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## MEMBERSHIP PUSH IN FULL SWING

All Saints Council is working hard on attracting new members this year. The Council's participation in the August 29 Biblefest for the Lifelong Faith Formation Ministry yielded one prospect, and the Sept. 7 Men's Ministry breakfast pitch yielded transfer Brother Ed Litts.

"If we're to make Star Council this year, we need to recruit at least as heavily as last year," said Grand Knight Dick Bridges. "It's going to be a steep slope to climb."

So far this year, the Council has recruited four new members. Unfortunately, there are a total of 13 resignations pending, 11 from last year and two from this year, which will add 13 to the original goal of 15 for a total of 28. And as of Sept. 7, some 38 Brother Knights were still behind in their dues for this year, which could add even more to the original goal if they are suspended.

"If any Brother cannot pay his dues or if paying dues would cause hardship, we will waive the dues for him," said Brother Bridges. "The money is secondary to keeping a Brother enrolled in the Council and active to the point he can donate his time, however much or little that might be."

Knights pending potential suspension will be getting a phone call from the Retention Committee during the first two weeks of September as a reminder of the need to remain current in their dues.

Upcoming recruiting efforts include a booth set up during the St. Francis Fest Sunday, Oct. 3, and a Knights-sponsored Pancake Breakfast in the new Community Center Sunday, Oct. 31. Brother Knights interested in participating in the Membership booths should contact Membership Director Tru Hall directly.

## 14 KNIGHTS SERVE 400 HOT DOGS AT BIBLEFEST

Some 14 Knights and four wives cooked and served at least 400 hot dogs to over 300 Parishioners at the Church's first ever Biblefest. The Biblefest was organized by St. Francis Director of the Lifelong Faith Formation Christine Miesowicz "to get all families with children to be excited about the Bible, because we're focusing on Scripture this year."

The Lifelong Faith Formation Ministry is trying to involve more adults with their children in the program, which used to be more commonly known as CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine). And, having the Knights involved in the program involved more than just cooking hot dogs.

"Typically, only women participate in the Ministry, so it's good to have a male presence," said Director Miesowicz.

Thanks to Brothers Dave Bole and wife Darlene, Dick Bridges, Peter Brzezinski, Frank Crocco, John Cuomo, Don Donaghy and wife Terri, Tim Dyer, John Gbruoski and wife Ann, Tru Hall and wife Beth, Dennis Kelleher, Jeff Rohman, Kent Siefkes, Frank Sola, Dave Vogelpohl and Mike Wrzesien.



(L-R) Brothers Tim Dyer, Jeff Rohman, Dennis Kelleher, Don Donaghy and wife Terri, and Darlene Bole wrap hot dogs in foil at the Biblefest.

## NOV. 2 BUSINESS MEETING MOVED TO NOV. 9

The Tuesday, Nov. 2 business meeting has been moved to Tuesday, Nov. 9, to allow Brother Knights to attend All Saints Day Mass in the evening on Nov. 2.

The change was voted and approved at the Sept. 7 business meeting by the membership.

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Brothers All!

The Council is embarking on a rather busy September. Besides all the usual monthly activities, we have our quarterly trash pick up on Saturday, Sept. 11 in the parking lot across from Jacoba Hall at 9 a.m. The Migrant Ministry dinner in Louisburg is the next day. Operation LAMB is slated for the weekend of Sept. 24-26 with the semi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive sandwiched in the middle of the weekend. Sign ups for most of these events are on the website, and if you haven't signed up and find yourself free for a few hours on one of these days, please join us. We can use all hands on deck this month.

Congratulations to our 2nd Degree team for getting its certification from the State Credentialing Committee! Please note that the first Ceremony the team will run will be on Thursday, Sept. 16. Those of you who have only completed your 1st Degree will be contacted by e-mail and encouraged to get your 2nd Degree. It remains my favorite Degree, and many of our Brothers have voiced that same opinion to me.

We have a signed RBC Center contract, and we have the schedule for volunteers on our website. This is our primary fund raiser. Without the funds generated from this activity, we could not do as much as this Council has developed a reputation for doing. I would ask you to consider seriously working at least once this year at the RBC Center. If you're new, you will be escorted to the RBC Center and given a full orientation by the shift leader.

Vivat Jesus,


**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**SEPTEMBER 2010**

- 11 - Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., School Parking Lot
- 12 - Migrant Ministry Dinner, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.,  
Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Louisburg
- 15 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 16 - 2nd Degree Ceremony, 7 p.m., Founders Room
- 19 - Membership Blitz/Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m.-noon,  
Community Center
- 21 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Casa Carbone,  
6019-A Glenwood Ave.
- 24-26 - Operation LAMB, see website for sign ups
- 25 - Blood Drive, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Community Center
- 25 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 13574, Jacksonville
- 28 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conf Room

**OCTOBER 2010**

- 1-3 - Operation LAMB, see website for sign ups
- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 16 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremony, Council 12119, Fuquay-Varina
- 19 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Nantucket Grill,  
1145 Falls River Ave.
- 20 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Rd
- 26 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conf Room
- 31 - Membership Blitz/Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m. - noon,  
Community Center

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . COUNCIL 9709 PROFILE**

All Saints Council 9709 is one of 126 Knights of Columbus Councils in North Carolina. Council 9709 is a Division IV Council, which means that its membership equals or exceeds 160. The Council's membership as of the Sept. 7 business meeting was at 225. The four Divisions are set by State for the purpose of awards competition and recognition so that Councils compete with Councils of similar size and similar capabilities. The largest Division IV Council is Council 10852 in Charlotte with 443 members. Council 9709 is one of the smaller Division IV Councils.

Among Council 9709's members are six "inactive" members. Inactive members are Knights who have stopped paying dues but are still holders of KofC insurance. They remain on the rolls as long as they maintain insurance and can be "reactivated" should they start to pay dues again. In the event that they remain inactive for a period of seven years and then reactivate, their reactivations count toward the annual membership goal for the Council. All Saints Council has a total of 52 active insurance members.

All Saints Council has a total of 14 Honorary Life Members. Honorary Life Members either have been members of the Order for 50 consecutive years or who are 70 years of age and have been active Knights in good standing for at least 25 years. Among the Council's Honorary Life Members are five priests, who are automatically made Honorary Life Members when they join the Order: Bishop Gossman, Fr. Julian Jagudilla, Fr. Dan Kenna, Fr. David McBriar and Fr. Mark Reamer. The Council's other Honorary Life Members are Brothers Tony Anello, Dick Barton, Tom Cronin, Tony Evans, Joe Hebert, Verne Ingersoll, Jerry Powell, John Sasseen and Bob Tremblay.

The Council has 61 Knights who have only progressed as far as the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in the Order. Among these are eight Knights currently pending resignation and at least four Knights who are listed as 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knights even though they have achieved a higher degree. Supreme only tracks 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree credentials, and sometimes for transfers, information as regards the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree certification is lacking. The Grand Knight can certify that individuals have taken their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees after querying the individuals.

The average age of a Knight in Council 9709 is 49.23 years as of July 1, 2010. The youngest member of the Council is James T. Cucurullo (22), born on Feb. 26, 1988. The oldest is Joe Salem (101), born on May 5, 1909.

## FIVE KNIGHTS DELIVER FOR USO

Five Brother Knights responded on relatively short notice to an opportunity to get the USO at RDU Airport a new refrigerator/freezer at a price within the Council's line item for the USO in the approved budget.

Brothers Dick Bridges, Ralph Guenther, Chuck Lally, Frank Sola and John Wagner purchased and picked up the refrigerator at Lowe's on Glenwood Avenue, delivered it to the USO and took away the old refrigerator on Saturday afternoon, August 21.

Brother John Wagner, who works at Lowe's, approached his boss, Store Manager Freddie Jones, about a possible discount on a refrigerator/freezer with the freezer on the bottom to replace one at the USO whose freezer was no longer repairable. The refrigerator was a discontinued model, but was on sale for \$860. Brother Wagner informed his boss that the Council had only budgeted \$500 this fraternal year in support of the USO and that the Council was exploring ways to finance up to an additional \$700 to cover the cost of a new refrigerator. Freddie Jones sold the refrigerator to the Council for \$450, so that even with tax the purchase would be within the Council's budget. The refrigerator cost \$487.88.

"We could not do what we do without the equipment, and we were in trouble when the old refrigerator went out," said USO Assistant Director Patricia DeZetter. "The Knights heard about our needs, and their response was absolutely fabulous!"

The story of the refrigerator did not, however, end on that Saturday. After the volunteers left to dispose of the old refrigerator at the Durant Road landfill before the facility closed at 4 p.m., Grand Knight Dick Bridges called the USO to ask how the refrigerator was working. It was not; however, after checking with the manufacturer, a simple fix was applied, and the USO was able to utilize the refrigerator Sunday.

The motion made and tabled for vote at the August 10 meeting to increase the Council budget line item for the USO by \$700 was defeated Sept. 7 by business meeting attendees because it was no longer required.



(L-R) Brothers John Wagner, Dick Bridges, Frank Sola (kneeling), Ralph Guenther and Chuck Lally pose with USO Assistant Director Patricia DeZetter in front of the new refrigerator in the USO.

## COUNCIL APPROVES AMENDED BUDGET

The Council approved an amended budget at the business meeting Sept. 7 in accordance with a motion adopted at the August 10 meeting requiring \$2,080.37 in carryover expenses from fraternal year 2009-2010 to be paid for out of the previously approved budget of \$41,330. The amended budget with explanation was sent out to the membership August 31 in advance of the business meeting, which in accordance with Article VII, Section 3(c) in the By Laws allowed for its approval seven days later at the business meeting.

Financial Secretary Dennis Kelleher explained at the Sept. 7 meeting that the Trustees had agreed to forego funding \$2,000 to the Facilities Fund for this fraternal year in order to cover the majority of the carryover expense. Money that would have been added to the Facilities Fund was used to "plus up" budget items in the approved budget against which the carryover expenses were charged.

"The Trustees agreed that this was the simplest solution to make up for the shortfall within the approved budget for this fraternal year," said Grand Knight Dick Bridges. "Should we realize better than expected profits from the RBC Center or elsewhere this year, we will relook the issue of funding the Facilities Fund."

The total support to Catholic Education (ECLC, Franciscan School, Cardinal Gibbons Student Grants) was also increased by \$500 to \$2,500 based upon final reconciliation of revenues and expenses from the barbecue without changing the bottom line of the approved budget.

## ADOKIS CHOSEN AS SEPTEMBER'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Mary and Brother Akuro Adoki

Brother Akuro and Mary Adoki are September's Family of the Month. When the Council needed a Church Director for this fraternal year, Brother Akuro volunteered by saying: "It's time for me to get more involved." Brother Akuro is also a member of the District's 2nd Degree Team and participates regularly in other Council activities. He is also a lector at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Wife Mary is a cantor at St. Francis, sings at weddings and funerals and directs the adult choir at special Masses throughout the year. She has been the cantor and choir director at a number of funerals for Brother Knights over the past year, and at last year's Christmas party organized a children's choir when entertainer Bob Gottlieb took ill.

Brother Akuro first joined the Knights of Columbus as a member of Council 5052 in Dallas, Texas, and became a member of Council 9709 in 2003 when Brother Akuro was transferred to Raleigh by Kodak as a Regional Scheduling

Manager. He currently works for Sears as a Regional Route Manager. The Adokis have been married for 25 years and have three children: son Tonye and daughters Belema and Furo.

## BROTHER MARK DELAROSA IS SEPTEMBER'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Council officers have chosen Brother Mark Delarosa as September's Knight of the Month for his contributions to the Church and for his work as a theology teacher at Cardinal Gibbons High School. The July/August edition of NC Catholics reported that Brother Mark was one of 20 men and women selected for the Advanced Bearing Witness Program by the Jewish Anti-Defamation League in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, National Catholic Education Association, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Brother Mark spent a week in July in Israel studying the Holocaust and history of anti-Semitism under the auspices of this program. He kept a blog on this trip, and interested Brothers can read about his experiences at [www.israeli-sojourn-2010.blogspot.com](http://www.israeli-sojourn-2010.blogspot.com).

Brother Mark is beginning his sixth year as a theology teacher at Cardinal Gibbons and will take what he learned in Israel into the classroom. This year he will be teaching Freshmen Theology, a survey course on Catholicism, and Sophomore Theology, a year-long study of sacred scripture. Previously, he taught Middle School Religion at The Franciscan School for three years. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., and a Masters in Theological Studies from Duke.

At St. Francis, he and his family are active in the Youth Ministry, FIRE Families, Migrant Ministry, as Eucharistic Ministers and the Music Ministry (son Zack is a cantor and song leader). Brother Mark serves as a guest lecturer for the Adult Assisi Bible Study program, and he and daughter Becki participated in the first Teen Delegation to the Parish's Sister Parish of Las Margaritas in Guatemala. Brother Mark is an active participant in Operation LAMB.

He and wife Carol have been married for 23 years and have three children living with them in Raleigh: Zachary, a junior at UNC Chapel Hill; Rebecca, a freshman at Eastern Carolina University and Jesse, a junior at Leesville Road High School.



Brother Mark Delarosa

## SEPT. SOCIAL TO FEATURE ROOM AT THE INN SPEAKER

September's Social will feature Room at the Inn Representative and fellow Knight Brother Tom Mathis as a guest speaker. The concept of a speaker at quarterly Social Gatherings was developed so as to move that part of a normal business meeting to another venue as well as to include spouses in topics of interest to Brother Knights.

"Our speakers will be relevant and timely and of interest to everyone," said Grand Knight Dick Bridges. "And, our meetings will be a little shorter."

September's Social will be held in a private room at Casa Carbone, 6019-A Glenwood Avenue, in the Oak Wood Shopping Center. The Social will start at 6:30 p.m. as usual, and Brother Mathis will make his presentation before dessert is served. Family Director Dave Bole will be sending out his usual e-mail for RSVPs, and Brother Knights should contact him directly to make reservations and select their meals.

Room at the Inn was founded in 1994 by Pro-Life Catholics to provide a safe haven for single, pregnant mothers and their children, born and unborn, to help those families move toward a new life of hopeful, independent and healthy living. The Knights of Columbus hopes to raise \$1 million and win the naming rights for the new building to be constructed in the Charlotte area. The Order hopes to be able to name the facility "The Michael J. McGivney Center for Life." More information on Room at the Inn is available through a link on the Council website under "Events and Schedules."

Council 9709 has pledged \$10,000 (\$2,000 per year over five years) to this worthy cause, but that is only about half of what the State goal is. State is looking for \$100 per Knight over five years to meet its goal. All Saints Council was recently recognized at the State Organizational meeting for having pledged a total of \$14,500, a figure that includes the Council's pledge and those of 10 individuals. As of July 31, Council 9709 had \$14,800 in pledges from the Council and 14 individuals.

For more information on Room at the Inn or to make a pledge, there is a link on the Council website, or you can go directly to [www.rati.org](http://www.rati.org).



### Why We Purchased a KofC Long Term Care Policy

By DGK Kent and Virginia Siefkes  
All Saints Council 9709, Raleigh

Last month Virginia and I purchased a Long Term Care (LTC) policy from the Knights of Columbus. For us, purchasing an LTC policy was primarily to avoid burdening each other or our children with the undue physical or economic burdens of LTC without laying waste to our retirement plans and other assets.

When we began looking into LTC, it became clear that it was best to purchase a policy sooner rather than later. The annual premium for a typical plan approximately doubles between ages 45 and 55 and again between 55 and 65, and triples between 65 and 75. The premium difference is so significant that the cumulative total paid in by age 85 is much less even if you begin paying premiums decades earlier.

Why KoC? I recall a conversation with brother John Dugan (now in Texas) while working LAMB a few years ago. He was in the healthcare field, and felt the KoC policy was a very good plan. After evaluating his options, he purchased a plan from KoC. Although we were predisposed to selecting the KoC policy, we also had a neutral LTC broker evaluate policies for us. Using the policy variables important to us (shared care benefit, inflation protection, lifetime benefit duration), the broker selected what she considered the best policy from one of the leading LTC companies, and we compared it to an equivalent KoC policy. Not only did the KoC premiums cost about four percent less, the Knights had a superior financial surplus/asset ratio, and financial ratings from A.M. Best and S&P that were one notch higher – in fact the highest possible. The Knights also received the highest possible rating for ethics and a track record of never having increased LTC policyholder premiums. Finally, it was very important to us to know that our premium payments would stay within the Knights (either used for the benefit of brother Knights claims or building financial reserve), and that net profits would go to Knights charities that echo our Catholic values.

## DISTRICT #9 2ND DEGREE TEAM GETS CERTIFIED

District #9's 2nd Degree Team was certified by State Ceremonials Chairman Dave Onofrio Sept. 2 and will hold its first 2nd Degree ceremony hosted by Council 9709 on Thursday, Sept. 16, in the Founders Room. Brother Knights in All Saints Council who have not yet taken their 2nd Degree will be contacted by e-mail and invited to attend this ceremony. There are over 40 Knights in Council 9709 awaiting their 2nd Degree.

"We have needed a 2nd Degree Team in this District for a long time," said District Deputy Don Williams. "Many thanks to Brother Hadon Ware for getting this off the ground and to Brother Tony Anello for preparing the team."

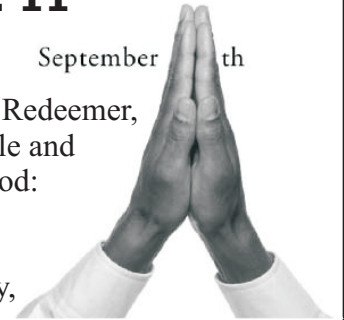
The team will also be available to conduct ceremonies for the other Councils in District #9 – Council 3390 in Durham, Council 13812 also in Durham, and Council 10910 in Chapel Hill.

Council 9709 currently has also tentatively scheduled the team for December 2010 and March and June of 2011 for additional ceremonies.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE SEPT. 11<sup>th</sup>

September 11<sup>th</sup>

With you, O Mother of the Redeemer,  
may the hymn of the humble and  
the poor rise to almighty God:  
may He, the merciful one,  
bring peace to the earth,  
reconcile brothers at enmity,  
confound Cain,  
make Abel rise again;  
may he bring all of creation  
to the design he had at the beginning  
in the love of the Son,  
in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



-- Pope John Paul II

*At its 122<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting in 2004, the Supreme Council resolved that September 11<sup>th</sup> be observed each year as a World Day of Prayer for Peace.*

## RBC CENTER SEASON BEGINS SEPT. 24

Council 9709 has committed to working 20 events at concession stands at the RBC Center for the 2010-2011 season. The first event is a pre-season hockey game between the Carolina Hurricanes and the Nashville Predators on Friday, Sept. 24, in Stand 310.

Some 17 events, all hockey games, are currently scheduled and include the NHL All Star Skills Competition on Saturday, Jan. 29, and the NHL All Star Game on Sunday, Jan. 30, locations TBD. Three more events will be added during the season.

The Council has contracted to furnish eight Knights per event unless otherwise noted on the Council website sign up list. These eight Knights will assume responsibility for the entire stand's operation. The eight-person team will include a Group Leader, cashiers and runners. At some point in the season, all cashiers will be required to have undergone Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) training within the last three years, and announcements of ALE classes will go out to those who have signed up to work the RBC Center as those classes become available.

Show time for all of the scheduled events is 5 p.m. sharp, except for the Sunday, Jan. 9, game when volunteers will be expected at 11:30 a.m. Show times for the All Star weekend are still TBD, and all show times are subject to change. The sign up sheet for the entire season is posted on the Council website.

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER LAMB SIGN UPS ON WEBSITE



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Intellectual Disabilities since 1974

The sign up lists for Operation LAMB for Sept. 24-26 and Oct. 1-3 have been posted on the Council's website at [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org). There are 133 slots and 49 shifts over the two weekends.

"A good turnout should enable the Council to meet its 2010 goal of \$26,656," said Grand Knight Dick Bridges. "That's something the Council has not been able to accomplish in the past two years."

To date the Council has collected a total of \$16,216.30 this calendar year, including a total of \$1,141 donated in honor of former Brother Ron Hassan.