



# KERNER KNIGHT

**December 2009**  
Council 8509

## CALENDAR

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| Dec 5 10:30a Saturday FRUIT ARRIVES. Salesian Hall    | Dec 5 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Party                   |
| Dec 5:50p Each Wednesday - Festival of Lights         | Dec 12 Noon 4 <sup>th</sup> Deg Our Lady of G parade |
| Dec 7 7:00p Officers meeting-Commons                  | Dec 14 7:00p Business Meeting – Commons              |
| Dec 19 8:00a Highway Cleanup-Hastings Hill/Woodbridge | Dec 21 Articles due                                  |
| Jan 4 7:00p Officers Meeting-Commons                  | Jan 10 8:30a Pancake Breakfast-Commons               |
| Jan 11 7:00p Business Meeting-Commons                 | Jan 18 Articles due                                  |
| Jan 23 6:30p Recognition Dinner                       |  |

### Greetings from the Grand Knight

As the church starts a New Year with the season of Advent, we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and then the birth of Christ. This season brings joy, and sharing with friends and families as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas. Our council has accomplished many things the past few months. We have started the Sunday breakfast again with success. We are working at Tanglewood for the festival of lights and accomplishing a few tasks Fr Paul DeChant has requested. I would like to give thanks to Dick Meyer and Phil Lamendola for giving us such great insight of Fr McGivney and the State Council at our last meeting

The generosity and contribution of your time demonstrates what it really means to be a Knight of Columbus. As our Holy Cross community continues to grow, please talk to our newcomers about the Knights. May you all have a Merry Christmas and safe Happy New Year.  
Vivat Jesus,  
Tony Belline GK

### Prayer Request

Sister Columbiette Mary Ann Albright  
Fathers Paul Dechant and Joe Tustin; Deacons Gene Gillis and Tim Ritchey

### Knights & Family Of The Month

|            | <u>Knight of the Month</u> | <u>Family of the Month</u>  |
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| September: | Fred Hogan                 | Ricardo & Christopher Perez |
| October:   | Thurman Dubose             | Sal & Margie Vita           |

### Operation LAMB

#### URGENT REQUEST

After several years of parking cars at Tanglewood and efforts of our GK & PGK, we have been given the opportunity to work Wednesday nights at the FESTIVAL of LIGHTS! There is absolutely no parking of cars involved!!! Not being able to work the grocery stores has really handicapped our raising of funds for Operation LAMB.

Our duties are to work the main gate and collect the entrance fee from all vehicles that attend. Our receipts will be \$0.35 per vehicle. We will supply 6 people every Wednesday from 5:00 to 11:00 PM starting Wednesday November 18th through January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Please support us in this effort. Members, wives, kids, and friends, 18 years of age and up are welcome to volunteer. Put a team together.

For more details and to sign up, please contact **Dave Shepherd** 996-6356 right away. Dave is trying to fill several opening for the rest of the schedule.

Please remember that Charity is our most important role as Knights.

**Jean Dion** 785-3047

**Dave Shepherd** 996-6356

**Fred Hogan** 650-1947

### **Air Show Update**

I want to thank the Dennis Muelker for helping out also.

### **Refund Support Vocations Program**

Don't forget to save those aluminum cans during the holidays!! We collect aluminum to help support this effort. Please **do not** put plastic or tin cans in the bags you drop off. We are not able to handle, let alone sort through these bags. The Recycle Center will make us dump all our bags out if they find plastic or tin in them. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Please bring your aluminum to the Knights meetings each month**

Put your bags in the **Green Recycle Bin** out back of the Commons. If a large bag, leave near the Recycle Bin. If you have large bags or other recyclable metals, I can pick them up for you. It helps if you have rinsed and crushed the cans. We are able to carry more aluminum to the recycle center.

**The recycle center just has increased what they are paying for aluminum cans to 45 cents/lb!**  
Mike Asher, 310-3482 home / 970-1513 cell

### **Toys for Tots**

#### **URGENT REQUEST**

No one brought food donations to the last meeting. We desperately need donations of canned, bagged, and boxed food items. Boxed like in cake mixes, frosting, instant potatoes, oatmeal, pasta. Bagged items like rice. Canned vegetables, beans, fruit, pasta... We are trying to provide boxes of food for 10 families. If you are involved with a youth group, adult group, or at work you can get some additional donations, it would REALLY help.

Instead of checks or cash, we could use grocery store gift cards to use for meat or turkey to supplement the canned goods. The Columbiettes donated \$199.99 to use for gift cards from Wal-Mart and Target for children over 13. The Marines are not able to provide 'toys' for these kids.

Herb Pennington 785-1948 Craig Schwarz 402-3012 Jason Bishop 499-2532 Scott Thomas 499-6024

### **Pancake Breakfasts**

Return in January. We could use volunteers for the next breakfast.

### **4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE NEWS**

The Pope John Paul II assembly is having a very busy season so far. A special thank you to all who volunteer their time and treasure on a regular basis for all of our events. We accomplish many things because of your dedication and sacrifices.

1. On November 11, Veterans Day, we placed flags at the graves of our veterans at the cemetery in Walkertown. We placed 100 flags and only covered a portion of the cemetery. WE need to purchase more for Memorial day.
2. A collection was made after Masses on Nov 14-15 and Nov 21-22 for the Wounded Warrior Program. A total of \$4,213.55 was collected and sent to the Military Order of the Purple Heart. At last count we had 230 names of wounded men and women who needed transportation for the holidays. Once again the parishioners of Holy Cross were extremely generous for this cause.

### **Upcoming Events**

December 4<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Degree Christmas Party at the Royal House

December 12<sup>th</sup> – Procession for Our Lady of Guadalupe from Harmon Park to Holy Cross Church, organized by the Hispanic community.

### **Knights of Columbus Insurance**

#### **Membership growth is everyone's goal**

The membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, community and Order.

At the beginning of the fraternal year, we set our eyes on the goal of achieving the Star Council Award. This means running many successful and varied programs throughout the year and using this activity to spread the word about the Order. This will bring in new members.

Don't forget the strength of our life insurance, long-term care and annuities products is also a selling point of membership. For more than 125 years, our insurance has been "making a difference for life." Our ratings are among the best in the business. For the 16th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus insurance program has earned Standard & Poor's highest rating, and for the 33rd consecutive year, A.M. Best Company has given us its highest financial strength rating.

I can help not only in explaining to prospects our outstanding insurance products, but also on the many other benefits of becoming a knight. I am happy to be an advocate for the Order and for our council. Even better, I can help you feel more comfortable in making the membership "sale" to prospects yourself.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity.

I'm at 336-689-3225 or [steven.wolff@kofc.org](mailto:steven.wolff@kofc.org).  
Steven Wolff, Field Agent

### **Holy Cross Website**

Have you been there yet? [www.holycrossnc.org](http://www.holycrossnc.org) There is information on the *Stewards of the Mass*. You can find the Priest's Mass schedules, Holy Day and Holiday Schedules. On the right side of the Home Page, you will find the church calendar. Checkout what is going on and when. Very detailed!

Father Paul has put a link for the Saints for each day at the bottom of the Home Page. Take a few minutes and explore our church's website. You will be surprised at what you find on there! The Kerner Knight can be found under the Knights section on the Parish Community tab.

### **WANTED**

The Knights of Columbus **Kerner Knight** needs your articles in early. If you are in charge of a program, write it up, thank those who participated. We'll publish it. Contact Herb Pennington 785-1948 or [herbpennjr@bigplanet.com](mailto:herbpennjr@bigplanet.com)

Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers to assist with the masses. For more information, visit <http://www.holycrossnc.org/> click on Stewards of the Mass. This is an opportunity to volunteer your time as a Knight. Contact Herb Pennington.

All articles in by 21<sup>st</sup> of the month