



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Saint Luke

Council 12832

Mint Hill, NC

February 2009 News Letter

Brothers All:

A 1st Degree ceremony will be held at the February Business Meeting (Feb 15). Membership Director Vinnie Mantione has indicated that there are 6 men who will take their 1st degree. It would be great to see a large turnout in support of the new Knights. The Knights Insurance Agent has been requested to attend as well and hopefully he will be able to attend.

As most of you know Brother Brian Quinlivan passed away. Brian's wife, Trish, wanted to thank the Knights for all of the support that was provided throughout the family's ordeal.

There was a very large turnout for Fr. Paul Gary's 25th Anniversary celebration to the priesthood. 4th Degree Sir Knights from St Luke Council were among them in regalia to usher the Bishop and Fr. Gary into mass.

Brother Phil Angelo is spear-heading the 4 day / 3 night cruise to Nassau in the Bahamas. Response has been very good so far, but a reminder to those who have initially signed up that the first deposit must be paid in order to hold the requested cabins. A chartered bus will probably be available for those wishing to use it. Cost will be determined once a firm number of interested people have been identified. If you are interested contact Phil.

As you know Lent is right around the corner and with Lent comes the Knights Fish Fries. The Fish Fries will be every Friday beginning February 27 thru April 3. Time is 4 to 7 PM. Eat in or take out We will need about 10 Brothers to volunteer for each Friday. If you will be available to help contact Paul Cook. There will be a sign up sheet at the Business meeting or you can call or email Paul at (**Cell 757-880-5497 prcbowl@aol.com**). This is an excellent opportunity for the new Knights to get out and meet the Brothers. There will be a few new items on the menu this year on a trial basis. Prices remain the same as last year so it is a real bargain.

Fr. Gary has agreed to have the Stations of the Cross begin at 7:30 PM. So come out to the Fish Fry and stay for the Stations.

State Raffle Tickets are in and Brother Jack Ribosh will be contacting each Brother about the tickets. The Knights State raffle also benefits our Council. For each ticket that is sold the Council gets \$2.50. So be ready to get your tickets at the meeting this weekend.

Our Founder's Day celebration will be after the 5 PM mass on Saturday March 21. Not all of the details have been finalized yet, but mark your calendars and plan on attending. It will be the event of the year.

LAMB director Joe Vrendenberg has requested that if you have a Food Lion card, and are willing, that you would bring it to the Business meeting. Food Lion allows a percentage of all of your purchases to be designated to LAMB. Brother Joe is hard at work on some new programs so please provide him your support in this effort. Some of the ideas will be addressed it at the meeting.

There is a 3rd Degree on March 7th at St. Matthews Knights Hall. Membership Director Vinnie currently has 13 Brothers already signed up to attend. If you have not signed up, please speak to Vinnie.

The Knights sponsored Annual Pastor's Masters will be held on May 31st at Charlotte National Golf Club. Brother Jim Glose is heading the event and will need help manning different areas at the event. He will make an announcement at the meeting.

Brother Fred Parry continues to improve each day. Please continue to keep Fred and his family in your prayers.

Congratulations to all of the Brothers who made their 2nd Degree on January 24 at St Thomas Aquinas.

Just another reminder that the Council is going to provide name tags for those wives/significant others who assist the Knights in so many of our functions. If any Brother would like to get their wives a name tag contact Financial Secretary Ken Ward or get with one of the officers and get their names on the list. The name tags will have the persons name and "**KNIGHTS LADIES**" will be the designation on the tag.

Any pictures that you may have that you are willing to have included in the annual Council Scrapbook should be given to Trustee Chris Headley. Chris's wife Judy has graciously consented to prepare the scrapbook for this year.

Remember that any Brother can nominate another Brother as Knight of the Month or a family for Family of the Month. So if you feel that someone should be nominated please speak up.

As always, please wear your Knights name tag at all Knights sponsored function as well as at mass. While we recognize each other by sight, not everyone is gifted at remembering names.

Brother Matt Dimmock has been working with Brother Ken Ward on updating and enhancing the St Luke council Website. A link to "flickr.com" will be provided, along with directions on how to use it. Flickr is free a website that hosts pictures. More specifics will be forthcoming.

We continue to work on getting the Council Website up to date and accurate. If you have any web skills and are willing to assist, contact Brother Ken Ward. The site URL is www.stlukeknights.com

A good location for Knights information is the Knights North Carolina State website. Site URL is www.kofcnc.org

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