



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

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## RECORD ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Some 90 Knights, family members and guests shared the holiday spirit at the All Saints Council's annual Christmas party at the Crabtree Valley Marriott Sunday, Dec. 13. Attendance at this year's party was almost 30 percent higher than last year's event.

The Council was very pleased to have District Deputy Hadon Ware and wife Carol present, as well as Fr. David McBriar, who offered the blessing, and Br. Michael Thangwah, who was visiting St. Francis for Christmas during a break from his theological studies in Washington, D.C. Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick, wife Alisa and their two children, Coley and Kate, also joined the party.

Attendees brought 19 wrapped gifts and 17 gift cards for donation to the St. Francis Duke Children's Hospital Ministry's annual party for children at the hospital. The gifts, with an estimated value of \$720, were delivered Dec. 14 in time for the Ministry's Dec. 15 party at the hospital.

Mary Adoki sang three traditional Christmas carols for attendees, organized an ad hoc children's caroling party from among the 12 children present and then led attendees in singing some more carols before the party broke up at about 9 p.m.

The party was completely self-funded, and the money paid by attendees covered all expenses of the party.

Pictures of the party courtesy of Brother Tim Dyer's wife Kerry and son Andrew are available on the Council's website at [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org).



Mary Adoki led the ad hoc children's choir of (Back L-R) Allison Baumgartner, Lautren Bayle, Katie Gbruoski, Christian Stacey, Allison Becker, Jimmy Gbruoski, (Front L-R) Vika Becker, Harry and Charlie Stacey at the Christmas party. Photo: Andrew/Kerry Dyer

## BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST SET FOR FEB. 13

### FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Council 9709 will hold its annual Basketball Free Throw Contest for youth aged 10-14 on Saturday, Feb. 13, 9:00 a.m. - noon, in the Clare Hall gym. All Saints Council 9709 runs both the Council competition and the District #9 competition for three area KofC Councils at the event.

Last year 32 boys and girls each shot 15 free throws. St. Francis winners were determined by the most free throws made by St. Francis children by age group. District winners were selected from all three Councils by the highest number of free throws made during head-to-head competition. One participant from St. Francis, Ben Zemonek, age 10, won the state championship for his age group.

The Basketball Free Throw Contest is an annual event run statewide by the North Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and the state competition will be held March 6 in Burlington.

Brother Mike Wrzesien, the Youth Committee Chairman, will be organizing the event. He will need about 10-12 brothers to help in registering and scoring the participants as well as shagging basketballs. Brother Mike encourages his fellow Knights to join in the fun.

"Working with the youth of our community is very rewarding. The free throw contest is a competitive event, yet I am always amazed at how the boys and girls support their peers and celebrate each other's accomplishments," said Brother Wrzesien.

Interested Knights should contact Brother Wrzesien directly to volunteer at 870-7396 or via e-mail at [mwrzesien@nc.rr.com](mailto:mwrzesien@nc.rr.com).

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

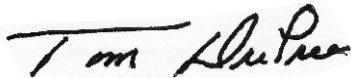
Greetings Brothers,

Brother Dick Bridges, DGK, has sent an e-mail requesting your volunteer hours for 2009 for our annual report to Supreme. Please include your wives' and family members' contributions as a separate line item. The Council needs this information by Jan. 15.

Our Council's final total gross income for Operaton LAMB is \$25,879.27. To those who made a personal contribution, I would like to thank you personally for your generosity.

Your Council will be attending the UVA/NCSU basketball game on Saturday, Jan. 9, at noon at the RBC Center. We have secured a discounted price of \$15.00 per person. I encourage you and your family to attend and enjoy the fellowship of our Brother Knights and their families. Go to the Council website for complete details on ordering tickets.

Our next First Degree will be Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. Please extend an invitation to every Catholic gentleman to join our Order and experience what it means to be a Knight. Check the website for more details.


**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**JANUARY 2010**

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 9 - Council Outing, UVA vs. NCSU, noon, RBC Center
- 16 - March for Life, 1p.m.-3 p.m., Nash Square, Raleigh
- 20 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 pm., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 22 - Right to Life March/Mass, 11:30 a.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 Rm

**FEBRUARY 2010**

- 2 - 1st Degree/Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 13 - Basketball Free Throw Contest, 9 a.m., Clare Hall Gym
- 16 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 17 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 23 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

**MARCH 2010**

- 2 - 1st Degree/Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 13 - Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Church Parking Lot
- 16 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 17 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 20 - St. Patrick's Day Parade, TBD
- 30 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . SUPREME REPORTS**

Council 9709 is required to submit the following reports to Supreme and State detailing the level of participation in Council activities by the membership and the expenditure of Council funds:

**Report of Officers Chosen for Term July 1, 20\_\_ to June 30, 20\_\_ (Form #185)** – A listing of the new officers for the fraternal year due by July 1 of the new fraternal year.

**Service Program Personnel Report for the Term July 1, 20\_\_ to June 30, 20\_\_ (Form #365)** – A listing of the new Committee Chairmen for the fraternal year due by August 1 of the new fraternal year.

**Youth Leader for the Term Report (Form #4348)** – The Council is required to submit a report with information concerning the Youth Committee Chairman to Supreme as part of a background check.

**Semi-Annual Council Audit Report (Form #1295)** – A reconciliation of Membership, Cash Transactions and Assets and Liabilities for the previous six months. Reports are due August 15 and Feb. 15.

**Soccer Challenge Participation Report (Form #4567) and Free Throw Championship Report (Form #FT-1)**– A summary of the number of youth participating in the annual Soccer Challenge due by Dec. 1 and the Free Throw Championship due by Jan. 31 of the fraternal year.

**Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report (Form #1728)** – A summary of the membership's participation in Council as well as non-Council activities due Jan. 31. Much of the input for this report comes directly from the membership. Form #1728A can be used to record individuals' inputs concerning their charitable activities for the past year. Council 9709 typically sends out an e-mail to the membership to collect this data.

**Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (Form #4584)** – A summary of participation in Special Olympics programs at the local, regional and state levels for the year due by Jan. 31 each year.

**RSVP Refund/Plaque Application (Form #2863)** –A summary of the moral and financial support provided seminarians throughout the year. The report is due June 30 each year.

**Colombian Award Application (Form #SP7)** – A summary of activities conducted in each of the five program areas: Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth. The submission of the **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report** and the **Service Program Personnel Report** are prerequisites for submitting this report, which is due June 30 of each year.

## 40 WORK NCSO 2009 BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Some 40 Knights and family members worked three venues in Raleigh Saturday, Dec. 6., for the North Carolina Special Olympics (NCSO) 2009 Bowling Tournament. Council 9709 conducted the awards ceremonies at AMF Pleasant Valley Lanes, AMF Capital Lanes and Buffaloe Lanes South.

"I was especially pleased with the number of Knights that turned out to help," said Brother Dick Bridges, who served as Special Olympics Coordinator for the Council at AMF Capital. "With the new format for the competition, we could have easily been swamped if it had not been for the number of volunteers on hand."

The competition used the "Baker format," which alternates bowlers in the doubles and team competition, makes the competition go faster and means everyone finishes at about the same time.

Ms. Nadia Moffett, Miss North Carolina 2009, participated in the opening ceremonies at both the AMF Pleasant Valley and AMF Capital sites and presented awards at the AMF Capital venue.

Council 9709 has contributed some 357 volunteer hours to NCSO for 2009, which includes 182 hours at two previous events this year.

Brothers Joe Azzopardi, Ken Bridges, Don and Terri Donaghy, Jerry and Irene Cucurullo, Mike and Karen Hoover, Mike Supianoski, Jeff Szymendera and grandchildren Brandon and Jessica and Richard Szulewski, worked the AMF Pleasant Valley venue.

Brothers Dave and Darlene Bole, Dick Bridges, Michael and Susan Cotter, Tony Evans, Dennis and Joann Kelleher, Knight-to-be Chuck Lally, Dan Mulvihill and son Ryan, Kent Siefkes, Frank and Carmella Sola and Dave Vogelpohl worked the AMF Capital venue.

Brothers Michael, Carol, Patrick, Mary-Ashley and Delaney Darrow; Carol De La Rosa (wife of Mark De La Rosa), Tom and Elaine DuPree, Ralph Guenther, Fred Johnson, Tom McKemie and Tim Stevens worked the Buffaloe Lanes South venue.

## TRASH PICK UP NETS 13 BAGS

Eight adults and two children picked up 13 bags of trash and recyclables at the Dec. 12 quarterly trash pick up, despite freezing temperatures.

The Council only held three trash pick ups for 2009. The spring pick up was rained out, and attempts at rescheduling the pick up were rained out as well. Still, the Council picked up some 25 bags of trash and 13 bags of recyclables for the year.

The Council will celebrate 10 years of participation in North Carolina's Adopt-A-Highway program on Nov. 10, 2010, and be entitled to post a 10-year sticker on the signs on Leesville Road announcing the Council's adoption of the stretch from the Durham County Line to the Citgo station near I-540.

Thanks to Brothers Shawn Bayle, Dick Bridges, Don Donaghy, Tom DuPree, Ralph Guenther, Fred Johnson, John Moster, Tim Wagner and children Charlie and Kathleen, all of whom came from the O'Charley's breakfast, for coming out on a cold day.



Some 15 Knights and family members worked the AMF Capital venue awards ceremony with Miss North Carolina 2009 Nadia Moffett and her mother, Jaleh Estes. Back Row (L-R): Unknown volunteer, Susan and Mike Cotter, Darlene Bole and David Bole, Carmella and Frank Sola, Joann and Dennis Kelleher, Tony Evans; Front Row (L-R) Two unknown volunteers, Ryan Mulvihill, Kent Siefkes, David Vogelpohl, Jaleh Estes, Miss North Carolina 2009 Nadia Moffett, Chuck Lally, Dan Mulvihill and Dick Bridges. Photo: Rich Cox

## DARROWS SELECTED AS JANUARY'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH



(L-R) Patrick and Michael, Delaney, Mary Ashley and Carol Darrow at the Dec. 6 NC Special Olympics AMF Pleasant Valley venue. *Photo: Ralph Guenther*

The Darrow family has been selected as Family of the Month for January 2010 for their strong support of the NC Special Olympics. Brother Michael Darrow, wife Carol and children Patrick (18), Mary Ashley (16) and Delaney (9) all turned out for the NC Special Olympics Bowling Tournament Sunday, Dec. 6, at Buffaloe Lanes South.

“We try to involve the whole family in all our activities like LAMB, the Migrant Ministry, etc. The intent is to impress upon the children the importance of helping others, especially those less fortunate,” said Brother Mike. “The kids come grudgingly but always end up having a good time and come away with a good feeling of charity.”

Brother Mike, a Raleigh native, and Carol who hails from Bethesda, Md., met at East Carolina University. They have been married for 20 years and were founding members of St. Francis dating back to when services were held in the cafeteria at Lynn Road Elementary School. Brother Mike's father was a founding member of All Saints Council and recruited his son into the Knights seven years ago. Brother Mike is a Past Grand Knight and has also chaired and served on various committees in the Council.

Brother Mike is a Eucharistic Minister, and Carol teaches Sunday School at St. Francis. They work and host with the Children of Chernobyl Ministry and serve on a number of Church committees. Patrick is a senior and Mary Ashley a sophomore at Cardinal Gibbons, and Delaney is a third grader. As a family they enjoy snow skiing, boating, water skiing and hiking.

Brother Mike has worked for Auto Finders for 16 years and owned the business for 12. Auto Finders sells new and used vehicles. The company specializes in getting exactly what the customer wants, often at a better price and without all the dealership hassles, says Brother Mike. The firm has also been honored as The Quality Dealer of NC/SC by The National Independent Auto Dealers Association.

## BROTHER JOHN MOSTER IS JANUARY'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

December's Knight of the Month is Brother John Moster, who has coordinated the Council's participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program for the past two years. He has also been a stalwart for the Council at the annual barbecue, Operation LAMB and other Council activities. Brother John, who was recruited by Brother Tim Dyer four years ago through the Eucharistic Ministry, has a habit of being there when the Council needs help.

Outside of the Knights, Brother John coaches Science Olympiad at Cardinal Gibbons High School. He started volunteering for Science Olympiad while his sons were at Cardinal Gibbons and continued his participation even after they graduated. Last year, Brother John coached an event where students had to build a device that could launch a tennis ball and hit a bulls eye on an elevated target as well as a floor target. He took one of the teams to the regional championship and another team to the state championship. This year he is coaching a Mouse Trap Vehicle device event where students build a vehicle powered by two mousetraps.

Brother John has worked for IBM for over 20 years as a computer engineer. For the last nine years, he has worked in the Applications Support area for IBM's PowerPC processors.

He and wife Jeanne have been married for over 23 years and have two sons in college. Joe is at NCSU majoring in Aerospace Engineering, and Alex is majoring in Electrical Engineering at UNC-Charlotte. The Mosters moved to North Carolina 12 years ago and became parishioners at St. Francis when The Franciscan School opened.



Brother John Moster

## O'CHARLEY'S BREAKFAST RAISES \$210 FOR LAMB

Some 45 Brother Knights, wives and children shared a pancake breakfast at the Brier Creek O'Charley's the morning of Saturday, Dec. 12.

A donation of \$5 per adult was requested of attendees. Children under 16 could eat for free. A total of \$210 was collected and was applied to the Council's 2009 Operation LAMB collection. The donation was approved at the officers meeting Dec. 29, and the deposit was made prior to the Dec. 31 deadline for LAMB contributions.

O'Charley's offers one such breakfast a month to non-profit organizations such as the Knights who have patronized the establishment during the year. The Council held two of its Social Gatherings at the restaurant in 2009. The breakfasts are also good advertisements for O'Charley's new weekend brunch service, according to Manager Joe Hardie.

Manager Joe Hardie also personally thanked all attendees by passing out \$5 O'Charley's Reward Cards. The cards are good through Feb. 28, 2010. Only one card can be used per party per visit.



(L-R) Charlie, Mary, Kathleen, Brother Tim, Joanie and wife Sally Wagner made the Dec. 12 breakfast a family affair.



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## TEMPUS FUGIT

by Rudy Sturk, KofC Marketing Services,  
Field Management, New Haven, Conn.

Tempus fugit. Time flies. We have just rung in a new year. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. I hope that 2009 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family, and whether it was or not, I hope 2010 will be even better.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the New Year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year, and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down. Whether they be to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to stick to them if you write them down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that he'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And, you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

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**CORRECTIONS:** In the December newsletter article "Knights Partner with ECLC for Harvest Moon Festival," Brother Mark Baumgartner was omitted from the list of Council members participating.

## BOY SCOUTS HONOR COLORS AT JAN. 4 MEETING

About 30 members of St. Francis Boy Scout Troop #352 attended the Council's Jan. 4 business meeting and demonstrated proper U.S. Flag protocol on several levels to the members in attendance.

The young men first posted the colors at the start of the meeting and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. They then properly folded a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol for the Council to use at the annual Memorial Day Mass, which the Council sponsors for St. Francis. Lastly, the Scouts went outside to prepare to retire properly seven old U.S. Flags. Once the flags had been disassembled and a ceremonial fire lit, Council members went outside as well to participate in the retirement ceremony.

Six 2009 Eagle Scouts were also honored at the meeting with certificates from Supreme recognizing their unique lifetime achievement of the Eagle award: Walter Flanagan, Brock Friedman, David Hurley, Kyle Pecot, Alex Ricciuti and Andrew Tibbetts. Flanagan, Ricciuti and Tibbetts were on hand to receive their certificates from Youth Chairman Mike Wrzesien.

Troop #352 Scoutmaster Ken Spry personally thanked Council 9709 for its sponsorship of the Troop. The Troop's banner carries the words "Knights of Columbus 9709" on the top half of its Troop banner in recognition of that sponsorship. Spry also thanked the Council for helping some 35 Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout over the 12-13 years of the Troop's existence at St. Francis. He also noted that there are currently six more Life Scouts working on their Eagle award.



There were nine current and former Eagle Scouts at the Jan. 4 meeting: Standing (L-R) Tommy Dalton, Alex Ricciuti, Ken Spry, Chancie Crowder, Norm Tuomi, Peter Oertel; Kneeling (L-R) Will Smith, Andrew Tibbetts and Walter Flanagan.

## SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR JAN. 9 B-BALL OUTING

Tickets for Council 9709's outing to the University of Virginia vs. NC State University basketball game on Jan. 9 can be ordered right up until tip-off, according to Meghan Brown, NC State Athletics Assistant Director of Marketing and Promotions. As of Dec. 31, only six tickets had been purchased for the Council's group block in Section 310. Tickets are \$15 each, which includes a \$5 discount for group rates, and can be purchased at [www.gopack.com/promo](http://www.gopack.com/promo) under the promotion code "9709." An \$8 fee is applied to each credit card purchase.

Parking at the NC State fairgrounds south of Trinity Boulevard across the RBC Center is free. Parking at the RBC Center is \$10.

## COUNCIL'S 2009 LAMB TOTAL REACHES \$25,879.27

The final total for Council 9709's Operation LAMB drive for 2009 is \$25,879.27. The total includes \$210 donated at the O'Charley's breakfast Saturday, Dec. 12, as well as some \$2,855 in personal contributions made by Council members in December. Contributions received after Dec. 31 will be applied to the 2010 LAMB campaign.

Council 9709 raised some \$26,224 for calendar year 2008. The goal assigned All Saints Council by the State Council for 2009 was \$27,011.

## HARVEST MOON NETS \$5,700 FOR ECLC

Partly as a result of Council 9709's financial and volunteer assistance, the Early Childhood Learning Center brought in some \$5,700 at its Harvest Moon Festival Nov. 21.

"I would like to offer our sincere thanks to the Knights of Columbus for joining our Harvest Moon team this year. They donated \$500 worth of food and supplies, arranged for volunteers to prepare the food, and worked diligently at the festival to serve that wonderful bounty! Hats off, Boys!" said ECLC Director Nancy Bourke in her front page column in December *The Preschool Press*, the ECLC's newsletter for parents.

All money raised at the Harvest Moon Festival will go to the Dan Kenna Endowment Fund, which provides tuition assistance to families in need.