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**COUNCIL TO SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOWLING DEC. 6**

Council 9709 will be supporting the North Carolina Special Olympics bowling competition at AMF Pleasant Valley, AMF Capital and Buffalo Lanes South in the Raleigh area on Sunday, Dec. 6.

Knights interested in working at one of these venues should contact Brother Jerry Cucurullo (846-2085) who will work the AMF Pleasant Valley venue, Brother Dick Bridges (806-3816) who will coordinate the activities at AMF Capital, and Grand Knight Tom DuPree (577-6901) who will run things at Buffalo Lanes South.

NC Special Olympics deleted the bowling competition from its Midsummer Games because of a lack of funding and indicated at that time that the competition might still be held at two locations later in the year. The split competition is being held in Newton (near Hickory) in western North Carolina and Raleigh. Raleigh will host the competition for 96 singles, 40 doubles teams and 29 four- and five-person teams. AMF Pleasant Valley will host the singles competition beginning at 10:30 a.m., AMF Capital the team competition beginning at 11 a.m. and Buffalo South the doubles competition beginning at 11:30 a.m. The competition is expected to go faster this year because of the use of the "Baker format," which has members of doubles and teams bowling alternate frames rather than all team members bowling individual games.

This will be the third time this year that All Saints Council has supported the NC Special Olympics with volunteers. Council 9709 provided an awards team for the two-day NC Special Olympics swimming competition June 6-7 at the Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary. Some 14 Knights, five wives and two grandchildren volunteered their time for that event. Council 9709 also assisted with a local Wake County Special Olympics Soccer Skills Competition for some 150 participants Nov. 2 at Method Community Center south of Meredith College. Brothers Jerry Cucurullo, Brian Curley, Ralph Guenther and Joe Mesa helped shag soccer balls from 9 a.m. until noon.

The Council files a Partnership Profile Report (#4584) for Special Olympics support at the end of the calendar year to Supreme detailing its volunteer support of local, regional and state Special Olympics events as well as any financial donations. Volunteer hours recorded to date at the two events total 182.

The Knights of Columbus Order is listed as one of a few "Championship" sponsors of Special Olympics. The Order donated \$250,000 annually to Special Olympics from 2005-2008, and the Order's Board of Directors voted earlier this year to renew that commitment for another four years.

**THANKSGIVING LAMB PUSH YIELDS \$4,840.40**

The final push toward reaching Council 9709's calendar year Operation LAMB goal added \$4,840.40, moving the Council closer to its goal of \$27,011. The LAMB total to date, including some \$17.79 collected during the Harvest Moon Festival, is \$22,814.27. Last year Council 9709 collected \$26,224.

"We're going to be sending out a personal appeal to the Council membership for donations that will add to the final total," said LAMB Chairman Dave Vogelpohl. "And, if there are Knights who can add matching funds from their employers, that would be very helpful."

The LAMB letters should be out in early December. The deadline for Operation LAMB contributions is 2 p.m., Dec. 31. LAMB funds are deposited into a separate account from Council funds, and any monies received after Dec. 31 will count toward the Council's 2010 LAMB drive.

The two-day Thanksgiving LAMB drive was held Tuesday, Nov. 24, and Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the Walmarts at Brier Creek and on Glenwood Avenue. Turnout was excellent. Of the 66 slots available to volunteers, all but two were filled. Counting family members and three volunteers from The Arc of Wake County, one of the agencies supported locally by LAMB, there were more volunteers than slots.

Some 36 Knights participated, 10 doing more than one shift. Six families also worked at least one shift.



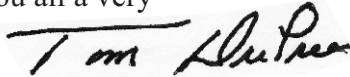
**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Greetings Brothers! Vivat Jesus!

Your Council has many activities in the month of December that offer you and your family an opportunity to share the season with your Brother Knights and their families. On Saturday, Dec. 12, we will have a Council breakfast at the Brier Creek O'Charley's from 8-9:30 a.m. We will be asking for a \$5 donation for adults at the door. Children under 16 eat free. Proceeds will go to charity. Come and join us!

On Sunday, Dec. 13, you can join your Brother Knights and their families at the Council's Christmas Party at the Crabtree Valley Marriott. Contact Brother Dave Bole for reservations. The Council is also again supporting the Duke's Children Hospital Ministry by donating wrapped Christmas gifts labeled by age and gender or \$20 gift cards for Target or Walmart. Please bring a gift to the Christmas Party, or if you cannot attend, please contact Brother Dick Bridges for arrangements to drop off your gift.

Elaine and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!


**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**DECEMBER 2009**

- 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 Christmas Party/Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 29 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**JANUARY 2010**

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 9 - Council Outing, UVA vs. NCSU, noon, RBC Center
- 16 - March for Life, noon-3 p.m., Nash Square, Raleigh
- 20 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 pm., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 22 - Right to Life March/Mass, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m., Washington, D.C.
- 23 - KofC State Midyear Meeting, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Fayetteville
- 26 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**FEBRUARY 2010**

- 2 - 1st Degree/Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 16 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 17 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 23 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . NONPAYMENT OF DUES**

Timely payment of annual dues by members is essential to a Council, especially when it comes to achieving Star Council status. Knights who do not pay their dues in a timely manner are placed under "Knight Alert" after their dues are 30 days late and are suspended for nonpayment after four months. Should the individual be an Insurance Member, he becomes "inactive" and remains on the Council rolls as long as his insurance remains in force. The loss of an Associate or Insurance Member counts against Supreme Council Awards quotas.

**Reinstatement** occurs when a suspended member decides to come back into the Knights of Columbus Council from which he was suspended. Should he return and pay any arrearage within 90 days of termination, there will be no break in membership recorded for the individual, and his return will count toward Supreme Council Awards quotas by negating the loss recorded upon his suspension.

**Readmission** applies to a suspended Associate Member when termination has been for a period of more than three months up to seven years. The individual can be admitted to any Council of his choice; however, he must pay a \$7.50 re-entry fee in lieu of all past Council arrearage. Years of membership prior to suspension or withdrawal, unless the years total 25 of consecutive membership, do not count toward the requirements for Honorary or Honorary Life Membership. A Knight readmitted into a Council counts toward Supreme Council Awards quotas.

**Reactivation** occurs in the case of an Insurance Member who decides to re-enter a Council and is the same as **Readmission** with regard to counting prior years of membership and Supreme Council Awards quotas.

**Reapplication** applies to a former member who has been out of the Order for more than seven years. He may reapply to a Council of his choice. He need not retake his degrees. For purposes of counting prior years of membership and Supreme Council Awards quotas, **Reapplication** is the same as **Readmission**.

**Transfers** are individuals who come from other Councils to a new Council, usually after moving from one area to another. As such individuals are current in their dues, they do not count for Supreme Council quotas.

**Withdrawals** are granted when a Member submits a personal signed resignation to the Council. The only stipulation is that he must be eligible for re-entry at the time of his withdrawal. Those members who are granted a withdrawal do not maintain continuous membership, and the individual's membership record will reflect a break in service should he reapply for membership. A withdrawal counts against Supreme Council Awards quotas.

## CUCURULLOS CHOSEN "FAMILY OF THE MONTH" FOR NOVEMBER

Council 9709's officers have selected Brother Jerry Cucurullo and wife Irene as Family of the Month for November for their staunch support of the North Carolina Special Olympics and the St. Francis Catholic Community. Brother Jerry has coordinated the Council's volunteers for the Special Olympics for the past four years.

He has also coordinated the Abottswood Seniors Poker nights the third Thursday of each month for the past five years. Irene has been especially active in supporting the Special Olympics, and all of their children—Jerry, Jr.; Jimmy, Christina, Gina and Maria—have participated in various Council activities over the years.

Brother Jerry and Irene hail originally from White Plains, N.Y. Brother Jerry worked in federal law enforcement in Newark, N.J., and Raleigh until he retired in 2004 to become an investigator for BB&T. Irene worked as a dietician until she began raising five children full-time. Sons Jerry and Jimmy both attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the St. Francis Boy Scout Troop and are 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members of All Saints Council. Brother Jerry is a deputy with the Richland County Sheriff's Office in Columbia, S.C., and is near completing a Masters Degree in management. Brother Jimmy is a senior at N.C. State University majoring in criminology. Daughter Christina works with N.C. Parks and Recreation Department at Falls Lake. Daughter Gina is a second year law student at N.C. Central University School of Law. Daughter Maria is a sophomore at East Carolina University majoring in criminal justice.

Brother Joe Azzopardi recruited Brother Jerry into the Knights of Columbus and Council 9709 in 1996. Brother Jerry took his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in 1997 and was elected Deputy Grand Knight, serving two years under then Grand Knight Tony Domino. He was elected Recorder for the Council in 1999 and served in that capacity for three years, after which he was appointed Financial Secretary. He served in that position for six years until 2008. Brother Jerry attained his 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in 2004 and currently serves as the Purser (Treasurer) of Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778.

Brother Jerry has also been extremely active in the Church. He has served as Usher Coordinator for the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass since 2002, works with the Parking Ministry and has been the Director and a referee of the St. Francis Youth and High School Basketball Leagues. Jerry also volunteers as a mentor in the Big Brother Big Sister Program in Raleigh, and his current little brother is Neko Williams, who like the other Cucurullo children, has lent a helping hand at various Council events. Irene is active as a Eucharistic Minister, Grief Share Assistant, Prayer Shawl Minister and a Funeral Greeter. Outside St. Francis, Irene and Maria are puppy raisers for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. They are presently training their fifth puppy, Simba. The other four dogs have been successfully placed with blind individuals throughout the United States. Irene also volunteers time to Project Linus, which sews blankets for children in local hospitals.

## O'CHARLEY'S BREAKFAST MOVED TO DEC. 12

The "thank you" pancake breakfast at O'Charley's at Brier Creek scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12, from 8-9:30 a.m. because of the church's 10<sup>th</sup> annual Breakfast with St. Nicholas activity scheduled for the morning of Dec. 5.

A \$5 per adult donation will be collected at the door. All children 16 and under eat free. The money will be applied to charity.

The restaurant is located at 8115 Brier Creek Parkway.



Irene and Brother Jerry Cucurullo

## BROTHER BRIAN CURLEY IS NOVEMBER'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Brian Curley

Council 9709's November Knight of the Month is Brother Brian Curley, who began his Knight career even before taking his 1st Degree Nov. 3. Brian agreed to help out with the Council's support of the Wake County Special Olympics Soccer Skills Competition Nov. 2 with three other Knights. Since then he has also agreed to co-chair the Family Committee.

Brother Curley and wife Liz have been married for three years and members of St. Francis since 2006. Brother Curley hails from Pittsburgh, Pa., and received a Business Finance degree from Penn State. Two years after graduation, he came to North Carolina for a job with Maxim Healthcare Services for whom he is currently manager of the Raleigh office. Liz is a full-time student at Durham Tech and will graduate in May 2010 with an Associate Degree in Nursing as a registered nurse.

"It has taken me longer than expected to take the dive and join the Knights of Columbus, but I am glad I finally made the move to get more involved. My father is a Knight and I always admired the work they did and all of the different lives they touched through their activities. I always knew I would follow in his steps," said Brother Curley.

## COUNCIL ADDS TWO NEW BROTHERS AT DEC. 1 CEREMONY

Council 9709 welcomed two new Brothers to its membership at a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony held in conjunction with the Dec. 1 business meeting. Joining All Saints Council 9709 were Mike Cichoracki and Felix Matthew.

The two new members bring to 11 the number of new recruits for fraternal year 2009-2010. The Council will need to recruit another 8-14 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 withdrawn, 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 is one brother who is being placed on "Knight Alert" for non-payment of dues. Should he be suspended, that will bring the goal to 25.

Prospects for making Star Council this fraternal year are still relatively good. Some 45 requests for additional information were received during the October Membership Blitz, and the Harvest Moon Festival membership drive netted another five.

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.



New Brothers Mike Cichoracki (L) and Felix Matthew (R) are welcomed into All Saints Council 9709 Dec. 1 by Grand Knight Tom DuPree.

## KNIGHTS PARTNER WITH ECLC FOR HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL

Some 13 Knights and two wives cooked and served 300 hot dogs, 15 five-pound trays of macaroni and cheese and two six-gallon pots of chili for the Early Childhood Learning Center's annual Harvest Moon Festival Nov. 21. The cost of the food and paper and plastic serving utensils was covered by a donation of up to \$500 approved at the Oct. 6 business meeting.

"I really appreciate the Knights' help; they really made a difference," said ECLC Director Nancy Bourke.

Director Bourke confirmed at the festival that the money usually spent on food and overhead for the event by the ECLC would now be added to the Dan McKenna Endowment Fund, which provides assistance to parents for tuition for their children to go to ECLC.

"This was a great opportunity to build a partnership with the ECLC and to encourage fathers of ECLC students to join the Knights," said Youth Chairman Mike Wrzesien, who coordinated the Council effort. The Council conducted a mini-membership blitz at the festival and had some five fathers express interest.

Brothers Shawn Bayle, Mike Darrow, Fred Johnson, Sean Stacey and Mike and Jan Wrzesien cooked the chili and helped set up the night before the festival. On hand to serve on Saturday were Brothers Dick Bridges, Jim Brown, Tom DuPree, John Gbruoski, Fred Johnson, Joe Megna, John Moster, Kent Siefkes, Sean Stacey, Mike Wrzesien and Shawn Bayle's wife Mary Beth.



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## WHY I BECAME A FIELD AGENT

by Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick

"After earning a scholarship and all-ACC honors at NCSU as a walk-on football player, I graduated in the spring of 1993 and began my pursuit of 'the ivory tower' with Coca-Cola. Although I succeeded for six years with the firm recording top sales in the region three years in a row, I grew tired of working for such a flat company where advancement was slow. My father, who was a Field Agent with the Knights of Columbus for over 20 years, suggested I become a Field Agent. At that time, I do not know if it was 'not wanting to do what your father does' or if I was still trying to find my way, but I did not want to be a Field Agent. Interestingly, my mother had always told me when I was in college that I would eventually be a Field Agent. I should have listened. She said I would marry my wife Alisa the first time she met her, and Alisa and I had just met at that time!

"In 2000, my family suffered a personal tragedy when my mother passed away unexpectedly. The response from the Knights of Columbus was overwhelming. At this time, I came to realize what my father had been doing all these years. When I arrived for my mother's wake, a man was standing on the steps of the funeral home and said: 'You must be Tim.' This Brother Knight went on to tell me that he lived in Providence, R.I., but had driven through the night to come be by my father's side. It was quite moving to hear him speak with passion about what my father had done for him and his family. He told me that his wife had passed several years earlier and how my father was there for him and how much that meant to him. There were many more such stories from other people at that time about my father and what he had done for others in their time of need. After my mother's passing, everything came full-circle in regards to the Knights of Columbus and why my parents thought I would be a Field Agent. The little things the Knights did to assist our family were remarkable, like the Grand Knight calling me to let me know almost every day that he saw my Dad (he knew I could not be there everyday) and that he looked good or that I should call him.

"My mother and father knew me better than anyone and realized well before I did that I have always wanted to help others and work for an organization like the Knights of Columbus. I had always respected my father for his diligence in helping others, and my final decision to become a Field Agent suddenly became easy. Nowadays I hope to fulfill the obligation Father McGivney set out to provide for all Catholic families. I see my chief purpose with the Knights of Columbus as rendering financial aid to the members, survivors and beneficiaries of the Knights of Columbus in their times of need. Most Knights do not pay much attention to the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits Program when they join, but they should. Whether you become an insurance member or not, the Order and its Field Agents are there for you."

For more information call or e-mail Brother Tim Kilpatrick at 847-3799(H), 880-3463(C) or via e-mail at [Tim1002@earthlink.com](mailto:Tim1002@earthlink.com) or [Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org](mailto:Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org).

## JANUARY SOCIAL TO BE B-BALL AT THE RBC CENTER

January's Social Gathering will be Saturday, Jan. 9, at the RBC Center for the NCSU vs. Virginia basketball game. The game will start at noon. The Council will receive a \$5 discount on the regular ticket price of \$20 for an ACC Conference game.

"This is intended to be a family event," said Family Committee Chairman Dave Bole. "The time for the game is perfect for children to attend."

Knights interested in attending should book their reservation before the end of the year at [www.gopack.com/promo](http://www.gopack.com/promo) and use the promotion code "9709." Payment can be made by credit card, and the tickets can be mailed or can be picked up at the RBC Center at the "will call" window. NCSU will accept reservations for group seating up until Dec. 30. There is also an \$8.00 "transaction fee" for credit card orders. Questions concerning purchasing tickets can be directed to Meghan Brown at 865-1439 or via e-mail to [Meghan.Brown@ncsu.edu](mailto:Meghan.Brown@ncsu.edu).

There are currently 50 seats reserved in Section 310. More seats in that section can be made available, but the earlier Knights book their tickets, the more likely the Council will be guaranteed extra seats in that section.

Council 9709 was originally planning the outing to be for all Councils in NC KofC District #9 as a District-wide social activity; however, the other Councils in Durham and Chapel Hill did not express sufficient interest to District Deputy Hadon Ware. As a result, Council 9709's officers decided to offer the discounted tickets to the Brothers and families of the All Saints Council.



## YOUTH COMMITTEE TO RUN POSTER, ESSAY/POEM CONTESTS

Youth Committee Chairman Mike Wrzesien announced at the Dec. 1 business meeting that the Council will be coordinating participation in two statewide contests for students at the ECLC and The Franciscan School through Dec. 31, 2009.

Students in preschool and through fifth grade can submit a poster no larger than 9" x 12" for consideration. The theme for the poster is: "In Honor of the Year of the Priest, who is my Priest and what does he mean to me." Students in eighth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade can either submit a one-page poem or a 500-word essay on "the responsibility of the Catholic citizen in a free society."

The Council will judge all entries and award prizes of \$25 for each of nine age categories. Winning entries will be submitted to the State Council for further competition. State will award plaques for the poster contest and a \$100 checks and plaques for the essay/poem contest also based on age categories.

## BOY SCOUTS TO RETIRE OLD FLAGS AT JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING

Members of Boy Scout Troop 352 will open the January 5th meeting with a flag-folding ceremony. The flag they will fold has been flown over the U.S. Capitol and will be placed in a case for display at future Memorial Day Masses to honor deceased veterans registered with the Council by their relatives in the Parish.

The Scouts will also be collecting old, worn-out flags at the meeting and will conduct a flag retirement ceremony to properly dispose of them.

Additionally, a number of Eagle Scouts will be presented with their Knights of Columbus Eagle Scout Certificates at the meeting.

The January business meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. with the Scouts. There will not be a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony at the meeting.

## DUKE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GIFTS ACCEPTED THROUGH DEC. 13

Attendees at the Council's annual Christmas party Sunday, December 13, are asked to bring either a wrapped toy with a tag marked by gender and age or a \$20 gift certificate to either Walmart or Target for the Duke Children's Hospital Ministry's annual Christmas parties. The Ministry has expressed a great interest in the gift cards because of their popularity with the older children. Knights not coming to the party and wishing to provide a gift should get their gifts to Brothers Dave Bole, Dick Bridges or Brian Curley before December 13.

# NC State Basketball

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January 9 - 12pm  
NC State vs. UVA  
RBC Center

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  2. Enter the promo code "9709"
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