month to a different saintly figure in our Church's history. Each Knight will be given a prayer card and we will recite a prayer to this saint. We will select the saints based on the time of year or other events in the church calendar. We will also accept suggestions for Saints to pray to each month from the membership.

As Grand Knight I am deeply grateful to the executive committee for providing and sharing these new ideas for us to implement into the meetings. As the year progresses we will be rolling out additional programs along these same lines and I hope that each of you take advantage. Come and take advantage of the great spiritual wealth our council can provide for it truly is the greatest benefit of brotherhood in the Knights of Columbus.

See you in September!!

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Ethun
Your Grand Knight

Good of the Order

Please keep our District Deputy Brother Gary Bogunia in your thoughts and prayers as he is preparing to have surgery this upcoming month. We wish you a speedy recovery Gary!