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STATE ADVOCATE PRESENTS COUNCIL DOUBLE STAR AWARD

State Advocate Colin Jorsch presented Past Grand Knight Tom DuPree with the Order's Double Star Award for fraternal year 2009-2010 at the Council's business meeting Dec. 7.

"It is only due to all your volunteering, hard work and sacrifice of your valuable time that our Council, you and I were able to be recognized for this high honor," Brother DuPree told Council members in an e-mail prior to the ceremony.

The State Advocate attended the entire meeting, including the 1st Degree Ceremony, and was effusive with his praise of the Council and all it was doing. "I am honored to be here," he said, adding that the Council's 1st Degree Team's execution of the ceremony was "the best performance I've seen in 13 years" of being a Knight.

Past Grand Knight Tom DuPree thanked the Council for all it did under his aegis, giving his fellow officers and Brothers credit for achieving the prestigious Double Star Award.

The Double Star Award is presented to a Council that recruits twice as many new Knights as its recruiting goal. All Saints Council added 30 new members during fraternal year 2009-2010, more than twice its Supreme-set goal. The Council also won the State Deputy's Award for Division IV Councils that fraternal year, the first time the Council has been so honored by the State.



(L) PGK Tom DuPree accepts the Double Star Award from (C) State Advocate Colin Jorsch as (R) DD9 Don Williams looks on.

COUNCIL WELCOMES FOUR NEW KNIGHTS



(L-R) New Brothers Ray Martin, Mark Babyak, Dino Pinelli, Bob Piszczor pose with GK Dick Bridges under the Council banner after the ceremony.

All Saints Council 9709 inducted four new members into its ranks at its monthly business meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 7. Welcome to new Brothers Mark Babyak, Ray Martin, Dino Pinelli and Bob Piszczor!

The four new members bring to 11 the number of new Knights inducted into the Council this year. The Council has also received credit from Supreme for two reactivations, which also count toward the Council's fraternal year recruiting goal of 15 set by Supreme. Unfortunately, the Council has also had to report 16 resignations, which adds to the recruiting total, leaving the Council some 18 recruits short at the fraternal year's midpoint.

"We can meet the goal for Star Council, albeit with some extra effort," said Grand Knight Dick Bridges. "I am also pleased with the quality and energy of the men we have recruited this year so far. They have all become involved and enriched our ability to pursue works of charity."

Supreme has also credited the Council with four new insurance members for the fraternal year, one short of another Supreme-set goal. Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick is confident that he has enough prospects to meet that goal without difficulty.

Star Council status is based upon a Council fulfilling the requirements for the Colombian Award for activities, the Founders Award for new insurance members and the Father McGivney Award for new members.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brothers All!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and are enjoying the preparations for Christmas this Advent. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year.

Congratulations to our four newest Knights! Our Order continues to grow and renew itself with new members and remains a healthy, vibrant charitable organization as a result of our recruiting efforts. Congratulations also to Past Grand Knight Tom DuPree for his leadership in bringing both Double Star Council status and the State Deputy's Award to the Council over the past fraternal year.

Congratulations to our newest 2nd Degree Knights who took their degree Dec. 9. An article on that ceremony will appear in the next newsletter.

Thanks to all of you who worked the N.C. Special Olympics Bowling Tournament Sunday, Dec. 5! As always, it was a very inspiring event. An article on this event will also appear in next month's newsletter.

Thanks to all of you who donated frozen turkeys during the Church's annual frozen turkey drive just before Thanksgiving. It was especially gratifying to see that our Council provided a third of all the turkeys donated. The need for charitable giving continues unabated in our nation, and everything we do helps. Please keep me informed of your food donations, as they will count at the end of the fraternal year for a donation from Supreme under the Order's Food for Families program.

I will shortly be putting out an e-mail asking you for your volunteer hours to help us compile the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity report, which is due at the end of January 2011. Please take the time to report fully and accurately the hours you have donated to charitable causes throughout the past calendar year.

Vivat Jesus,


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

DECEMBER 2010

- 15 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 28 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conf. Room

JANUARY 2011

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- 4 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 15 - NC Rally and March for Life, 1 p.m., Nash Square
- 18 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., O'Charley's, Brier Creek
- 19 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 22 - State Midyear Meeting East, Fayetteville
- 22 - Council Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m., O'Charley's, Brier Creek
- 24 - National March for Life, Washington, D.C.
- 25 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conf. Room

FEBRUARY 2011

- 1 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 12 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 2456, Raleigh
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 15 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 16 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 22 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conf. Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . FOURTH DEGREE HIERARCHY

4th Degree Knights and their Assemblies report to the Supreme Master and a Board of Directors at a global level. There are 20 Provinces of Assemblies headed by a Supreme Master and 19 Vice Supreme Masters in the United States (15), Canada (3), Mexico (1) and the Philippines (1). Assemblies in North Carolina belong to the DeSoto Province, which covers Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Puerto Rico. Our Vice Supreme Master is PSD Robert J. Singer. Within each Province there are Districts headed by Masters that oversee the Assemblies. Our District Master is PSD Robert J. Grabasky.

Past and present Supreme and Vice Supreme Masters can be identified by their light blue-lined capes and blue-feathered chapeaus. Past or present District Masters have gold-lined capes and gold-feathered chapeaus and carry a gold-accented sword. Each District also has a District Marshall, appointed by the District Master, who wears a green-lined cape and green-feathered chapeau. The District Marshall typically organizes and conducts 4th

Degree Exemplifications. Past or present Faithful Navigators who lead Assemblies wear white-lined capes and white-feathered chapeaus and carry a white-handled sword. Color Guard Commanders, appointed by Faithful Navigators, wear purple-lined capes and purple chapeaus. All 4th Degree Knights are entitled to wear red-lined capes and white-feathered chapeaus and carry a black-handled sword.

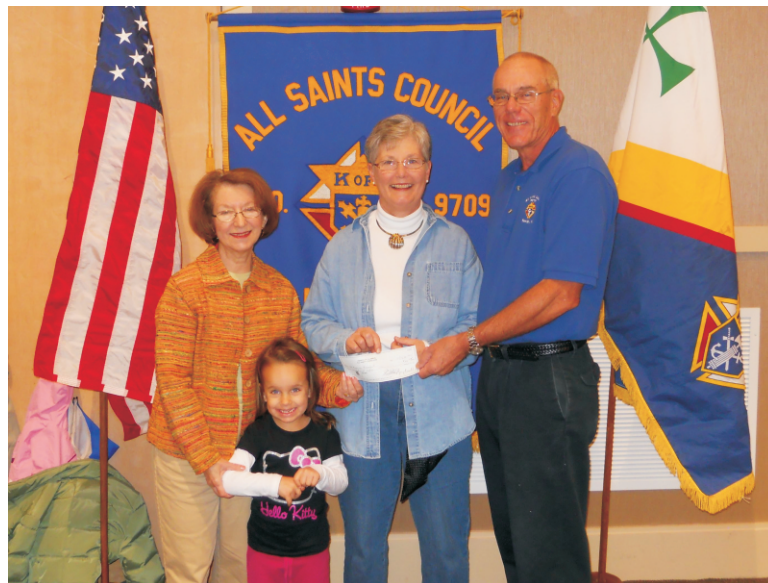
All 4th Degree Knights wear a baldric, which in the United States and the Philippines has red and blue stripes on a white background, as a part of the formal dress. Canada's baldric has red stripes, and Mexico's has red and green stripes.

COUNCIL GIVES \$500 TO PRESCHOOL AT HARVEST MOON

Grand Knight Dick Bridges and Cindy Nackashi presented a \$500 check to Director Nancy Bourke of The Franciscan Preschool (TFP) at the TFP's annual Harvest Moon Festival, Saturday, Nov. 6. Cindy's husband, Brother David Nackashi, died August 15, 2010, and the family had requested that in lieu of flowers, mourners donate money to the TFP in David's name. Council officers decided to include Cindy in the presentation of this year's donation in memory of Brother David.

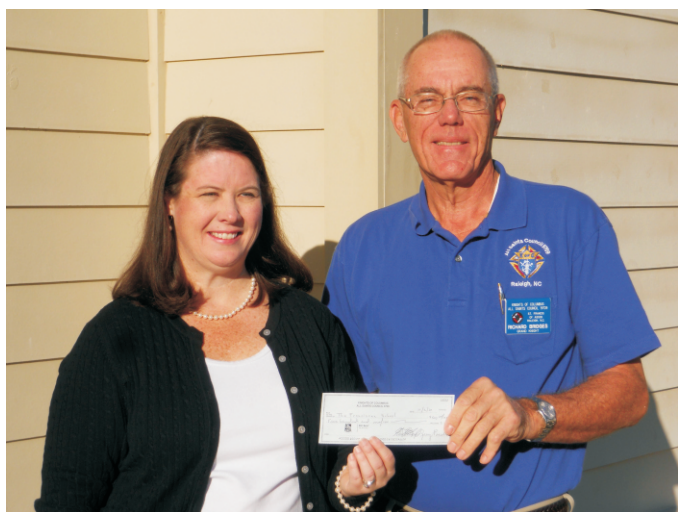
This is the second year the Council has presented a donation to the TFP at Harvest Moon and supported the event by covering the fixed costs of and preparing the food served at the festival. This year the Council paid just over \$250 for 12 gals. of chili, 14 pans of macaroni and cheese and 300 hot dogs. Brothers Mike Darrow, Don Donaghy, wife Terri, Norm Tuomi and Mike Wrzesien cooked the chili the evening of Friday, Nov. 5. Brothers Shawn Bayle, wife Mary Beth, John Moster and Mike Supianoski served the food at the festival, which ran from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Grand Knight Dick Bridges manned a recruiting table at which he received three solid leads for new members.

TFP Director Nancy Bourke had prepared for 500 attendees, and the cold, rainy weather probably helped toward reaching that goal. After the event Brother Bayle took four pans of macaroni and cheese, 40 hot dogs and three gallons of chili to the RDU USO. Money raised at the Harvest Moon Festival is dedicated to the Fr. Dan Kenna Foundation and will also be used in developing a cooking curriculum for the TFP this year.



(L-R) Cindy Nackashi, granddaughter Rachel Nackashi and Grand Knight Dick Bridges present The Franciscan Preschool Director Nancy Bourke (C) the Council's check for \$500.

COUNCIL PRESENTS \$500 CHECK TO TFS



Grand Knight Dick Bridges presents TFS Principal Jennifer Bigelow with a check for \$500 from the Council.

Grand Knight Dick Bridges presented a check from the Council to Principal Jennifer Bigelow of The Franciscan School (TFS) at the school's morning prayers in the courtyard of Jacoba Hall Wednesday, Nov. 10.

"We really appreciate the donation and all that the Knights of Columbus do for our school, our Church and our community," said Principal Bigelow at the ceremony.

This is the third year the Council has donated a \$500 check to TFS as part of its commitment to Catholic education. The money goes into the Fr. Dan Kenna Endowment Fund and is applied to students' tuition based upon need.

The Council's net profits from the annual barbecue provide the funding for this donation, the \$500 to The Franciscan Preschool and the \$1,000 education grant(s) to students at Cardinal Gibbons High School.

In addition, funds have also been applied in support of the Harvest Moon activity for The Franciscan Preschool and will be used to pay for awards to the winners of a poster/essay contest and spelling bee to be conducted early in the new year at TFS.

"For anyone who has not witnessed the opening prayer ceremony at TFS, I would highly recommend doing so," said Brother Bridges. "I was extremely impressed by the students' attentiveness and devotion."

NOVACEKS ARE DECEMBER'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Brother Dick and daughter Katie Novacek are December's Family of the Month. The specific reason for their selection is their work at a beer concession at the Oct. 14 Miranda Lambert Concert at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park. Brother Dick poured the beer while Katie kept track of the money for the Council.

Brother Dick joined the Knights in 1995 under the sponsorship of Ralph Guenther and served as Grand Knight in 2003 and Deputy Grand Knight the year before. He remains very active in the Council.

He is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. He and wife Ruth transferred from Cleveland to Raleigh in 1982. She worked for the Reliance Electric Company and Brother Dick as the General Manager for the TRW facility in Mebane. He also worked for two years in England as Managing Director of European Operations during this time period. He and Ruth were Founding Members at St. Francis. Ruth passed away this year after a bout with breast cancer. As Brother Dick puts it: "Ruth and I were married for 35 years. The best years."

Katie is working on her Masters in Theoretical Math at Wake Forest, and son Kelsey works for URS in the Triangle as a GIS analyst. Dick enjoys golf and biking. He is currently also a representative for Send Out Cards and runs NovaServices, providing marketing services for companies that do not have marketing departments.



Katie and Brother Dick Novacek

BROTHER BURDETT IS DECEMBER'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Steve Burdett

Council officers have selected Brother Steve Burdett as December's Knight of the Month for taking the lead at the barbecue grills for the Church and Council at the FrancisFest on Sunday, Oct. 3. Brother Steve and six other Knights cooked up 1,080 hamburgers and 960 hot dogs to help the Church celebrate the Feast of St. Francis.

Brother Steve took his 1st Degree on Nov. 4, 2008 and his 2nd Degree Dec. 9. He has been a Parishioner at St. Francis since 1998, joining the Church through the RCIA Program in 2000. He heads up the Parking Ministry, which was recently "adopted" by the Council's Church Committee. He is also a Cross Bearer at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. He has helped organize and coordinate past Parish picnics and was asked again by the Church staff to head up the cooking crew at the FrancisFest.

Wife Susan has been a first grade teacher at The Franciscan School since it opened in 2000. She is a Eucharistic minister at 9:30 a.m. Mass. Both Brother Steve and Susan have also served as sponsors for RCIA. They met at North Carolina State University (NCSU) and were married at St. Raphael's in 1984. Daughter Christine is a junior at NCSU working on a double major in Chemical Engineering and Spanish, and son Ryan is a freshman at Appalachian State University majoring in Music Therapy. Both Christine and Ryan have been active in the St. Francis music program as members of the Youth Choir and as Cantors and Song Leaders.

Brother Steve also enjoys working in the yard, grilling at home (not just for the Knights) and following the NCSU Wolfpack.

JOEY BENNETT WINS \$1,000 COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Parishioner Joey Bennett, a senior at Cardinal Gibbons High School (CGHS), accepted a check for \$1,000 at the beginning of the Council's business meeting Dec. 7 as this year's winner of the Council's annual CGHS scholarship.

There were four applicants this year for the scholarship, and the winner was chosen based upon grade point average, academic honors, letters of reference, community service and an essay on the influence of Catholic schools on morals and values in everyday decision-making. An additional five points was added if the applicant's father was a Knight. Joey's father is not a Knight (yet), but Joey's exceptional qualifications allowed him to edge out the competition even without those extra points.

The scholarship is funded from the net proceeds of the Council's annual barbecue, which are all dedicated to the Council's Catholic Education Fund. That fund has also provided grants to The Franciscan Preschool and The Franciscan School, both of whom have already received checks for \$500 each over the past three years. The Council dedicated some \$2,000 in 2008 and \$5,000 in 2009 to Catholic Education. There were two grants to CGHS students made in 2009 as well as a \$1,000 grant made at the request of Fr. Mark for another individual for continuing his Catholic education. Only one grant to a CGHS student was made in 2008 and 2010.



Brother Mike Wrzesien (C) presents the \$1,000 scholarship check to Joey Bennet as parents Cara and Michael look on.



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JOY FROM CHILDREN

By Rudy Sturk
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We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family, and if you share - with those of your children old enough to understand - why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

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COUNCIL TASKED TO SELL 800 STATE VACATION RAFFLE TICKETS

Council 9709 has received its allocation of 800 State Vacation Raffle Tickets early this year. State Fundraising Chairman Dan Lange is looking to get an early start to this year's fund-raising campaign. Tickets are \$5 each, and the selling Council gets to keep \$2.50 of the sales price for its own use. Projected net profit in Council 9709's budget is \$1,500 based upon sales of 600 tickets.

The Grand Prize in the Raffle is a 7-day Alaskan cruise for two sailing from Seattle or Vancouver, air fare and \$700 cash. Second Prize is a 7-night Honolulu, Hawaii vacation for two including air fare, hotel and \$500 cash. There are five additional consolation prizes of \$200 each. Brother Tom DuPree's daughter, Michele Grauel, won one of the \$200 prizes at the State Convention in May 2010. The drawing this year will be done on May 14, 2011, at the convention in Durham.

Knights wishing to purchase tickets or participate in the raffle ticket sale should contact Grand Knight Dick Bridges directly. The short stubs of the tickets with the purchasers' names, addresses and phone numbers and the money need to be turned in to Brother Bridges no later than April 15, 2011.

Council 9709 has been among the top sellers of State Vacation Raffle Tickets for the past two years.

No: 7051	NAME _____	2011 KC VACATION RAFFLE				7051 No:
	ADDRESS _____	Sponsored by N.C. STATE COUNCIL				
TELEPHONE _____	WIN					
SOLD BY _____	First Prize - Alaskan Cruise for 2 + \$700 Cash					
COUNCIL # _____	Second Prize - 7 Day Hawaiian Vacation for 2 + \$500 Cash					
	Third thru Seventh Prizes - \$200 Cash Each					
	DRAWING May 14, 2011					
	Donation \$5.00		Not Tax Deductible			
	<small>Need not be present to win. Winners responsible for all applicable taxes.</small>					

COUNCIL BRIGHTENS THANKSGIVING FOR THE NEEDY



Some 27 Knights donated 34 frozen turkeys and checks totaling \$75 to the St. Francis annual frozen turkey drive Nov. 15-18. The Council's turkeys as well as 62 others donated by some 14 other Ministries were distributed to families through Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Louisburg, Passage Home, St. Francis Feeds, Catholic Parish Outreach and the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. In addition, a number of families at St. Francis who are experiencing hard times received turkeys from the Church.

The number of Ministries asked for donations were limited to those that traditionally support food drives at the Church. The Knights were included because of their "reputation for providing for those in need," according to Parishioner Jill Balogh, who spearheaded the drive.

Thanks to Brothers Joe Azzopardi, Mark Baumgartner, Dick Bridges, Steve Burdett, John Buyarski, Mike Cotter, Tom DuPree, Mike Evans, Tony Evans, Andy Farrell, John Gbruoski, Ralph Guenther, John LaTorre, Joe Noonan, Bill Nowak, Dave Phillips, Jeff Rohman, Rich Spangenberg, Tim Stevens, Mike Supianoski, Vince Tomaino, Dave Vogelpohl, Hadon Ware and Mike Wrzesien for turkeys, and to John Colombo and Jim Falanga and Charlotte Hassan for cash donations.

Thanks also to Brothers Dick Barton, Dick Bridges, Don Donaghy, Tony Evans, Dan Howard, Bill Nowak and Norm Tuomi for donating 19 bags of groceries to the Our Lady of the Rosary Food Drive held Nov. 6-7.

Counting the turkeys as one bag of groceries each, the Council has donated a total of 156 bags of groceries and \$355 in cash that will be submitted for credit under the Order's Food for Families Program at the end of the fraternal year.

The previous food drives not mentioned above were for the Migrant Ministry over the weekend of July 24-25 and the St. Francis Feed-A-Family food drive for Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) over the weekends of Sept. 25-26 and Oct. 2-3. Some 16 Knights supported the Migrant Ministry food drive with 33 bags of food, and some 33 Knights donated 70 bags of groceries and \$280 at the CPO food drive.