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COUNCIL EXCEEDS ORIGINAL STAR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP QUOTA



L-R: New Brothers Tim Wiwel, Jeffrey R. Henry, Dominic Paredi, Tim Fischer, Andy Farrell, George P. Corvin and Matthew Elston flank (C) Grand Knight Tom DuPree and Fr. Emmet Murphy at the Feb. 2 ceremony. The ceremony was dedicated to Fr. Emmet.

Council 9709 welcomed nine new members into its ranks at a 1st Degree Ceremony conducted before the Feb. 2 business meeting. Welcome to new Brothers George P. Corvin, Matthew Elston, Andy Farrell, Tim Fisher, Jeffrey R. Henry, Dominic Paredi and Tim Wiwel; Reapplicant Ed Bromeier and transfer Dan R. Howard.

The eight new and reapplying members bring to 21 the number of new members brought into the Order for this fraternal year, exceeding the originally Supreme-assigned goal of 13 for fraternal year 2009-2010. Transfers do not count for or against quota.

But even before the Feb. 2 ceremony, All Saints Council had achieved its original membership goal for Star Council, thanks to a quirk in the system at Supreme. The

paperwork for two Knights who took their 1st Degree before July 1, 2009, did not get counted for fraternal year 2008-2009 and was rolled over into fraternal year 2009-2010 instead. As of Dec. 31, 2009, Supreme had already credited Council 9709 with 13 new members.

Of course, there is still the issue of six withdrawals, three transfers and one suspension that could up the original membership goal of 13 by 10. The Council, however, has already voted to accept another two members.

A Council achieves Star Council status by meeting the requirements for the Colombian Award for programs, the Father McGivney Award for membership and the Founders Award for insurance members. The Council is on track to meet its quota in all categories and should achieve Star status for this fraternal year.

The Council has never had a problem meeting the requirements for the Colombian Award, and All Saints has already signed up three new insurance members with two more pending, which will meet the goal of five new insurance members this fraternal year to satisfy the requirements for the Founders Award.

COUNCIL TO VOTE \$10K PLEDGE FOR ROOM AT THE INN IN MARCH

Attendees at the March 2 business meeting will vote on pledging a total of \$10,000 over five years to Room at the Inn, a Catholic organization in Charlotte serving pregnant college women throughout North and South Carolina. Some \$2,000 of that pledge has already been approved as part of the Fraternal Year 2009-2010 budget and was authorized for disbursement at the Feb. 2 meeting.

Room at the Inn provides a facility where a woman can continue her college education while receiving pre- and post-natal care and support from a caring staff for a period of two years. Women admitted to Room at the Inn must continue their education, continue worship in the faith of their choice, continue working and save 10 percent of their earnings toward their and their children's futures.



State is asking the membership of each Council in North Carolina to contribute the equivalent of \$100 per member over five years to fund the organization's new \$1 million facility in Charlotte. Members may pledge individual contributions and get more information about Room at the Inn on the organization's website www.rati.com.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

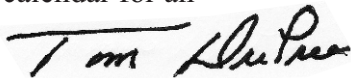
Greetings, Brothers!

Your Council scheduled eight Information Nights in the month of January to encourage new members to join. As a result, we were able to bring in seven new Knights Feb. 2. Please continue to ask men of St. Francis to join our Council. Wear your name badges; be proud to be a Knight!

On the Council website www.kofc9709.org, you will find all the information on "The Room at the Inn." Please take a few minutes to read, inform yourself, pray for guidance and then commit to making your personal pledge for this most important program. These young ladies and their babies need our help.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and State Deputy Dave Jones have requested that each Council in the Order have a food drive by March 1, 2010, to assist those in our community who experience "food insecurity." Please bring a bag of non-perishable food for the needy to the church over the weekend of Feb. 13-14. Check the Council website for details.

Your Council will host a Fraternal Benefits night, sponsored by Field Agent Brother Tim Kilpatrick, on Wednesday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), at 7 p.m. Mark your calendar for an evening of fun/information.


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

FEBRUARY 2010

- 16 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Mimi's Café, 6320 Plantation Center Drive
- 17 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 19 - Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30-8 p.m., Anthony Hall
- *20 - Basketball Free Throw Contest, 9 a.m.-1 pm., Clare Hall Gym

MARCH 2010

- *3 - 1st Degree/Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 13 - Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Parking Lot
- 17 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- *17 - Social Gathering/Fraternal Benefits Night, 7 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 20 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, 3 p.m., Council 8857, Hope Mills
- 27 - Blood Drive, 6 a.m.-4 p.m., Clare Hall

APRIL 2010

- 6 - 1st Degree/Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 9-11 - Operation LAMB, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Locations TBD
- *16 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Anthony Hall, Potluck and Movie "Evan Almighty"
- 21 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 24 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, 3 p.m., Council 9499, Clemmons

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FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . STATE MID-YEAR MEETING

The North Carolina State Mid-Year Meeting, held this year on Saturday, Jan. 23, in Fayetteville, is part pep rally and part seminar for Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, LAMB Directors and Membership Committee Chairmen. It is likewise part update as it gives all Grand Knights in attendance an idea of where they stand with regard to their peers at the halfway mark of the fraternal year.

The meeting, like all Knights' meetings, opens with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The State Deputy and State Chaplain address all attendees and then Financial Secretaries, LAMB Directors and Membership Committee Chairmen break out into separate sessions run by their State counterparts.

Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights receive updates on how the State Council stands as regards membership recruitment and retention. State Deputy Dave Jones announced at the meeting that membership in the Knights of Columbus in North Carolina exceeded 15,000 for the first time, noting: "Membership is the lifeblood of our Order." Updates on Church, Council, Family and Youth programs followed.

The State Vacation Raffle Ticket Sales quotas were established as well, with the District Deputies distributing tickets to the Grand Knights with a sales deadline of May 1. Supreme Director John A. Harrison, who represents North Carolina on the Supreme Council, noted: "This is *the* charity fund for the entire State of North Carolina." Monies generated for State through ticket sales augment the State per capita assessment on North Carolina Councils, and the total is the budget for State.

There is a push toward youth both at State and National levels of the Order, and Supreme Director Harrison noted that the Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization on the rise whereas many other such organizations are experiencing a drop in membership.

There is also a push toward recruiting Hispanics in North Carolina into the Order. There are at least two 1st Degree teams conducting ceremonies in Spanish, and Supreme Hispanic Coordinator Levi C. Leyba talked about a number of reactivated Councils in the State that now had majority Hispanic memberships.

COUNCIL KNIGHTS MARCH FOR LIFE IN NC AND DC

Six Knights from Council 9709, including Council Chaplain Fr. David McBriar, joined about 1,000 other Knights, pro-life advocates and religious at Raleigh's annual March for Life at Nash Square Saturday, Jan. 16. Besides Fr. David, Brothers Dick Bridges, Jim Brown, Tom DuPree, Kent Siefkes and Hadon Ware attended the event. Wives Alice Brown, Elaine DuPree and Carol Ware also attended, and Brother Bridges brought fellow St. Francis Parishioner and neighbor Maureen Copan.

The program featured messages from seven Congressmen and two prominent N.C. State legislators and keynote speeches from Deanna Jones and Angela Franks, Ph.D. Mrs. Jones, who underwent an abortion in her youth, lamented the lack of pro-life guidance available 20 years ago when she aborted daughter Aubrey to keep her job at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. She now has six children, two by birth and four adopted, and wrote a book about her experience and how religion helped her cope with that experience.

"It seems as if we are fighting against all odds," she said of events in 2009 that have set back the pro-life movement. "This is [however] not the time to be timid. We need to speak out."

Mrs. Franks noted that some 300,000 abortions had been performed by Planned Parenthood in 2007, the latest year for which statistics are available, and condemned the \$350 million in contracts from Federal, State and local governments the organization received that same year.

The March took the same route as last year from Nash Square into Raleigh past the N.C. Legislature building on Jones Street before ending at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Seven Knights also traveled to Washington, D.C., for the National March for Life Mass/March Jan. 21-22: Brothers Shawn Bayle, Tom DuPree, Ralph Guenther, Jerry Powell, Fr. Mark Reamer, Kent Siefkes and Mike Wrzesien. The delegation also visited with Brs. Stephen DeWitt and Dan Horan, two of the three seminarians at Holy Name College in Silver Spring, Md., supported by the Council under the RSVP program. Br. Erick Lopez is in Hartford, Conn., for a year finishing up his preparation for the priesthood.



(L-R) Deputy Grand Knight Dick Bridges, Parishioner Maureen Copan and Council Chaplain David McBriar unfurl the Council banner for the March for Life.

COUNCIL TO RUN ST. FRANCIS PARKING MINISTRY

Attendees at the Jan. 5 business meeting voted unanimously to take charge of the church's Parking Ministry. Brother Steve Burdett, who chairs the ministry, made the request of the Council.

"The vast majority of those on the Parking Ministry are Knights, and they are the ones who can always be counted upon," said Brother Burdett. "It just makes sense for the Council to take the lead with that many Knights already involved."

Discussion concerning putting the KofC logo on the parking vests and raingear followed, and it is likely that a formal proposal for the purchase order will come at a future meeting.

"It's just one more way to recruit new members and gain visibility for the Council in the Parish," said Brother Burdett.

The current roster of the Parking Ministry shows 24 active members, of which 17 are Knights. The Parking Ministry works the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sundays to assist traffic entering the Church grounds and ensure the safety of Parishioners walking to and from the church from the parking lots. Knights commit to working the 9:30 or the 11:30 a.m. Mass and are assigned to a two-man team that serves on a rotational schedule. The current rotation equates to working about once every six weeks. Training is provided.

Knights interested in joining the Parking Ministry should contact Brother Steve Burdett directly at 845-2714 or via e-mail at sburdett@barnhillcontracting.com.

DONAGHYS CHOSEN AS FEBRUARY'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Brother Don Donaghy and wife Terri

Brother Don Donaghy and wife Terri were selected as February's Family of the Month for the many hours of volunteer work they contribute to the Council, the Church, and the Community. Brother Don amassed a total of 542.5 hours of individual volunteer time for calendar year 2009, the most of any Knight reporting hours to the Council. Although not tracked, Terri amassed hundreds of hours as well, doing many of the same projects with Brother Don.

Brother Don joined the Knights of Columbus All Saints Council 9709 on Oct. 11, 2005, and, more recently, was exemplified to the 4th degree on Oct. 24, 2009.

Don and his wife, Terri, have been married 46 years, and have lived in Raleigh for 26, almost all that time as parishioners of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community. Don retired from IBM in January 1993 after 34 years, and Terri retired from GE Mortgage in March 2000 after 13 years of employment. Together, they participate in many church ministries such as Catholic Parish Outreach, Interfaith Food Shuttle, Migrant ministries, WHIN, and the Funeral Ministry. In addition they are Eucharist Ministers, Church collection counters, Church Liturgy Sexton and backup receptionist.

They help out in other functions whenever needed, as a team or singly.

"By joining the Knights," Don said, "we were able to expand our volunteer time and talents to apply to helping others in our community." Terri and Don have worked together on many KofC projects such as Operation LAMB, blood drives, USO donut runs, Special Olympics, the Basketball Free Throw Championship and the RBC Center. They attend as many KofC social functions as they can.

MICHAEL SUPIANOSKI CHOSEN FEBRUARY'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected Brother Michael Supianoski as Council 9709's Knight of the Month for February for his volunteering for six shifts at the RBC Center shortly after his reinstatement to the Order late last year. Brother Michael is quick to play down the significance of his signing up for so many events all at once.

"I just do it for the exposure to people and to occupy my idle time," he said.

Brother Michael originally became a Knight in Marianna, Fla., in the late 1990s but allowed his membership to lapse after suffering a brain aneurism, which left him in a coma for 17 days in June 2000. Wife Joyce was appointed his aide and attendant by the Veterans Administration and assisted him with his ensuing disability until she contracted lupus and died in March 2009.

Brother Michael moved to Raleigh in April 2009 so he could be close to his sister, Shirley Edwards, and her husband Bill. After joining the All Saints Council, he took his 3rd Degree in Raleigh and is now fully involved in Council activities.

He loves to fish and watch NASCAR, which may have something to do with his having been an automotive parts manager for Nissan and General Motors dealerships prior to his medical retirement in 2000.

Brother Michael was born in Coldwater, Mich., grew up in St. Louis, Mo., and Ocala, Fla., and is a product of the Catholic school system and a lifelong Catholic.



Brother Michael Supianoski

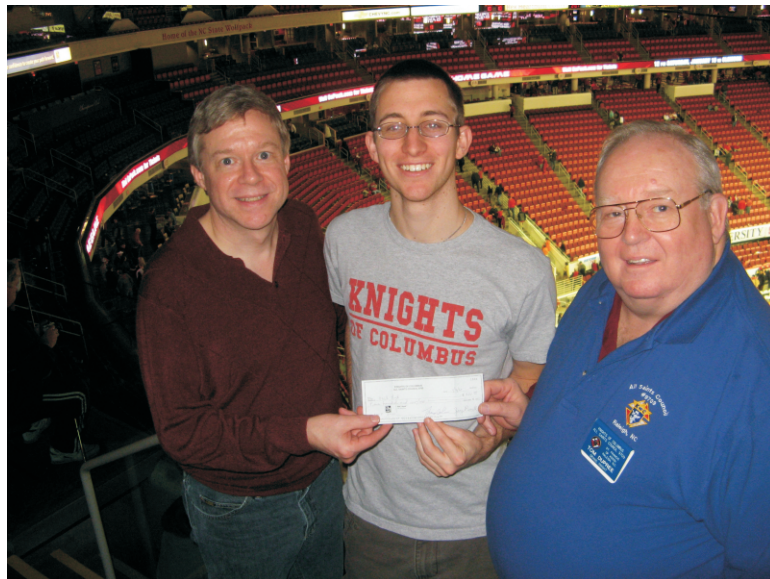
SEMINARIAN PHIL LIST GETS RSVP CHECK JAN. 9

Grand Knight Tom DuPree and Community Chairman Kent Siefkes presented Br. Phil List a check for \$500 at the RBC Center after the Council's Social Outing Jan. 9 to the UVA vs. NCSU basketball game. Br. List became the fourth seminarian to be supported by the Council under the Order's Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) as the result of a motion made and approved at the October 2009 business meeting.

Br. List is studying at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, in Wynnewood, Pa, and is a graduate of North Carolina State University and a past Treasurer of Council #14422 at the University. The other three seminarians—Br. Stephen DeWitt, Br. Dan Horan and Br. Erick Lopez—received their checks Jan. 22. Those three RSVP checks were approved in August as part of the Council's 2009-2010 fraternal year budget.

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.

Unfortunately for Br. List, NCSU lost to UVA by a score of 70-62 after leading at halftime by a score of 40-36. Some 22 Brother Knights, family members and guests attended the game, which was the Council's Social Gathering for the month of January. The Council got a group rate of \$15 a ticket for the game, a \$5 discount off the regular price for an ACC game.



Brother Kent Siefkes (L) and Grand Knight Tom DuPree (R) present an RSVP check for \$500 to Br. Phil List (C).



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“I Already Have Insurance at Work”

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

Many employers offer some form of Group Life Insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with a professional agent. That would be a mistake.

Most forms of Group Life Insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for a family's needs should the insured die. In fact, in the absence of a detailed needs analysis (which a Field Agent will be happy to provide, free of charge), any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced—and sometimes dramatically—when you retire.

Especially today, there is the very real possibility that an individual could change employers or lose his job or have his benefits reduced as a cost savings measure by an employer. In any of these cases, the insured individual could—one day—find himself without coverage. If his health has changed in the meantime, he might also find himself unable to secure individual protection.

While Group Life can help as supplemental insurance, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. KofC Field Agents are especially trained to provide free, custom-tailored, needs analyses that can show their clients exactly where they stand.

Your Field Agent is Tim Kilpatrick, and he is available any time. Call him at 847-3799 (H), 880-3463 (C) or send him an e-mail to Tim1002@earthlink.net or Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org.

ALL SAINTS COUNCIL REPORTS \$38,728 IN CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND 7,975 VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2009

Council 9709 reported some \$12,849 in charitable contributions and some 7,975 volunteer hours logged by its members in its submission of the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for calendar year 2009. Adding the \$12,849 to the Council's LAMB collection of \$25,879.27, All Saints Council totaled \$38,728.27 for charity in calendar year 2009.

This newsletter had previously reported Council donations totaling \$33,358.03 to charity for fraternal year 2008-2009 (July 2008-June 2009). The total of \$38,728.27 for calendar year 2009 is well ahead of that figure.

The annual report details expenses, charitable disbursements to Church, Community and Youth activities as well as the membership's fraternal commitment measured by visits to the sick and bereaved, the number of blood donors and by hours worked for Habitat for Humanity, Church, Community, Youth as well as miscellaneous hours outside the Council-sponsored activities.

Council 9709 reported a total of \$4,088 in disbursements going to Church activities, \$4,734 to Community activities and \$4,027 to Youth activities.

With only 51 of over 200 members reporting volunteer hours, the Council also recorded some 47 visits to the sick, 31 visits to the bereaved, 17 blood donors who gave blood 36 times during the year, some 172 hours of volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity, 451 hours for Church (including some 373 hours for the annual barbecue), 2,331 hours for Community (including 750 hours for the RBC Center and 650 for LAMB), 105 hours for Youth and 34 hours assisting the sick. The number of hours outside of Council-sponsored activities totaled some 4,882 hours.

Brother Don Donaghy recorded 426 hours outside of the Council activities (a total of 542.5 hours with Council activities included). Grand Knight Tom DuPree logged 395 hours outside of Council activities. Brother Tony Evans was third highest with 391 hours.

STATE ASKS COUNCIL 9709 TO SELL 800 VACATION RAFFLE TICKETS

The North Carolina State Council has assigned All Saints Council 9709 a quota of 800 vacation raffle tickets to sell by May 1, 2010, an increase of 100 over fraternal year 2008-2009. The Council gets to keep \$2.50 from every \$5 ticket sold.

Council 9709 sold 635 raffle tickets of its 700 quota in 2009, the fifth highest selling Council in North Carolina for that year, adding some \$1,587.50 to the Council's coffers. All Saints Council will get a rebate of an additional dollar for every ticket over 735 sold this fraternal year. Should the Council sell all 800 tickets, it would receive \$2,000 plus a bonus of \$65 for a total of \$2,065. District Deputies have extra tickets should Councils sell out their quota early and wish to sell more.

Brother Knights able to sell tickets to friends, neighbors and/or relatives should contact Deputy Grand Knight Dick Bridges directly at 806-3816 or rbridges1971@aol.com to get tickets. The Council deadline for selling the tickets will be April 15, after which all unsold tickets, stubs and cash should be turned in to Brother Bridges. The Council will sell unsold tickets at the Council's annual barbecue to be held in conjunction with the Church's Dedication Ceremony of the new Church facilities on Sunday, April 25.

The raffle drawing will take place at the annual Knights of Columbus State Council Convention in Charlotte, N.C., on May 15. The Grand Prize this year is a seven-day Alaskan cruise for two sailing from Seattle or Vancouver including airfare and \$700 cash. Second prize is a six-day, seven-night vacation in Honolulu, Hawaii, for two including airfare, hotel, transfers to/from the airport and the hotel, a Polynesian Cultural Center dinner/show, sightseeing tour and \$500 cash. Third through seventh prize winners each receive \$200 cash. Ticket purchasers need not be present to win, and winners will be contacted directly by the State Council. Last year's Grand Prize winner was Dave Deferie of Asheville, and second prize went to Jerry Lavoie from Edenton.

The \$5 purchase price of the ticket is not tax-deductible, and winners will need to pay applicable taxes, both federal and state, on winnings.

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Second Prize - 7 Day Hawaiian Vacation for 2 + \$500 Cash

Third thru Seventh Prizes - \$200 Cash Each

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Donation \$5.00

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Need not be present to win. Winners responsible for all applicable taxes.

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