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I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Holiday and will have a Happy Healthy New Year full of meaningful resolutions we'll be able to keep.

December was very eventful. The Shallotte Christmas Parade on December 1st was successful, though it moved much too quickly. Those who participated got quite a workout trying to pass out Tootsie Rolls and keep up with the float. Everyone who attended enjoyed the good camaraderie and excellent food at the Council Christmas Dinner on December 7th at Chianti South. Thanks to Brother Dick Jania for organizing the dinner. The American Red Cross gave us a goal of 30 pints at the blood drive on December 11th. We managed to exceed that by one pint. Brother Larry Bates did a super job putting it together. Finally, the ice cream and cake social at Autumn Care Assisted Living on December 12th went very well. Brother Ed Manz and his fellow performers put on a great show and Brothers Dick Jania and Mike Dolan put forth their usual outstanding effort organizing the ice cream and cake portion.

It's a new year with new challenges and things are not slowing down too much. On January 5th, the Council is participating in the Interchurch Council Run for Food on Ocean Isle Beach. We will be manning a water station to pass out drinks to participants. If you are interested in helping, contact either myself (tel: 910-287-7566; e-mail: jdambaugh@atmc.net) or Brother Tom Davin (tel: 910-579-9678; e-mail: tpdavin@atmc.net).

Saturday, January 12th will be the date of the annual Basketball Free Throw Championship. The event will be held at Shallotte Middle School and volunteers are asked to be there by 9:30 for a 10:00 am start time. A total of 10 to 15 volunteers will be needed to adequately run the contest. This is a great opportunity to interact with the kids and it is a lot of fun. If you are interested, please contact either Brother Paul Lombardi (tel: 910-754-3825; e-mail: lombardi94@atmc.net), or Brother Wade Fulmer (tel: 910-579-1379; e-mail: wwfulmer@yahoo.com). Sign-ups are also available on our web-site: www.kofc-shallotte.org.

There are two local/State Right to Life events coming up in January. The

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first is the Raleigh Rally & March for Life on January 12th. Bishop Burbidge will give the Invocation and remarks at the Rally. A Prayer Breakfast is also scheduled for that day at 10:00am. The Southport Council is investigating if there is sufficient interest to charter a bus so you may not even have to drive. If you are interested, please contact me.

The second event is a Prayer Vigil in Wilmington on Saturday, January 19th from 12:00 to 2:00pm. Sally & I have attended this before and it is a very worthwhile way to spend a couple hours in support of Right to Life. Contact me if you are interested.

Everyone is reminded that we are selling a Dining & Value Guide Coupon Book containing coupons for restaurants and businesses in Wilmington, Brunswick County and even a few in Myrtle Beach. A couple of Knights have said they have already paid for the books using about 3 coupons. Others have indicated that using the Home Depot coupon has almost covered the expense of the book. The books are \$25 each. Of this, the Council receives \$10 for each book sold. If interested, contact either Brother Al Bleich (tel: 910-575-4050; email: ableich@atmc.net), or Brother Bob Benson (tel: 910-754-9220; e-mail: bendek@aol.com).

I am scheduling a First Degree Ceremonial at 6:00pm on January 28th before the Officer's Meeting. Please plan to attend to offer moral support for our First Degree team and to welcome our new Knight(s) into the Council.

Kathy Doyle of St. Brendan Social Services has forwarded to me an upcoming volunteer opportunity at West Brunswick High School. Approximately 40 volunteers are needed as judges for the Senior Projects at the High School on Thursday, January 10th. They would have to be at the media center at 4:30pm to view a short video on what judges should be looking for in the presentations. Judging begins at 5:00pm and will hopefully be completed by 7:00pm. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Pat Fenton (tel: 910-754-4338; e-mail: pfenton@bcswan.net). In the event you decide to volunteer, please let me know for my records.

Another great social event is being planned by Brother Tom Davin on February 28th at the Carolina Opry to attend their variety show of music, comedy and dancing. The cost will be \$28 per person and Tom needs to know if you are planning to attend by Wednesday, January 23rd, 2008, with payment due by February 8th. Tom can be reached at (tel: 910-579-9678; e-mail: davin1@atmc.net). Checks should be made out to "KofC Council #9039" and sent to Tom. His address is 569 Westchester Place, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469.

Due to the fact that the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and a couple of other Officers will be out of town on the second Monday of February, the February Business Meeting is rescheduled for Monday, February 18th. Please make a note on your calendars.

Finally, I am required to turn in a report to Supreme that details volunteer hours performed by Knights in the Council. It is due at the State Mid-Year Meeting on January 19th. It is impossible for me to know all the good things Council members do unless you tell me. I would like to make the report as accurate as possible and would appreciate if you could send me the volunteer hours each of you performed during the 2007 calendar year in the following areas: Church, Community, Youth, Habitat for Humanity, Miscellaneous. Thank you for your help.

Vivat Jesus,

Jack

JANUARY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Run for Food	Jan. 5 th , Ocean Isle Beach, Time TBA
Senior Project Volunteering	Jan. 10 th , 4:30pm, WBHS
Basketball Free Throw Contest	Jan. 12 th , 9:30am, Shallotte Middle School
Rally for Life	Jan. 12 th , Raleigh
Council Business Meeting	Jan. 14 th , 7:00pm, Church
State Mid-Year Meeting	Jan. 19 th , Greenville, NC
Right to Life Prayer Vigil	Jan. 19 th , Wilmington
1 st Degree	Jan. 28 th , 6:00pm, Church
Officer's Meeting	Jan. 28 th , 7:00pm, Church
Semi-Annual Audit	Jan. 28 th , 8:00pm, Church

LOWER CAPE FEAR HOSPICE

This is one of the organizations that we support with our charitable contributions. They recently forwarded information to the Council about what they do and I would like to share it with Council members. The organization provides Hospice & Palliative Care Services for newborns through the aged. About 50% of these have cancer. They also provide Bereavement Services that offer grief support for adults and children. Since 1980, they have served almost 20,000 patients and families in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender counties. Most of these were able to remain in their homes, but more intensive round-the-clock hospice care is provided at their Hospice Care Center in Wilmington. They currently have under construction a six-bed hospice facility in Whiteville that they hope to have completed in mid-2008. It will serve residents of Brunswick, Bladen and Columbus counties.



Ed Manz—Knight of the Month



John Grant receiving the Family of the Month Award



Father Hector LaChapelle

Dear Chaplain,

I want to know what is being done by the Church for women who have had abortions and need help to find their way back to God?

Dear Knight,

Where do women who have been victimized by abortion go for help? Project Rachel is one answer. Project Rachel is a ministry that offers post-abortion reconciliation and healing. This ministry is represented by a growing network of professional counselors, many of whom are

priests or religious. These professionals are trained to help abortion's second victims through the "Post-abortion Syndrome." Right now over sixty dioceses in the United States have Project Rachel programs. Young women who become trapped by the guilt of their abortions need not only the Church's forgiveness but also rehabilitation.

The healing for these second victims of abortion usually centers on four levels. They begin the journey back by being reconciled with God. God's gentleness is as powerful as the violence of the abortion. A second level of healing is toward those who were a part of the decision for abortion. Sometimes it takes years to let go of the hatred and anger. The victim must also seek forgiveness and spiritual reunion with the child she has aborted. Finally, she must forgive herself. Each step could take a lifetime of work and energy. The sooner the task is started, the sooner healing and wholeness can occur.

"Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, ... there is hope for your future" (Jeremiah 31:15-17).

JANUARY — WHAT IF?

If you knew that today was the last chance you would ever have to buy additional life insurance, how much would you buy? If you had a money-making machine, that once broken, could never be repaired, how much would you insure it for?

If you knew that today was the last time you would have the opportunity to guarantee your family an income if something happened to you, how much income would you give them? If you knew that today marked the end of your ability to buy future retirement security, how much would you buy?

Isn't it safe to say that you would put some additional dollars into more life insurance protection that could be used for family or retirement benefits?

Chances are that you will be around for a long time, but life is full of "ifs" and surprises, isn't it? Let me help you plan for the future. Call me today.



Ray Miller
Insurance Agent



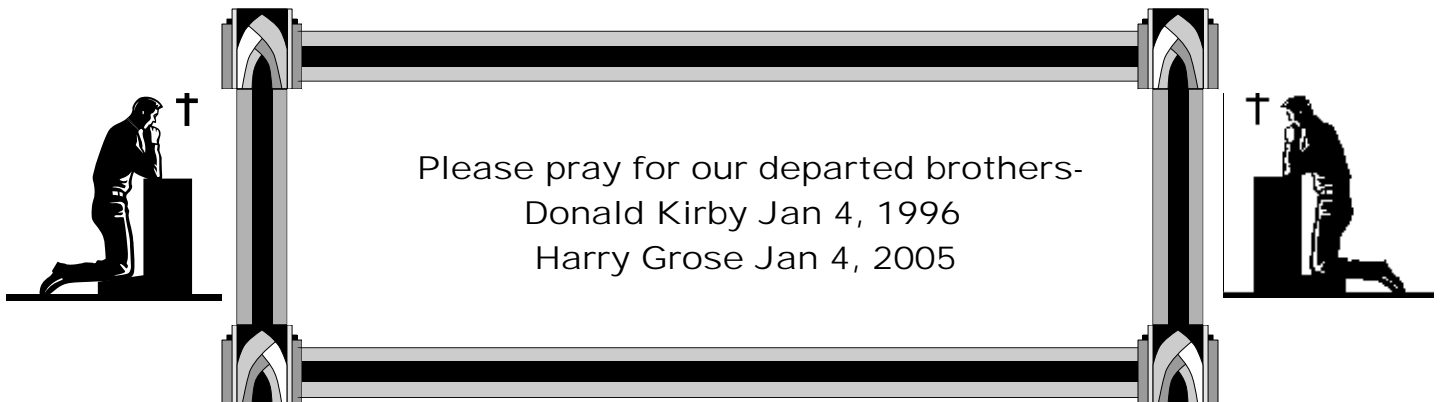
"The survey shows that the congregation wants to be spiritually fed and challenged by shorter sermons while adding more support and outreach groups that demand less of their time and money."

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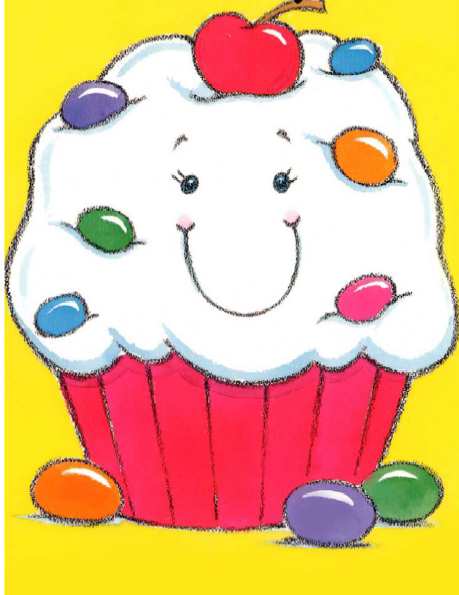
Pray for the following members and their families.



Bob Breen, Deacon Tom Kronyak's Family, Jack Heneka, Sue Heneka, John Konen, Marie Mansfield, Al Montbellier, Bill Mulcahy, Margaret Murnane, Donald Ottway Norris, Tom O'Reilly, John O'Sullivan, Bev Pegoni, Tony Santino, Paul Schasney, Harold Spencer, John Stalnaker, Elizabeth Walsh, and John Walsh



*Hope Your Birthday is filled
with sweet surprises.*



Rose Bleich
Thomas Di Lieto
Kathleen Donaldson
John Grant
Marie Harrison
Sue Heneka
Bob Hopkins
John Konen
Thomas Mac Donald
Joseph Magri
Grace Mahoney
William Metkiff
Robert O'Sullivan
Janet Ann Polizzotti
James Pugliese
Edward Shea
Nancy Sneska
Margaretta Stolba
Joseph Troiano



Thomas & Debbie Chase
James & Florence O'Shea

Council Officers for 2007

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Jack Pegoni receiving the first degree team certificate from Bob Hack.



GK Jack Dambaugh receiving a certificate of appreciation from Joe Zegan for our efforts in the Squires Christmas Card sales program.



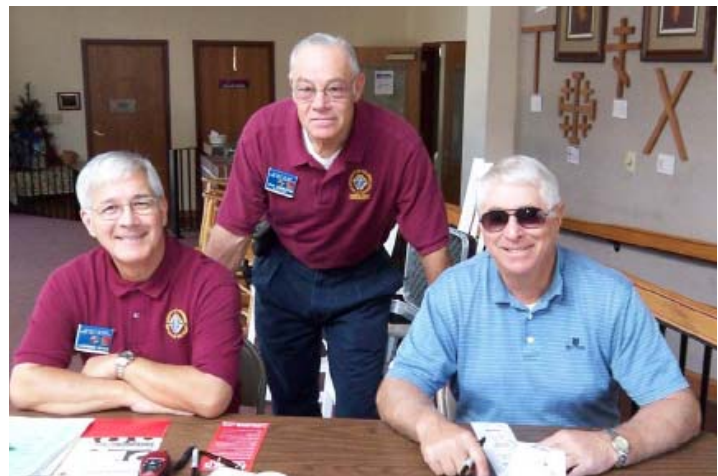
The Christmas Float builders - Grand Knight Jack Dambaugh, Norm Melanson, Jim Yeager and Dennis Shea.



The Council's "Keep Christ in Christmas" float at the Shallotte Christmas Parade on December 1st: Participants are from left to right: George Mulcahy, Jim Yeager, John Grant, Jack Powers, Tom Bostel, Jim Couvillon, Bob Gelinas, Dennis Shea, Tom Davin, Grand Knight Jack Dambaugh, and Tony Imondi. Mary Beth Yeager took the picture.



Wade Fulmer receiving the Knight of the Month award for October.



Larry Bates, GK Jack Dambaugh and George Scheidle managing the blood drive on December 11.



The singers were terrific. At far right is Brother Ed Manz. Next to him is Joanne Masino, spouse of Brother Dale Masino.



Great cake! It didn't last long!

The patient was coming to after surgery. "Where am I in Heaven?" "No dear," his wife soothed. "You're down here with me."



Residents and guests of Autumn Care Assisted Living who enjoyed the Christmas Carols, ice cream and cake.

Knights and spouses participating at the ice cream social at Autumn Care Assisted Living on December 12. Left to right: Mike Dolan, Joe Magri, Dick Jania, Joanne Masino, Bill Hotop, Mary Fitzgerald, Chuck Fitzgerald, and Jim Yeager. Knights missing from picture: Greg Hiester, Paul Lombardi and Jack Dambaugh.

Three men—a surgeon, an engineer, and a politician—were arguing about whose profession was the oldest on earth. “Mine is,” said the doctor. “Remember that Eve was carved out of Adams rib.” “Maybe,” said the engineer. “But the earth was created out of chaos in six days. That obviously was an engineering job.” “Yes said the politician, “But who created the chaos?”

The following pictures are from our Christmas party



Jim and Mary Couvillon



Barbara and Gene Viviano



Bill and Diane Hotop



Betty and Joe Zegan



Al and Rose Bleich



Bob and Florence Hopkins



Dick and Denise Jania



Mary and Dick Connolly



Davina and Dr. Stephen Candela



Betty and Ed Manz



Kathy and Wade Fulmer



Ruth and PGK George Woodard



Sally and GK Jack Dambaugh



Mike and Rita McLean



Norm and Betsy Melanson



Pat and Tom Davin



Joe and Lu Troiano



Greg and Lorraine Hiester



Debbie and Tom Chase.



John and Ginny Grant

