



# Knights of Columbus All Saints Council 9709 St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community

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## COUNCIL ADDS THREE NEW BROTHERS AT NOV. 3 MEETING

Council 9709 welcomed three new Brothers to its membership at a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony held at the Nov. 3 business meeting. Joining All Saints Council 9709 were: Ken Bridges, Brian Curley and David Torres.

The three new members bring to nine the number of new recruits for fraternal year 2009-2010. The Council will need to recruit another 10-21 new members by June 30, 2010, to meet the requirements for Star Council. The goal for this fraternal year was originally 13; however, some six members have resigned, which brings the goal up to 19. In addition, there are five members who have been referred to State for transfer, as they no longer live in the Raleigh area. Should their transfers not be completed, that will up the goal to 24. Lastly, there are six brothers who are being placed on "Knight Alert" for non-payment of dues. Should they be suspended, that will bring the goal to 30.



(L-R) Brian Curley, Ken Bridges and David Torres joined the Council at a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony Nov. 3.



(L-R) John Grbuoski, Joe Czejkowski and Joe Megna joined the Council at a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony Oct. 6.

A Council achieves Star Council status by meeting the requirements for the Colombian Award, the Father McGivney Award and the Founders Award. The Colombian Award is presented to a Council that conducts and reports to Supreme at least four major involvement programs in each of the four sections of the Service Programs: Church, Community, Council and Family and Youth activities. The Father McGivney Award is presented for showing a net increase in membership of five percent for Councils with memberships over 100. A Council can get the Founders Award by achieving a net increase in insurance members of 2.5 percent for Councils over 100. A Council can achieve Double Star status for doubling its goals for new members or insurance members in a fraternal year.

Council 9709 last achieved Star Council status for 2007-2008 and Double Star status for 2006-2007.

## DBAP BEER SALES NET COUNCIL \$3,336.78

The Durham Bulls Athletic Park (DBAP) beer sales for the 2009 baseball season netted Council 9709 some \$3,336.78, including \$1,341.50 in tips. This figure is up from \$2,976.07 the previous year.

"Revenue per game this year averaged \$175.62 for the Council for 19 events, also up slightly from last year's average of \$165.34 per game, not including the playoffs," said Brother Ralph Guenther, who coordinates the finances for the DBAP and RBC Center activities.

The DBAP beer sales represent the third largest revenue producer for the Council after the RBC Center concession stand sales and the annual barbecue. Council 9709 alternates events with three other area Councils.

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Greetings Brothers,

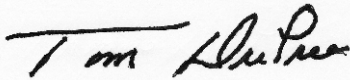
We now have over 200 Brothers in our Council, but I still need your continued support in recruiting new members to our Council and the Order. I would like for our Council to earn the Star Award this year, and with your assistance, WE CAN! Please share the experience of being a Knight with your friends and neighbors. Bring them to an informational evening (check Council calendar for dates) or to one of our social events.

Brothers, please volunteer to work at the RBC Center (go to Council website-sign up). This is our largest fund raiser (over \$10,000) in support of charity. The work this year has been easier because most of our commitments are at Hardee's concessions.

LAMB Director Dave Vogelpohl has received permission from the Walmarts at Glenwood and Pleasant Valley and Brier Creek to conduct an additional LAMB drive on Nov. 24 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Nov. 25 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Shifts will be two hours long, and the sign-up list is on the Council website. Please consider volunteering.

Lastly, congratulations to our New Sir Knights: Shawn Bayle, Dave Bole, Jim Brown, Michael Cotter, Tommy Dalton, Don Donaghy, Fred Johnson, John Moster, Bill Nowak, Kent Siefkes and John Wagner.

Vivat Jesus!


**COUNCIL 9709 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(More details available at [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org))

**NOVEMBER 2009**

- 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremonial, Council 7343, Charlotte
- 17 – Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Capri Restaurant, 6325 Falls of the Neuse Road
- 18 – Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 24 – Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

**DECEMBER 2009**

- 1 – Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 5 – O'Charley's Breakfast, 8-9:30 a.m., O'Charley's, 8115 Brier Creek Pkwy
- 5 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremonial, Council 3303, New Bern
- 12 – Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Parking Lot
- 13 – Council Christmas Party, 5-9 p.m., Raleigh Crabtree Valley Marriott
- 16 – Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 29 – Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

**JANUARY 2010**

- 5 – Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 16 – March for Life
- 19 – Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 20 – Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 26 – Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . MEETING PROTOCOL**

By definition, protocol is the rigid code setting forth the degree of obedience, the order of precedence and the rules of official and social behavior. It also covers anything that is proper and in good taste.

The Grand Knight must conduct Council meetings in strict accordance with the Charter, Constitution and By Laws of the Knights of Columbus, supplemented by Council By Laws and according to parliamentary procedure. The standard reference on the subject of procedure is Robert's Rules of Order. For meetings, the Grand Knight uses as a guide the Order's "The Method of Conduct of a Council Meeting" (#1937).

When State Officers, District Masters, District Deputies, Priests or special guests are present at a meeting, they should be accorded due recognition for the office or position they hold. They should always be seated in a place of honor. If a State Officer, District Master, District Deputy, Priest or special guest should arrive while a meeting is in progress, the Grand Knight raps the gavel three times for all to stand and instructs the Warden to escort the individual to a seat of honor. When a General Agent or Field Agent of the Order's insurance program is present at a meeting, he should also be treated as a guest and seated with any other dignitaries present.

In the event that the Grand Knight should not notice a State Officer, District Master, District Deputy, Priest or special guest arriving at a meeting, the first Knight in the Council who recognizes the distinguished person should rise and announce the arrival: "Worthy Grand Knight, Father \_\_\_\_ is present!" At that point, the Grand Knight will rap the gavel three times for all to stand and proceed as already mentioned above.

One rap of the gavel signals that all present should take a seat, discontinue talking and the meeting is to come to order. Two raps of the gavel are a signal for the Council Officers to stand, usually in preparation for the roll call of officers. Three raps of the gavel means that all should stand. Four raps of the gavel means that all should kneel.

It is impossible to cite a rule for every situation, and should the Grand Knight encounter a difficult or unique situation, he is expected to use his best judgment and apply common courtesy. Knights of the Council are expected to do the same, which assists the Grand Knight as well as helps facilitate the flow of the meetings themselves. As Mark Twain said: "Always do right. You will please some people and astonish the rest."

## ELEVEN NEW SIR KNIGHTS FOR COUNCIL 9709

Eleven Knights from All Saints Council 9709 donned the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree baldric and added “Sir” to their titles at an Exemplification conducted Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Sheraton Imperial Suites in Durham. The new Sir Knights include: Shawn Bayle, Dave Bole, Jim Brown, Michael Cotter, Tommy Dalton, Don Donaghy, Fred Johnson, John Moster, Bill Nowak, Kent Siefkes and John Wagner.

The new Sir Knights were among 41 candidates submitted by Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778. An Assembly typically is made up of members from area Councils and has its own officers, meetings and activities. As the “patriotic” arm of the Order, many of those activities deal with supporting men and women in uniform.

There were some 182 candidates at the ceremony, whose format has been revised and updated from previous years. Some 585 guests attended the follow-on banquet. Members from Council 9709 who attended the ceremony as 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights or supported the event by staffing the hospitality suite included: Brothers Tom and Elaine DuPree, Tim and Kerry Dyer, Ralph Guenther, Ron and Charlotte Hassan, John LaTorre, Jerry and Carolyn Powell, Jeff and Pat Rohman and Tim Stevens.

Next year's 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification will be held in Charlotte Saturday, Oct. 30.



New Sir Knights from Council 9709 include: Back Row (L-R) Kent Siefkes, John Wagner, Bill Nowak, John Moster, Fred Johnson and Tommy Dalton; and Front Row (L-R) Dave Bole, Don Donaghy, Shawn Bayle and Michael Cotter. Not pictured: Jim Brown.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY TO SUPPORT DUKE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Attendees coming to this year's annual Christmas party at the Crabtree Valley Marriott Sunday, Dec. 13, will be able to support the St. Francis Duke Children's Hospital Ministry with gift donations. Knights can bring either a wrapped toy with gender and age marked on the gift tag or a \$20 gift certificate to either Walmart or Target.

“The gift cards are very popular with the older children, and they make gifting very simple,” said Ministry Chairwoman Gail Ciampi.

Gifts and gift cards will be collected at the party. Anyone not coming to the Christmas party can give their gifts to Brother Dave Bole or Brother Dick Bridges before the party.

## O'CHARLEY'S TO HOST COUNCIL FOR BREAKFAST DEC. 5

As a “thank you” to Council 9709 for frequenting the Brier Creek O'Charley's for Social Gatherings during the past calendar year, Manager Joe Hardie has invited Council members and their families to a pancake breakfast Saturday, Dec. 5. The breakfast will run from 8-9:30 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and orange juice.

O'Charley's does one such breakfast a month during the year for volunteer groups such as school bands and fraternal organizations like the Knights of Columbus. Hardie says the average attendance at one of their pancake breakfasts is about 100.

“We do this to make more people aware that we serve breakfast and brunch on weekends,” said Hardie. “And it's also our way of giving something back to the community.”

The Council will charge \$5 per person, to be collected at the door. The money will be retained by the Council and used for charity.



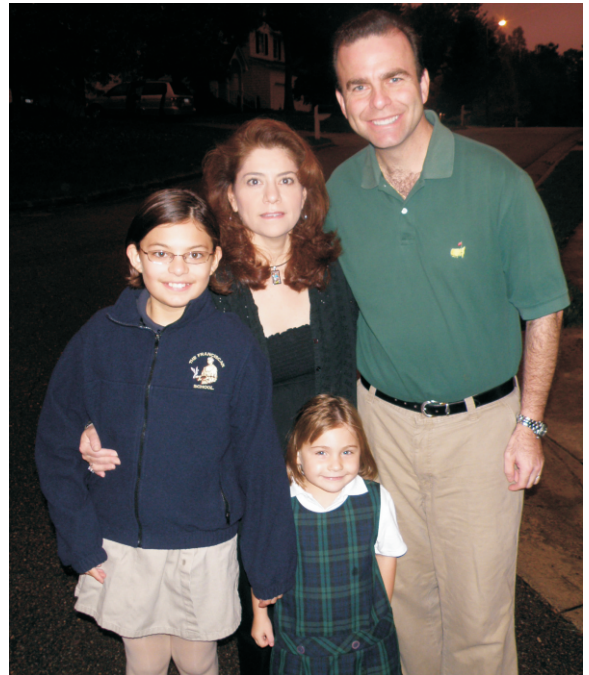
## BECKERS CHOSEN "FAMILY OF THE MONTH" FOR OCTOBER

October's "Family of the Month" award goes to Brother Steve Becker, wife Cecilia, and their daughters Allison and Vika. The Beckers are receiving the award for family participation in Operation LAMB. Brother Steve and daughters Allison and Vika worked the Brier Creek Walmart, Friday, Oct. 2, shift and numerous donors commented on the children's cheerful presence and youthful enthusiasm for the project. That shift was also the most profitable for the Council during the fall drive, pulling in some \$604.06.

Brother Steve has been a Knight since April 2008 and has earned his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. He and wife Cecilia have been married for 23 years and have two children: Allison, who is an "A" student at TFS in the sixth grade, and Vika, who just turned six in August. The Beckers adopted Vika in Russia on May 19. The Beckers have been members of St. Francis for 13 years and are active as lectors and in the Men's Ministry, Marriage Prep, Family Life Committee, WIHN and TFS. Allison has been in Girl Scouts for seven years, sings in the Youth Choir and is starting to cantor at Sunday Masses. Vika, who did not speak English upon her arrival in the United States on Memorial Day, is now doing very well in TFS Kindergarten.

Allison has been involved with LAMB since her father joined the Knights, and Vika participated in her first LAMB drive this October. Brother Steve says he wanted both girls involved in LAMB so they can learn the value of community service.

After receiving his MBA from UNC in 1989, Brother Steve started a career with IBM and recently celebrated his 20th anniversary with the company where he works as a Financial Program Manager. Cecilia has worked for Daiichi Sankyo for five years, and is a National Sales (Operations) Coordinator working for the U.S. Vice President for Sales.



October's "Family of the Month" Brother Steve, Cecilia, Allison and Vika Becker.

## BROTHER MIKE EVANS IS OCTOBER'S "KNIGHT OF THE MONTH"

All Saints Council 9709's "Knight of the Month" for October is Brother Mike Evans, who took over the reins of the annual Fall Soccer Challenge youth activity when Brothers Chris Mosakewicz and Mike Wrzesien were unavailable. Brother Mike conducted both the Council and District competitions.

Brother Mike has been a member of St. Francis since the late 1980s and a Knight for over 25 years. He was originally a member of Father Thomas Price Council and then transferred to All Saints Council 9709 in 2007. He has been active in the Council since joining, participating in the Special Olympic awards ceremonies, the Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup, RBC and Durham Bulls concessions, Operation LAMB, and various other youth activities. Brother Mike has also been active in Junior Achievement for the last five years where he teaches basic community and economic principles to elementary school children.

He's been married to Cathy Evans for 22 years. Together they have an 18-year-old son who recently started college at NCSU, and a 16-year-old daughter who is a junior at Leesville Road High School.

Brother Mike moved to Raleigh in 1980, graduated high school locally at Sanderson and then went on to earn his BS in Electrical Engineering from NCSU. He is currently in a sales support role at Nortel where he has been employed for over 22 years. Outside of family and work, Brother Mike enjoys sports along with working around the house and yard.

Brother Mike is the fourth son of Brother Tony Evans.



Brother Mike Evans

## COUNCIL SENDS TWO TO 2009 STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE

Matthew Oertel, age 11, and Adam Subasic, age 14, will represent Council 9709 at the 2009 State Soccer Challenge in Fayetteville Saturday, Nov. 14. Matthew and Adam won both the All Saints Council and District #9 Soccer Challenge competitions Saturday, Oct. 17, held at the St. Francis athletic field.

Only four boys participated in the Council competition, perhaps because of the 50-degree temperature, cloudy skies and a brisk wind. Dalen Bleimann beat out Jefferson Norwood in the age 10 category, and Bleimann was in turn bested in the District #9 competition by Conor Towell, representing Council 13812 in Durham.

In the Council competition, each boy took 15 shots on goal from the penalty kick spot. Each shot in goal counted five points for center goal, 10 points for lower corners and 20 points for upper corners. In the District competition, each participant took 25 shots.

Brother Mike Evans headed up the event for the Youth Committee, and Brothers Dick Bridges, Mike Cotter, Tony Evans, Ralph Guenther, Peter Oertel, Dave Vogelpohl and Hadon Ware helped run the event.



(L-R) Organizer Brother Mike Evans with Council competition participant Jefferson Norwood (10) and winners Dalen Bleimann (10), Matthew Oertel (11) and Adam Subasic (14).



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## THE FIELD AGENT VISIT

A KofC Field Agent is supposed to meet with each new member of an assigned Council upon that individual's accession into the Order, even if that new Knight has insurance. Preferably, the Field Agent meets with both the new Knight and his wife, as a lot of what KofC Insurance covers applies to spouses as well as Knights.

So, the Field Agent is coming! Relax. He will meet with you at your convenience, and the "visit" usually only takes about 20-30 minutes. Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick starts his pitch with some autobiographical information as to why he became a Field Agent for KofC Insurance. His father was a Field Agent, but that's only a part of why he now does what he does.

Brother Kilpatrick tailors his briefing to the individual. There are parts that will not apply to you, and he does not dwell on them. His purpose at this meeting is to provide you and your spouse information. He will tell you that the Order has grown since 1882 to some 13,500 Councils worldwide with a membership exceeding 1.75 million families. He will tell you that for fraternal year 2007-2008 the Order contributed some \$145 million to charity as well as 70 million volunteer service hours. He will tell you that the Order raised and distributed over \$1.4 million to the beneficiaries of the men and women in uniform that died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Brother Kilpatrick will explain that KofC Insurance has over \$70 billion of life insurance in force and is ranked among the Fortune 1,000 companies for total revenues. KofC Insurance offers whole life insurance, term life insurance, long-term care insurance and annuities, all rated among the best in the industry by Standard & Poor's and Best's Insurance Reports. He will tell you that KofC Insurance has paid out more than \$5.5 billion in dividends over its history, and that one of the reasons why KofC Insurance's dividends are so high is that KofC Insurance is run by Brother Knights for Brother Knights.

Brother Kilpatrick will assist in the event of a death, he will contact your attorney regarding your will, if desired; help with funeral arrangements, notify the Council, assist in financial matters, help file claims with other insurance companies and help file for Social Security and Veterans' benefits, if applicable.

In short, Brother Tim Kilpatrick will provide an overview of all that KofC Insurance has available for its associate and insurance members without obligation. He will answer your questions as well as those of your spouse, which can be completely different than the ones you pose. So, when Brother Kilpatrick calls, take the time to meet with him. You will learn something new, guaranteed. Or, if you want to make an appointment yourself, call or e-mail him at 847-3799(H), 880-3463(C) or via e-mail at [Tim1002@earthlink.com](mailto:Tim1002@earthlink.com) or [Timothy.Kirkpatrick@kofc.org](mailto:Timothy.Kirkpatrick@kofc.org).

## COUNCIL MAKES \$1,500 DONATION TO BIRTHCHOICE

Community Committee Chairman Kent Siefkes presented a \$1,500 check to Betty Rogosich, the Director of Birthchoice in Raleigh, at the annual Benefit for Life Gala, Friday, Oct. 9.

All Saints Council sponsored one of the 23 ten-person tables at the event. Five Knights and three wives attended the event: Tony Anello, Ralph Guenther, John and Gloria LaTorre, Bill and Barbara Nowak, and Kent and Virginia Siefkes. Filing out the Council's table were Ken and Pat Fitzgerald, St. Francis parishioners and long-time supporters of the pro-life movement.

The Benefit for Life Gala is the primary annual fundraising event for four organizations: Birthchoice, The Gabriel Project, Project Rachel and Family Honor-Raleigh. The goal for this year was \$100,000. Last year, the Gala raised \$96,000.

This is the fourth year that the All Saints Council has made a contribution to Birthchoice, and the largest donation to date. The Council donated \$500 in previous years.

Birthchoice is a pro-life pregnancy counseling service and medical clinic that offers practical alternatives to women facing a crisis pregnancy. Services include free testing and limited on-site sonograms, caring and supportive friends and referrals to necessary resources.



(L-R) Brothers Ralph Guenther, Kent Siefkes, Bill Nowak and Tony Anello present Birthchoice Director Betty Rogosich (C) with a \$1,500 contribution from the Council. Photo: John LaTorre

## COUNCIL 9709 TO SUPPORT ECLC'S HARVEST MOON

Some 10 Knights will be cooking hot dogs, chili and macaroni and cheese for 175 Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) students and their families at the annual Harvest Moon Festival, Saturday, Nov. 21. A motion to contribute up to \$500 for the food and supplies was also approved at the Oct. 6 business meeting.

The Harvest Moon Festival is the ECLC annual fundraiser, and monies raised from food sales, games for children, gift basket raffles and a cake decorating contest will go to the Dan Kenna Endowment Fund, which assists parents with tuition payments for their children at ECLC.. Last year, the ECLC raised about \$5,000, and the ECLC hopes to raise about the same amount this year for the fund. The \$1,000 the Council presented to the ECLC earlier this year went to the Dan Kenna Endowment Fund.

The Council had offered assistance in the Harvest Moon Festival to ECLC Director Nancy Bourke last year, but the offer came too late to incorporate the Knights into the activity. This year is a different story.

"This will be our first adventure with the Knights," said Ms. Bourke.

Besides cooking and supporting the event financially, the Council will use the event as a recruiting venue. A table will be staffed at the event to invite participants to one of the Council's Information Nights.

## COUNCIL TO SUPPORT FOURTH SEMINARIAN UNDER RSVP

Attendees at the Oct. 6 business meeting voted to support a fourth seminarian with a \$500 grant under the Order's Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). The Council approved three other such grants totaling \$1,500 when it approved the fraternal year budget in August. The checks will be presented in October.

The new seminarian is Br. Phil List who is studying at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, in Wynnewood, Pa. He is a graduate of NC State University and a past Treasurer of Council #14422 at the University.

The Council will continue to support Br. Stephen DeWitt, Br. Dan Horan and Br. Erick Lopez as they continue their journeys to full Priesthood.

Under RSVP the Council "adopts" seminarians and agrees to make an annual contribution of \$500 each to help them with their educational and personal expenses as well as provide moral support throughout the year with prayers, cards, letters and visits. For every \$500 donated, the Council receives a refund of \$100 from Supreme. Typically, three or more Councils support one seminarian with contributions.