



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

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## COUNCIL HONORED AT STATE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

All Saints Council 9709 picked up two top awards and one fifth place in the individual program categories at the State Organizational Meeting held in Greensboro over the weekend of July 10-11.

The Council received a first place plaque in the Division 4 competition for its Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) under the Church category and another for its Scholarship Program under the Youth category. The Council also received fifth place recognition for its Social Gatherings Program under the Family category.

In addition, All Saints Council was recognized as the fourth largest contributor of pledges to Room at the Inn, a program directed at helping pregnant college-age women avoid abortion, have a child and continue their studies. The Council was credited with pledging some \$14,500 to date, some \$10,000 of that coming from the Council's five-year pledge and the rest from 10 individual Council members.

“This is an important program that we as a Council have chosen to support, but the Council has only pledged half of what the program has asked for,” said Grand Knight Dick Bridges. “The other half was left for individual pledges, and I was pleasantly surprised to see the generosity of our Brothers who have pledged so much to date.”

Room at the Inn hopes to raise \$1 million by October, although it was only about a third of the way there as of the Organizational Meeting. A representative from Room at the Inn will be invited to attend an upcoming Social Gathering to address Council members and spouses.

In addition, the Council was recognized for selling the fifth most State Vacation Raffle Tickets of any North Carolina Council during the spring drive. Council 9709 sold 688 tickets this year, up from 675 last year when it also placed fifth in the State.

## 42 ATTEND AUGUST 10 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Some 42 Brother Knights attended the All Saints Council's fraternal year 2010-2011 Organizational Meeting August 10. Attendees enjoyed pizza from Schiano's and had the opportunity learn about the Council's plans for the year and pledge their service to the Council's Program Directors.

“We asked for a *pledge*, not a commitment,” emphasized Grand Knight Dick Bridges. “We understand that the Council is fourth among a Knight's priorities of Church, Family and Work. All we're looking for is to develop a pool of potential volunteers that can be contacted as scheduled events move forward or as unscheduled events pop up.”

Knights pledging support of various programs will be contacted by the Program Directors in the future. Knights unable to attend the August 10 meeting can still pledge online on the Council's website [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org) under “Events and Schedules.” Knights can also approach the Program Directors themselves: Brother Tru Hall, Membership; Brother Akuro Adoki, Church; Brother Tim Stevens, Council; Brother Mark Baumgartner, Community; Brother Dave Bole, Family; Brother Mark Wrzesien, Youth and Brother Kent Siefkes, Pro-Life.

Knights who did not attend the August 10 meeting or who do not pledge online will be contacted telephonically by the Council officers in August and September.



Youth Director Mike Wrzesien, Church Director Akuro Adoki and Family Director Dave Bole with their State Awards.

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Brothers All,

Thank you to all who attended our August 10 Organizational Meeting. The number of attendees volunteering is, I believe, a record in my five years with the Council. And, thanks for all your pledges. It looks like we are off to a good start this year.

For those of you who could not attend the August 10 meeting, please go to our website and make your pledge to Program(s) of your choice as soon as possible. We have a number of activities approaching, and we'll need all the help we can get. If you did not sign up at the Organizational Meeting or if you do not sign up on line, one of the Program Directors or an officer will be calling you to ascertain your desire or ability to work on one or more of our Programs.

I was very pleased to be able to accept on the Council's behalf the State awards discussed in detail in the lead article to this newsletter. We do so much good work, and that in itself is a reward, but it's also nice when others recognize it.

Lastly, congratulations to our four newest members, who joined the Council at a special 1st Degree Ceremony held August 12.

We'll need a few more to make Star Council this year, but you've given us a good start! Vivat Jesus!


**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**AUGUST 2010**

- 17 – Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Aladdin's, 6325 Falls of the Neuse
- 18 – Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 31 – Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conf Rm

**SEPTEMBER 2010**

- 7 – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree/Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 11 – Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Church Parking Lot
- 12 – Migrant Ministry Dinner, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Louisburg, see website for sign ups
- 15 – Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 19 – Pancake Breakfast Membership Blitz, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Assisi Community Center
- 21 – Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 24-26 – Operation LAMB, see website for sign ups
- 25 – Blood Drive, 6 a.m.-4 p.m., Assisi Community Center
- 25 – 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 13574, Jacksonville
- 28 – Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conf Rm

**OCTOBER 2010**

- 1-3 – Operation LAMB, see website for sign ups
- 5 – Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 9 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremony, Council 12119, Fuquay-Varina
- 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 Conf Rm

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . STAR COUNCIL**

Star Council status is the highest award a Knights of Columbus Council can receive from Supreme. To achieve Star status, a Council must excel in three areas: membership recruiting, insurance membership recruiting and service thereby achieving the requirements for the Father McGivney Award, the Founders' Award and the Colombian Award.

The Father McGivney Award is presented to Councils that achieve a seven percent net gain in membership for the fraternal year. Resignations and lost members add to the number of new members needed to achieve that goal. New membership transactions must be received, processed and recorded at Supreme by June 30 of the end of the fraternal year to count for that fraternal year.

The Founders' Award is presented to Councils that achieve a 2.5 percent net increase in new insurance members for the fraternal year. Reactivated inactive insurance members can count toward both membership and insurance membership goals. New insurance additions must be received, processed and released at Supreme by June 30 of the end of the fraternal year to count for that fraternal year.

The Colombian Award is presented to Councils who conduct at least four activities in the areas of Church, Community, Council, Family, Pro-Life and Youth. Councils must complete and forward KofC Report #1436 to Supreme no later than June 30 to qualify for this award.

Councils can also achieve Double Star status by doubling their membership quota for the year. All Saints Council 9709 will be receiving this honor for its recruiting efforts in fraternal year 2009-2010.

Source: "Shoot for the Stars: The Star Council Award, KofC Publication #4069, 1/10



Supreme Star Council  
Award Plaque

## ALL SAINTS WELCOMES FOUR NEW MEMBERS

Council 9709 inducted four new Brother Knights at a special ceremony Thursday, August 12. Welcome to new Brothers John Buyarski, Jim Holler, Chuck Lally and Diego Ortiz! In addition, Brother Ron Monti's request for reactivation was accepted by the Council, which also counts toward the membership goal. The four new members and one reactivation reduce the number of new Knights required for the Council to achieve Star Status to 20 (see article below).

"This year we will have a number of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremonies not connected with regular business meetings in order to keep the amount of time devoted to a business meeting to about an hour," said Grand Knight Dick Bridges.

There will, however, still be 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremonies conducted in conjunction with business meetings in September and December 2010 and in March and June of 2011, if needed.

In addition, the Council plans on holding four 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Ceremonies not connected with business meetings during this fraternal year. The final schedule for those ceremonies will be announced once the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Team has been certified, something that should occur in early September.



Brothers (L-R) Jim Holler, Chuck Lally, John Buyarski, and Diego Ortiz after the ceremony.

## COUNCIL NEEDS 20 MORE RECRUITS FOR STAR STATUS

For fraternal year 2010-2011, Council 9709 will need to find at least 20 more new members for the Father McGivney Award for membership and five new insurance members for the Founders' Award for new insurance members. The Council also needs to achieve the requirements of the Colombian Award for service, although that has never presented a problem for the All Saints Council in the past.

"The membership goal is doable, as we showed last year by recruiting some 30 new members," said Grand Knight Dick Bridges. "Still, we need everyone's participation to achieve the membership goal for this year."

Council 9709 finished fraternal year 2009-2010 with a total membership of 223, which under normal circumstances would mean a membership goal of 15; however, the Council will be dropping at least 10 members who did not pay dues last year and submitted their resignations from the Order. Resigning members add to the current fraternal year goal.

Membership Director Tru Hall is making arrangements to support the Lifelong Faith Formation Ministry at their Family Biblefest on August 29. Knights will cook and serve hot dogs, and the Council will set up a membership information table as well. In addition, Grand Knight Dick Bridges will address the Men's Ministry monthly breakfast meeting on Sept. 7 at 7 a.m. in the Founders Room. The focus of that talk will be on joining the Knights. Brothers Shawn Bayle and Tru Hall are also working a Parish-wide pancake breakfast for Sunday, Sept. 19 after the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses in the new Community Center. Knights wishing to get involved in any of these activities should contact Brothers Shawn Bayle, Dick Bridges or Tru Hall.

"If we are going to achieve Star Council status this year, it will take a lot of effort by the Membership Committee, and I hope more Brothers will sign on to help," said Brother Bridges.

Star Council status is also contingent upon the Council meeting the requirement for the Founders Award for new insurance members and the Colombian Award for at least four activities each under Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth. The Council has never had difficulty achieving the requirements for the Colombian Award.

The Council's goal for this fraternal year to meet the requirements of the Founders Award for new members is five. The Council has already added two new insurance members this fraternal year, and there are at least two other Brothers who have expressed strong interest in becoming insurance members.

State has established a statewide goal of 1,200 members for fraternal year 2010-2011. For fraternal year 2009-2010 North Carolina Councils added a total of 1,069 new Knights to the Order.

## DUDLEYS SELECTED AS AUGUST'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Brother Larry and Patty Dudley in a cornfield in Las Margaritas, Guatemala

Council officers have chosen Brother Larry and Patty Dudley as Family of the Month for September for their service to the Church, Council and Community. This past March Brother Larry and Patty made their way to St. Francis' sister Parish Las Margaritas in Guatemala for a working visit where Patty volunteered her services in her capacity as a Registered Nurse and Brother Larry worked a variety of construction jobs.

"The villagers, descendants of Mayan Indians, have a culture older than ours. They are not poor people, but are terribly uneducated," said Brother Larry. "There is virtually no crime, as everybody knows everybody. The children are free to roam and play as there are no threats and there is always somebody who can see them."

The Dudleys made their way to North Carolina via New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts in 1977, and but for a brief stint in South Carolina have become long-term residents of Raleigh. Brother Larry has been a Knight for 22 years and has served as an officer for the past ten years, including being Warden, Recorder and Deputy Grand Knight in other KofC

Councils and serving as the Founding Grand Knight and a Trustee of All Saints Council 9709.

Patty works as a Registered Nurse in Raleigh, and Brother Larry runs Century Services, a company that does home maintenance and repair work.

They have four children: Suzanne in Charlotte, Bill in Raleigh, Amy in Winston-Salem and Heather in Union, S.C.

## BROTHER KEN BRIDGES IS AUGUST'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Council officers have named Brother Ken Bridges Knight of the Month for August 2010. Brother Bridges has put in considerable volunteer hours at the Council barbecue, Operation LAMB, Special Olympics and the RBC Center since joining the Council in November 2009. He has also recently volunteered to be part of the District's new 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Ceremonial Team and serves as Co-Director of the Family Committee. Brother Bridges took his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees in March 2010.

Outside of the Knights, he volunteers at The Miracle League of the Triangle, an organization that provides handicapped children and young adults an opportunity to play baseball, and serves as team statistician for the TFS baseball team.

He, wife Tammy and children Carew (15) and twins Kelsey and Jordan (11) have been members of the St. Francis Community since 2000 when Carew began kindergarten at TFS. Carew is now a sophomore at Cardinal Gibbons High School and the twins are 6<sup>th</sup> graders at TFS.

Brother Bridges works as a Contracts Specialist at INC Research, and Tammy is an accountant at Bronto Software, Inc. Brother Ken enjoys grilling and barbecuing, watching baseball (Chicago Cubs) and football (Minnesota Vikings and Iowa Hawkeyes) as well as participating in neighborhood social events.



The Bridges: Carew, Tammy and Brother Ken, and twins Kelsey and Jordan

## 16 SUPPORT MIGRANT MINISTRY FOOD DRIVE

Some 16 Knights dropped off 33 bags of food for the Migrant Ministry Food Drive conducted at St. Francis over the weekend of July 24-25. The drive was sponsored by the Church's Migrant Ministry and advertised the weekend of July 17-18.

"We sent out an e-mail on this one because it was publicized so late," said Grand Knight Dick Bridges. "It's important that we make an effort to support our Church's food drives, because we will get credit for a contribution for the Order's 'Food for Families' program for participating."

This month State will be allocating some \$9,900 received from Supreme to North Carolina's two Dioceses, some \$5,200 to the Raleigh Diocese and \$4,700 to the Charlotte Diocese as a result of State Councils' participation in or conduct of food drives under the Food for Families program, according to State Food for Families Director Ray Wycoff. Supreme had set aside \$1 million to distribute to State Councils achieving a goal of 25 percent participation by of their Councils. North Carolina had 40 percent participation.

Thanks to Brothers Dick Bridges, Tom DuPree, Tony Evans, John Gbruoski, Ralph Guenther, Tony Halterman, Joe Kane, Dennis Kelleher, John Moster, Dick Novacek, Pete Oertel, Kent Siefkes, John Stewart, Norm Tuomi, Dave Vogelpohl and Ken Walsh for their donations.

Council 9709 will report its participation in Church-sponsored food drives for fraternal year 2010-2011 rather than attempt to conduct its own food drive(s).



### WHY I BOUGHT THE ANNUITY

By Dick Bridges  
Grand Knight

All Saints Council 9709, Raleigh, N.C.

I just invested \$10,000 in a Knights of Columbus Annuity. I did this for a number of reasons, not the least of which was to add myself as an Insurance Member for this fraternal year's Founders Award quota of six. At present, the Council has two new Insurance Members, which leaves four more to meet our goal.

But I also invested in a KofC Annuity for more practical reasons, not the least of which is that my money will be earning a minimum of 3.25 percent (three percent for less than \$10,000) guaranteed for the life of the instrument. Once I have had the money invested for one year, the interest rate will jump to whatever the Board of Directors decides at its quarterly meetings. Currently, that interest rate is 3.9 percent. That sure beats the less than one percent I can get on my investment account or one-year certificates of deposit. It may be a little lower than what I could get in the bond market, but the annuity is a lot safer to my way of thinking in these economic times.

My plan is to hold onto this annuity for seven years, the minimum holding period for withdrawal without penalty. After that, I may cash it in and reinvest the money elsewhere, annuitize the total amount over the rest of my life time under actuarial tables or just let it roll. Should I outlive the actuarial tables' prediction for my life span, the annuity will continue to pay even beyond what I invested and earned as interest. If I die, my wife will have the option of taking a lump sum or annuitizing it herself over a ten-year period.

If for whatever reason I need the money earlier, I can withdraw the money within the first two years with a penalty of five percent, the next two years with a penalty of four percent or additional percentage point per year over the next three years until it zeroes out after seven years. I can withdraw up to 50 percent without penalty for medical reasons. I can begin withdrawing ten percent per year after one year, again without penalty.

I could have set up an annuity with payments over time and had the contributions treated as an IRA, Roth IRA or SEP with the tax advantages, but that is something I do not need for my current circumstances. When I withdraw the money, I will pay taxes only on the interest I received. If I take monthly or annual payments, I will receive a portion of principal and a portion representing interest paid. I will only pay tax on the interest.

The annuity involves no fee, either for set up or annually. The money is invested 80 percent in AAA bonds, 14 percent in Mutual Funds with investment strategies consistent with the Catholic religion and six percent in Church loans.

## SEPTEMBER BLOOD DRIVE SEEKS 125 BLOOD DONORS

All Saints Council is looking for 165 donors for its Saturday, Sept. 25 fall blood drive for the American Red Cross. The drive will be held in Assisi Community Center from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

“We hope to get at least 125 units,” said Brother Tom DuPree, who with his wife, Elaine has headed up the Council's sponsorship since 1995. “There is an urgent need for Type O, B and A negative donors, although the Red Cross will accept and use any blood type donated.”

Donors can sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Click on “Search for Sponsor” and enter Sponsor Code 16141. Find an available time slot and sign up. There will also be the usual sign up opportunity in the Stewardship Room or Breezeway after weekend Masses on Sept. 11-12 and 17-18. Donors will be automatically entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 gift card.

The American Red Cross requires that donors be at least 17 (16 with parent permission) years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in reasonably good health.

The DuPrees will also need help signing up donors and running the blood drive. Any Knight interested should contact Brother DuPree directly at 577-6901 or 302-5550 or via e-mail at .

## 2ND DEGREE TEAM LOOKING TO CERTIFY SEPT. 2

Grand Knight and 2nd Degree Team Captain Dick Bridges has asked District Deputy #9 Don Williams to check the availability of the State Certification Team to certify the District's 2nd Degree Team on Sept. 2. The Team is comprised totally of Knights from Council 9709 and has been practicing all summer.

“We've made great progress, and I'm reasonably confident that both primaries and alternates can be ready by Sept. 2,” said Brother Tony Anello, who has been directing the team's practices.

While the major roles have been filled, there are some minor roles still open. The team is looking to add up to five individuals for these positions before the final dress rehearsal on August 26. Anyone interested should contact Brother Anello or Brother Bridges directly.



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