

Knights of Columbus – Bishop Michael J. Begley Council 770- Charlotte, NC



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“Founded at St. Peter’s Catholic Church!”

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Get ready for Holy Angels Picnic – May 16 – 11:00 AM

We have our annually Picnic at Holy Angels and we need your help in serving Food and Hope and Joy to our Holy Angels. Council 770 Knights of Columbus last year –



Grand Knight Jason Murphy & DGK Mike Witt led 6 Knights and Families in sprucing up our St. Patrick’s Cathedral for Easter.



The Knights are for Charity & Brotherhood at **6600 Wilkerson Blvd, Belmont, 28012.**

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE – ACTION

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who assisted at this year's Membership Blitz and Pancake Breakfast at St. Patrick's on April 18. Our breakfast turnout was a bit less than our previous two but we were still able to break even. However, we are continuing to establish a wonderful form of fellowship for the faithful of St. Pat's while laying the groundwork for our continued legacy of service to our Church and community. Mark your calendars for **May 16** which will be our next breakfast.



Most importantly, we were able to receive **two new applications for membership** and **several inquiries** from men interested in our Order. We have also undoubtedly planted seeds with many other men who will eventually answer our call to Knighthood.

Jason Murphy - Grand Knight - Council 770

Let us welcome our new brothers who have recently joined the Knights: **Hu Rmah**, **David Liberto** and **Sean DesNover**. Congratulations on your First Degree!

Another new Knight is **Ray Sheedy**. He goes to St. Peter's part time, and wants to keep in touch with our Council 770 activities. Knights at our Blitz.



Our socials have steadily been picking up over the past few months which is a great sign of unity and fraternity amongst our brothers. They are a great opportunity to sit down and get to know your brother or future knights while discussing current events. Make sure to mention our socials to any future candidates seeking to join our Order.

All are welcome to attend, but please try and RSVP so we know how much food to prepare. **Social Dinners begin at 7pm.**

Our Last Family Social at Christmas.



We have also been holding a prayer/study group after each social. The discussion includes the following Sunday's gospel, doctrine, and the virtues for those who want to hang around. It is truly inspiring to be part of this renewed spirit in our council. Please try and make it if you can.

Men, please remember that in order for our success to continue and our Order to thrive, it is important that we all participate and pitch in during our different knight programs and events. We are a Catholic Brotherhood, not a social club.

Over the past 2 years we have brought in many new Knights and have been able to get dormant programs up and running once again. However, out of our now over 160 members, we rarely see involvement of more than 20 brothers. That is just over 12%. It is our duties as Knights to be examples to the men and families of our parishes. If we are no different than others, we are not living our Knighthood.

"No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house." Matt 5:15

WE ARE THE LIGHT. THIS IS OUR HOUSE. STAND UP AND STAND APART!

Finally, let us all continue to pray for our priests, bishops, and Holy Father as this *Year of the Priest* winds down amidst severe attacks on the Church. It is fitting that the devil has chosen this year of celebration of our clergy to make his violent unbalanced assault. Keep them all in your prayers. They give their lives for our Faith.

Knights At Our Lady of Consolation



Happy Easter and Renewed Life for All Knights & Families

We had a great celebration of Easter Day at the week of penance leading to the Renewal of our Faith – with our Bishop and --- Council 770 Knights of Columbus –



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The Alter boys, Deacons, Priests and Knights and Families joined at the all Family Gathering center. It was an inspirational beginning for the Knights celebrating Easter again this year..



Easter at St. Patrick's Cathedral – and Knights Council 770 helped make it renewed again for the new Parish Year.

Holy Angels Boat Ride – Sept. 25, 2010

Again this year we will have our Knights Holy Angels Boat Ride and this is where we treat the Holy Angels and their Family's and Caretakers to a picnic and Boat Ride at Lake Norman. This has been a Knights Charity inspirational for us for over a dozen years.



This is from our last Knights outing at the lake retreat, when we had a half dozen boats, from 4 Knights Councils and nearly 50 Holy Angels and Families and Caretakers attend.

We need Boats again this year. Knights, please call Ski at 704-394-9591 so we can have rides.

Do not forget Knights BINGO at St. Ann's, every Thursday.

Thanks to all of the hard work Knights and Bingo Players, our Council Hall and Charity Programs are being financed. The weekly Thursday Night Bingo at 7:00 PM serves both St. Ann's and the Knights, and we could use your help – in both playing Bingo and helping run it. Call Bob at 704-523-1182, if you can help, even once a month for 3 hours will keep our Council more active and help you become a better Knight.



Bingo is for fun and social conversation.

-Please remember all of our service men and women fighting in the offensive in Afghanistan especially the sons of Brothers Mike Witt and Chris Cona. USMC Michael Witt & Frank Cona.

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RELAX AND REST EASY

by Thomas P. Smith, Jr., Executive VP, Agency Ins.
Sometimes I sit at my desk and just wonder about things. Today, I was wondering why our annuity business is doing so well – up about 70% over last year.

Not that I am unhappy or troubled by business being good. I am in sales, and when business is good, the sun seems to shine a little brighter, food tastes better, and I find myself singing along with the radio. It's nice. But what I ponder is this: why now and not all the time? What is it about market downturns that cause people to suddenly think that they need a position that includes a stable GUARANTEED product like a K of C retirement annuity?

Doesn't the market always turn down sooner or later? So why not establish a GUARANTEED alternative to balance those swings? As I pondered, I enlisted the help of my friend and co-worker Tony Minopoli, who is our senior vice president of investments. Here is the scenario I asked him to help me with.

Two 55-year-old men in the United States on January 1, 1999. Both have \$50,000, and are looking for a place to put it for ten years. One decides to invest it in the S & P 500 and leave it there for ten years (ten years!), paying taxes on dividends as they are paid, and spending more than a little time worrying about the effects of inflationary pressure on global currency that could impact the performance of the U.S. markets (I just made that up, but it sounds like something I may have heard once.)

The other guy (I'm resisting calling him the "smart guy") puts his \$50,000 in a tax deferred retirement annuity with the Knights of Columbus, with all the guarantees that come with it. He leaves it here for ten years, and spends no time worrying about it. Never even crosses his mind. He's tap dancing to the mailbox.

Ten years later and its December 31, 2008 (notice that to be fair I am using a date before the most recent market madness). Both men are now 65-years-old and starting to consider retirement. They check on the \$50,000.

Our S & P fellow, Tony tells me, would have an account value of \$43,494.17, an annual compounded return of – minus 1.38% per year. And he paid taxes along the way on those dividends.

Our K of C tax-deferred annuity fellow would find a balance that has swelled to \$78,152.41, for an annual compounded return of 4.57% -- and the power of deferring taxes has not been factored in.

I have nothing against money in the market – some of mine is there. Or it used to be there. But I do wonder why more of our members and their families don't take advantage of our guaranteed retirement annuity product. You get a great return, defer taxes, prepare for retirement and get to sleep at night. Not a bad deal.

So, regardless of where you think the market is headed right now, why not prepare yourself for the inevitable downturn, and build yourself something guaranteed. Call your agent. Establishing an annuity is a simple, quick, easy process. Then relax and rest easy. We'll do the rest.

New First Degrees and Knight Celebration Dates to Remember

We have only 10 weeks to complete our Knight year and we need 3 more Members to meet our goal. So, as we all know Good Catholic Men who are waiting for the right time to become a Knight – give them a call today. The dates for the First Degrees:

May 16 – Sunday 7:00 PM St. Thomas Aquinas

May 17 – Monday 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul

June 20 – Sunday 7:00 PM St. Thomas Aquinas

June 21 – Monday 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul

First Communions and Confirmations

*Sunday April 18, 2010 at 12:30pm
Confirmation at St. Ann.*

*Sunday May 02, 2010 at 05:00pm
Confirmation at St. Thomas Aquinas.*

*Sunday May 23, 2010 at 12:30pm
Confirmation at St. Patrick.*

*Saturday May 29, 2010 at 10:00am
Diaconate Ordination at St. Patrick*

*Wednesday June 09, 2010 at 07:00pm
Confirmation at Our Lady of Consolation.*

Please let me know if you can attend.

Vivat Jesus, 704-890-3907

Jason C. Murphy- Grand Knight

*Our next Meeting – Tuesday, May 4
at 7:00 PM at our Council Hall*