



# Knights of Columbus

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### CALENDAR

Dec. 9.....Soccer Challenge 10 am  
Hobbs Middle School Baseball Field

Dec. 11.....Business Meeting 7:30 pm

No Social Meeting for December

Dec. 24.....Mid-Night Mass. Mass starts at 12:00 am, Music Program start at 11:30 pm

Dec 25.....Christmas Day (Holy Day)

Jan. 1.....Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day)

Jan. 5—7.....Mid Year Meeting

Jan. 8.....Business Meeting 7:30 pm

Jan. 13.....March for Life (Raleigh)

Jan. 22.....Social Meeting/Bingo

Jan. 24.....March for Life Washington DC



*Merry Christmas  
And  
Happy New Year*

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

My Brother Knights,

The holiday season is now upon us and by the time you receive this report Thanksgiving will have passed. I hope you and your family have had a blessed one. November was a good month for our Council. Our yard sale was a big success and nearly equaled last year's income from catering the "Back to Earth" retreat. I would like to thank Joe and Eleanor Blackman for directing this event. Thanks to them everything was well organized and ran like a Rolex watch. I would be remiss if I didn't thank all the ladies who helped out setting up the merchandise and helping customer's. A special thanks goes out to Peggy Jones who arranged for our advertising and worked tirelessly both days of the event. Added thanks goes out to Larry Barefoot and Billy Gregory for setting up the signs which were instrumental in attracting buyers. All my other brother Knights, thanks for your help and support which made our new fund raiser the success it was. We hope to make this an annual or biannual event.

On October 31<sup>st</sup> the Knights prepared a spaghetti dinner for the children of the Parrish, their friends and parents. This was another very successful event, and fun and good food were had by all. I would like to thank all those Knights who were able to take part. A special thanks to Jackie Barefoot for preparing the sauce for the

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spaghetti. That was mighty good  
eatin Chef Jackie.

Hopefully and with Gods Blessing  
the second stage of our fund rais-  
ing, a golf tournament, will be as  
successful as our yard sale. We  
are still working on the details of  
this event and it may be early  
summer before it takes place. It  
will be a topic of discussion at our  
next business meeting. Another  
event we have scheduled is the  
Soccer Challenge in December.  
If any of you can spare the time  
we need help. Brother Walt  
Carey has all the details and the  
dates, so if you can spare a few  
hours please contract him.

As the year 2006 draws to a  
close, I would like to thank all of  
you my brother Knights and your  
families for your support during  
the year. Now it is time to turn  
our attention to celebrating the  
birth of our Savior and Lord Je-  
sus Christ. In that spirit, I wish to  
all of you a blessed and intro-  
spective Christmas Season,



A new year abundant with God's  
love and a sharing of that love  
with all of those who he allows to  
enter your lives.

Vivat Jesus  
David G. Heeter

## A Gift All Wrapped in Swaddling Clothes

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

Christmas morning of my fifth year I  
woke to find a wooden rifle under  
the tree, carefully carved by my dad,  
complete with a dowel barrel and a  
hole for my trigger finger. I can al-  
most smell the fresh paint mingled  
with the fragrance of pine branches.  
And though I don't recall playing  
with it, I remember the awe I felt in  
knowing my dad made it just for me.

Not all gifts, however, are so per-  
sonally intended. After that horren-  
dous brown vase I got at a Christ-  
mas party, at least I had the per-  
verse joy of watching someone  
open "How to Raise Rhesus Mon-  
keys" that had been foisted off on  
me the year before. Then there's a  
punch-out calendar to sit on my  
desk reminding me all year long to  
buy Farmer's Insurance. And the  
mortuary that gives away bottles of  
hand lotion every year--my family  
always calls it "embalming fluid."  
What takes the joy out of giving are  
the obligatory gifts--the expected of-  
fice exchange, the box of candy you  
keep by the door to hand the Smiths  
when they come to call as you know  
they will, once a year. And don't for-  
get the gift for great Aunt Hattie  
whom you haven't liked since she  
pinched your cheeks when you were  
little.

Really difficult are the gifts that  
come with long invisible strings dan-  
gling from them, gifts so very expen-  
sive that you could never afford to  
reciprocate. Gold and diamond jew-  
elry from a suitor. You don't want to  
hurt his feelings, but ..

I wonder how Mary and Joseph felt  
as they watched richly robed wise  
men kneel before their child

offering alabaster jars of precious  
myrrh, inlaid boxes heavy with the  
scent of frankincense, and iron-  
bound chests laden with gold--  
gifts fit for a king. How could they  
possibly repay?

I guess the most troublesome gift  
at Christmas is the Child Himself.  
What do we say? We smile nicely  
and pat the humbly- wrapped pre-  
sent. "How nice of you, God, to  
have been so thoughtful," we  
mumble politely. But the Gift lies  
on the dresser unopened year af-  
ter year. Perhaps because we  
don't expect to find much inside  
except a useless religious trinket.  
Perhaps because we don't feel  
any need for God just now. Per-  
haps because we know that if we  
unwrap the Gift we'll be obligated  
to the Giver beyond what we can  
ever repay. And so it sits ... and so  
it sits until in loneliness, in pain, in  
utter desperation we tug at the rib-  
bons and tear off the wrappings,  
hoping against hope we'll find in-  
side what we've longed for. And  
so it is. Unconditional Love!

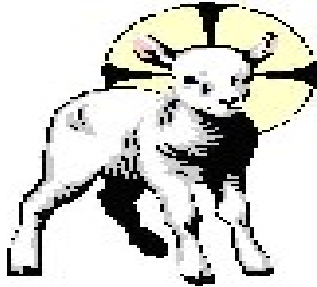
God sent a gift  
one Christmas morn,  
a wondrous gift,  
a precious gift.

God sent a gift  
one Christmas morn  
by peasant maid  
and craftsman hand.

God sent a gift  
one Christmas morn  
and wrapped it up  
in swaddling clothes,  
For me, He did.  
Yes, for me He did.

God sent a gift  
one Christmas morn  
and wrapped it up  
in swaddling clothes.

For me.



**OPERATION LAMB**  
**MAKE-UP DAY ON 10/7**  
**PUSHES STREET**  
**TOTAL TO**  
**RECORD**

The Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> Operation LAMB make-up day was a resounding success. All shifts were manned and the income was maximized. We collected a total of \$1,144.08 at the three Food Lion stores we worked in Benson, Newton Grove and Dunn and the Carlie C's IGA in Benson. I am so grateful to all of my brother Knights and other volunteers who gave up some time on a Saturday to work and help make up our deficit caused by Tropical Storm Ernesto on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. With this successful make-up day, coupled with the earlier two-day street drive in early September, we were able to bring our total street drive income to \$5,728.01, an all-time record street collection for our council!

Our corporate donation program is in full swing and thus far we have collected a total of \$1,303.62, and I have not yet begun to "walk the

streets"! Thus far, we have a total of \$6,856.63 toward our 2006 goal. I am very optimistic that we will come very close to a grand total of \$8,000 to support our intellectually handicapped beneficiaries in North Carolina and in our immediate Johnston and Sampson counties.

I am deeply gratified by the support of many of our council members, although there are still some brothers who still have not seen fit to make this most noble of charitable programs of the Knights of Columbus a priority. I pray that, in time, they "come around" and help with this program, one of the most successful of council programs.

I'd like to remind all of you, my brothers, that our next scheduled street drive will be in 2007 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please make a notation on your calendars of these dates and be prepared to give a two-hour shift when I call and ask for volunteers to help. Remember, we work from 5 pm until 9 pm on Thursday and Friday and 10 am until 4 pm on Saturdays.



May all of you have a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas season!

Fraternally -- Bro. Walt  
Director, Operation LAMB

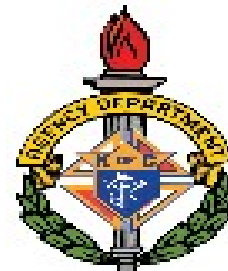
**Happy and Holy  
Holidays**

I would like to extend to you my sincere best wishes for a holy and happy holiday season. I imagine you feel the same way about the Christmas season as I do — such a peaceful, happy time.

But just take a moment to ask yourself what your family's Christmas would be like if you weren't here. This year, why not give them the most precious gift of all — a life insurance plan that will allow them to always have the kind of Christmas you want them to have.

We have plans that will guarantee income for your family's future — for just a few dollars a month.

Enjoy this season of celebration. Please call me for an appointment and we will discuss a gift of security and protection from you to your loved ones..



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All dates of upcoming activities are listed on the website, as well as other useful information. Send suggestion or comments to [wbarefoot@nc.rr.com](mailto:wbarefoot@nc.rr.com) or call 910-892-3776.

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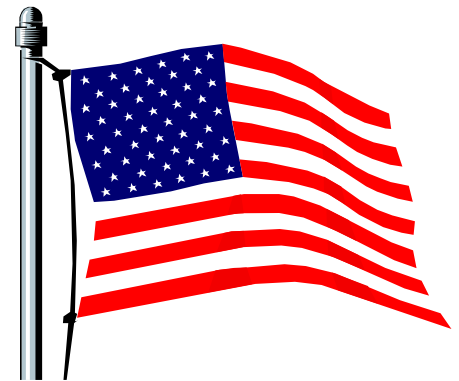
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## Council Meetings

Our council business meetings are held in St. Mark's Hall the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Social meetings are the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. There are no Social meetings in the months of June, July and August.

Please attend the meetings.  
Your participation is very important to the success of our Council.



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