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THREE JOIN ALL SAINTS COUNCIL OCT. 5

Council 9709 gained three new members at a 1st Degree Ceremony conducted in conjunction with its Oct. 5 business meeting. Welcome to new Brothers Jim Falanga, Rich Spangenberg and Bill Zahn! Brother John Jones was also accepted as a transfer at the meeting.

These three new Knights bring the total number of new recruits to seven for this fraternal year. But even with an additional credit for two reactivations, the Council still needs at least 26 more new Knights to reach its goal for Star Council status for fraternal year 2010-2011. The Council's original Supreme-assigned goal of 15 was increased by 11 resignations from fraternal year 2009-2010 and six more so far this fraternal year. There are also three Brothers who are being suspended for nonpayment of dues. After suspension actions are initiated, they add to the Council's recruiting goal for the year, even if they pay their dues later.

"The loss of this many members is distressing," said Grand Knight Dick Bridges. "However, I think the Council as a whole will benefit from dropping members who no longer wish to support the Council in any way."

Council 9709 recruited 30 new members for fraternal year 2009-2010 and fulfilled the requirements for Double Star Council by recruiting twice its Supreme-assigned goal.



(L-R) Brothers Jim Falanga, Rich Spangenberg and Bill Zahn became the newest members of Council 9709 on Oct. 5.

13 KNIGHTS TAKE 2ND DEGREE AT ST. FRANCIS



All Saints Council Brothers (L-R) Diego Ortiz, Jim Holler and Tom Carlson took their 2nd Degree at St. Francis Sept. 16.

Some 13 Knights from four Councils took the second step to full Knighthood Thursday, Sept. 16, courtesy of the District #9 2nd Degree Team, all of whose members are from All Saints Council 9709. It was the first 2nd Degree Ceremony conducted by the Team since being certified by the State Sept. 2.

Three Knights from Council 9709 took their 2nd Degree. Congratulations to Brothers Tom Carlson, Jim Holler and Diego Ortiz! Three Brothers from Paul J. Trageser Council 10910 in Chapel Hill, four Brothers from Our Lady of Lourdes Council 12025 in Raleigh and three Brothers from Council 12455 in Raleigh also took the Degree.

The next scheduled 2nd Degree Ceremony for the District #9 Team will be 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 9, in the Founders Room of Anthony Hall. There will also be 2nd Degree Ceremonies in January and March 2011.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brothers All,

We have successfully completed a very busy September. Thanks to all of you who came out and pitched in at the Migrant Ministry dinner, Operation LAMB, the RBC Center and the Francis Fest! And a special thanks to the organizers of these events, Brothers Akuro Adoki, Kent Siefkes, Dave Vogelpohl, Mike Wrzesien, Shawn Bayle, Steve Burdett and Tommy Dalton.

I also want to thank Brothers Steve Becker and Dave Bole for organizing a very successful dinner and information session featuring speaker Tom Mathis for Room at the Inn on Sept. 21. This month's Social Gathering will feature Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick.

Congratulations to our three newest members and those who took their 2nd Degree Sept. 16! We have scheduled another 2nd Degree on Dec. 9, and we will be encouraging those who missed the Sept. 16 ceremony to make this one.

On a sad note, I am sorry to report that I have approved the suspension of three Brothers who have not paid their dues or requested a waiver this year. While their suspension adds to the overall recruiting goal for this fraternal year, I hope that we can continue to pull in quality men from our Parish into our Council and clear this hurdle together. I remain encouraged with the dedication, energy and enthusiasm of those of you who have remained loyal to your Council and the Order."

Vivat Jesus!


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

OCTOBER 2010

- 11 – Columbus Day
- 16 – 3rd Degree Ceremony, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 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 Road
- 26 – Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conf Room
- 31 – Membership Blitz/Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m.-noon, Community Center

NOVEMBER 2010

- 1 – All Saints Day
- 2 – All Souls Day
- 6 – Harvest Moon Festival, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Clare Hall
- 6 – 4th Degree Exemplification, Charlotte
- 9 – Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
(NOTE DATE CHANGE)
- 13 – 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 4507, High Point
- 16 – Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Manchester's Grill, 2121 T.W. Alexander Drive
- 17 – Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 25 – Thanksgiving Day
- 28 – First Sunday of Advent
- 30 – Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conf Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . FR. MCGIVNEY GUILD

Father Michael J. McGivney, who founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Conn., in 1882, is a unique model for today's Catholic and today's Catholic Priest because of his attention to the social ills and injustices of his day and his collaboration with the laity. He was zealous for the life of union with God through prayer and the Sacraments, and he would have been right at home in today's world. He was then and would be today an eager Apostle for the Gospel of life and a determined foe of the culture of death.

In view of his legacy, the Order of the Knights of Columbus has established The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild to promote the cause for the canonization of its founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. The goal of the Guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory and to seek his intercession before the throne of God. The Guild serves as a clearing house for information about Father McGivney, his life and works and any favors attributed to his intercession.

Membership in the Guild is open to anyone who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory. All one needs to do is fill out the application and mail it in to become enrolled. There is no charge to enroll, although donations are accepted. Enrollment can also be done via the web by logging on to www.fathermcgivney.org.

Members of the Guild receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of cause for canonization.

--Adapted from KofC Pamphlet 4046 4/10



COUNCIL EXCEEDS OPERATION LAMB GOAL!



All Saints Council 9709's Operation LAMB collections over the weekends of Sept. 24-26 and Oct. 1-3 totaled some \$11,362.07, bringing the Council's total collection for the calendar year to \$27,570.37, exceeding the State-established goal of \$25,656. This is the first time in three years that the Council has exceeded its goal, although the Council did rank third in the State for those two years.

For the Sept. 24-26 weekend, the Council collected \$4,060.49. All 53 three-hour slots were filled. Some 28 Knights from Council 9709 along with five spouses and children filled 44 slots, Knights from St. Luke the Evangelist Council 12455 filled seven slots and the Arc of Wake County filled in for two. Money collected by St. Luke's will go into the Operation LAMB fund under their Council banner.

"St. Luke's had asked if they could work locations that we had arranged if we could not fill our slots," said Council 9709's Operation LAMB Director Brother Dave Vogelpohl. "The money they collected would have gone uncollected had we not been able to fill the slots, and all Operation LAMB money goes into the same fund."

For the Oct. 1-3 weekend, the Council collected \$7,301.58. Some 39 Brother Knights and six spouses and children filled 75 slots of the 86 available, Knights from St. Luke's two slots and the Arc of Wake County two slots. Seven slots went vacant.

SEPT. 25 BLOOD DRIVE NETS 151 UNITS

All Saints Council 9709 helped the Red Cross collect 151 units of blood Saturday, Sept. 25, at the second Council-sponsored blood drive this year. The Red Cross goal was to collect 125 units.

Some 16 Knights donated blood themselves, and 15 Brother Knights and wives turned in some 210 total volunteer hours in conjunction with solicitation, set up, execution and tear down.

The Council also collected \$31.36 for Operation LAMB at the drive, which was added to the total for the weekend. Many thanks to Brother Tom and Elaine DuPree for their hard work on this project. (*see story above*)

COUNCIL SERVES DINNER IN LOUISBURG

Twelve Knights, four wives and three young adults served 204 hamburgers, 119 hot dogs, salads, fresh fruit and dessert to about 150 migrant workers and their families after a 1:30 p.m. Mass Sunday, Sept. 12, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Louisburg. The dinner was made possible by the generous contributions from 27 Parishioners and 22 Knights of about \$75 in cash as well as the salads, fresh fruit, desserts and soft drinks.

"This may be the best meal they get this week," said Migrant Ministry Representative and Brother Knight Tom Carlson.

The Ministry organizes a dinner for the migrants after Mass one day a month from June through September. This is the third September dinner the Council has sponsored. "The Knights have been fantastic," Brother Carlson said.

The hamburgers and hot dogs were cooked by Jason Szymendera, son of Brother Jeff Szymendera. Jason owns Southern Custom BBQ and caters events using a commercial grade grill that can cook 100 hamburgers at a time. Knights who might be interested in his services can contact Jason at 919-272-7641.



(L-R) Brother Knights Gene Gordon, Akuro Adoki, Hadon Ware, Kent Siefkes, Don Donaghy, Tom Carlson, Dick Bridges, Dennis Kelleher, Tom DuPree, Mike Supianoski, Mike Darrow and Ralph Guenther stand in front of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Louisburg shortly before the migrants sat down to dinner. Brother Akuro's daughter Furo, Carol Darrow and daughters Mary Ashley and Delaney, Elaine DuPree, Clara Gordon and Carol Ware served the meal inside the Church building.

VOGELPOHLS ARE OCTOBER'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Brother Dave and wife Ann Vogelpohl have been selected by Council officers as October's Family of the Month. Brother Dave and Ann were recognized in the August 22 Parish bulletin for their myriad contributions to the Church and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community. The Vogelpohls, however, have also given an incredible amount of their time to All Saints Council 9709.

Brother Dave has just completed a three-year term as a Council Trustee after serving as Grand Knight of the Council during fraternal year 2006-2007 and as Deputy Grand Knight for the previous two fraternal years. He joined the Knights in 1994 and has also served the Council as Church Program Director and Chancellor as well as working at the RBC Center, Durham Bulls Athletic Park, Adopt-A-Highway and numerous other projects. He has served as Operation LAMB Program Director for the past two years. Wife Ann has been active in the Council's activities as well, pitching in for Special Olympics, the Adopt-A-Highway trash pick up program and Operation LAMB. She has also been the top salesperson for State Vacation Raffle Tickets not counting the barbecue sales for two straight years.

In the Church bulletin article, the Vogelpohls were singled out for having chaired the Liturgy Committee for five years as well as their service as Eucharistic ministers and in the Youth Initiative.

Brother Dave and Ann first moved to Raleigh, North Carolina from New Jersey in 2002. They have been married for 34 years and have three children, Michael, Stephen and Kelly and one grandchild Kayleen.



Brother Dave and Ann Vogelpohl

BROTHER JOHN WAGNER IS OCTOBER'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother John Wagner works in the lawn and garden department at the Lowe's on Glenwood Avenue.

Brother John Wagner has been selected as Knight of the Month for October for his efforts in helping the Council help the USO. Brother John approached the Store Manager at the Lowe's on Glenwood Avenue about getting a floor model refrigerator that the Council could purchase for the USO to replace an irreparable refrigerator at the RDU Airport facility. The \$1,200 refrigerator had been marked down to \$860, but when Brother John told the Store Manager that the Council had only budgeted \$500 for the year for the USO, he marked it down to \$450 so that even with tax, the purchase could be made within budget. Brother John's extra effort enabled the Council to vote down a motion made at the August business to increase the budget line for the USO to up to \$1,200.

Brother John has been a Knight since April 2006 and took his 4th Degree in October 2009. He is a frequent attendee at Council business meetings and volunteers for LAMB despite working irregular hours at his job at Lowe's.

Brother John came to Raleigh from the Youngstown, Ohio, area in 1995. Son John lives in Charleston, S.C., is a Citadel graduate, recently married and is a 2nd Degree Knight. Daughter Laura is a graduate of Meredith College in Raleigh and is currently working in Raleigh as a personal trainer.

Brother John enjoys woodworking, hunting, fishing and reading. He also takes his work home with him and tends a number of houseplants in his spare time.

44 ATTEND SEPTEMBER SOCIAL FOR RATI

Some 44 Brother Knights and spouses attended the Sept. 21 Social Gathering at Casa Carbone and were treated to a presentation by Brother Tom Mathis on the Room at the Inn (RATI) initiative. Room at the Inn was instituted to support young mothers of college age faced with an unexpected pregnancy so that they can continue their education, work and get themselves established during the first two years of their children's lives.

Brother Tom explained that the North Carolina initiative, of which he is a founder, hopes to put a Room at the Inn Center on every college campus as an alternative to the Planned Parenthood offices now there. He hopes that the North Carolina KofC Councils can make enough donations to earn the naming rights for the center being built in Charlotte. If every Knight in the State can commit to pledging \$100 over five years, the Order will be able to name that Center the Father Michael J. McGivney Center.

Deputy Grand Knight Kent Siefkes made a presentation of a \$2,000 check from All Saints Council to Brother Tom at the dinner, the third installment of a Council pledge for \$10,000 over five years. As of July 31, the Council had \$14,800 in pledges from the Council and 14 individuals. At least one other Brother made a pledge after hearing Brother Tom at the Social. More information on RATI and a pledge form are available on the Council website under "Events and Schedules."

Presentations at Social Gatherings will continue, courtesy of Brother Steve Becker, who as Lecturer is responsible for the Good of the Order portion of regular meetings. The Good of the Order has been incorporated into Social Gatherings so wives can be included and to shorten the time required for regular business meetings. The speaker for the Oct. 19 Social Gathering will be the Council's Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick. The Council plans to have a speaker from the North Carolina Special Olympics at the Nov. 16 Social at Manchester's as well. Also on the Social Gatherings calendar are the Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 12, another pancake breakfast and separate Social Gathering at O'Charley's in January and a wine tasting party in February.



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FIVE FACTS ABOUT LIFE INSURANCE

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To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

Fact 1: Nearly three-fourths of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect loved ones in the event of premature death of the primary wage earner.

Fact 2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

Fact 3: Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

Fact 4: One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

Fact 5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

Council 9709's Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick is willing to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. He'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a Brother Knight you can trust, he'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision. He's available at 847-3799 (H), 880-3463 (C) or via e-mail at Timothy.Kirkpatrick@kofc.org.

COUNCIL DELIVERS TRAVELING GAVEL TO COUNCIL 13812



Grand Knight Dick Bridges (R) presents Council 13812 Grand Knight David Lucas at the start of his Council's business meeting Monday, Sept. 13.

Grand Knight Dick Bridges and Deputy Grand Knight Kent Siefkes attended Pope John Paul II Council 13812's monthly business meeting in Durham Monday, Sept. 13, and delivered the "Traveling Gavel" brought to All Saints Council Sept. 7 by District Deputy Don Williams.

"It was good to see that the format for Council meetings is consistent among Councils," said Grand Knight Dick Bridges.

The Traveling Gavel's purpose is to foster fraternity among Councils in the Order, according to District Deputy Williams, who set up the schedule for District #9. Each Grand Knight is asked to take the gavel along with at least two interested members to another Council in the District. The visiting Grand Knight presents the gavel at the beginning of the meeting to the visited Council's Grand Knight, who uses the traveling gavel until he presents it to the next Council in the queue.

Council 13812 was to deliver the gavel Sept. 15 to Paul J. Trabeser Council 10910 from St. Thomas More in Chapel Hill, and Council 10910 was to complete the circuit by delivering the gavel Sept. 21 to Maria Immaculata Council 3390 from Immaculate Conception in Durham. From there District Deputy Williams will pass the gavel on to District #21 where it will continue its travels.

There are a number of gavels within each of four N.C. KofC Regions that circulate during the fraternal year.

33 KNIGHTS DONATE TO FEED-A-FAMILY DRIVE

Some 33 Brother Knights donated some 70 bags of groceries and \$280 cash to the St. Francis Feed-A-Family Drive for Catholic Parish Outreach conducted Sept. 25-26 and Oct. 2-3.

The donations will be added to the 33 bags of groceries donated in July by some 16 Knights for the Migrant Ministry Food Drive. A consolidated report of Council participation for the fraternal year will be sent to State and Supreme for the total amount donated to all food drives sponsored by the Church rather than the Council sponsoring its own drive.

The Order's Food for Families Program encourages each state jurisdiction to work local Parish Churches and other public places to collect food for local food banks. States that garner significant participation by their Councils were allocated a portion of a \$1 million fund last year. North Carolina received \$9,900, \$5,200 of which was presented to the Raleigh Diocese.

Thanks to Brothers Bob Austin, Dick Barton, Mark Baumgartner, Dick Bridges, Steve Burdett, John Buyarski, Pat Cherry, John Cuomo, Tommy Dalton, Don Donaghy, Tom DuPree, Tony Evans, John Gbruoski, Ralph Guenther, Tony Halterman, IHO Ron (Charlotte) Hassan, Mike Hoover, Dan Howard, Joe Kane, Tom McKemie, Chris Mosakewicz, John Moster, Joe Noonan, Dick Novacek, Bill Nowak, Jeff Rohman, Brett Spivey, Robert Stachewicz, Norm Tuomi, Ken Walsh, Ben Whitehouse, Walt Winewicz and Mike Wrzesien.



EIGHT CLEAN UP LEESVILLE ROAD

Eight Knights took a little over an hour to collect some seven bags of trash and three bags of recyclables at the Council's quarterly trash pick up Saturday, Sept. 11.

Thanks go to Brothers Dick Bridges, Don Donaghy, Tom DuPree, Ralph Guenther, Chuck Lally, John Moster, John Stewart and Mike Supianoski for volunteering their time.