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COUNCIL 9709 WELCOMES FOUR MORE INTO ITS RANKS

All Saints Council 9709 inducted four new Brothers into the Council at a 1st Degree Ceremony conducted in conjunction with the Jan. 4 business meeting. Welcome to new Brothers Gabriele Monetti, Joe Paterniti, James Powers and Jay Seaman!

The Council also voted in one readmission at the Jan. 4 meeting, which counts toward the Council's Supreme quota assigned for this year. The readmission and four new Knights bring to 16 the total of new Knights brought into the Council this fraternal year, exceeding the Supreme-assigned quota of 15 for this year by one. Unfortunately, as of Dec. 31, the Council also had to suspend 18 Knights for nonpayment of dues. Two others are still pending transfer actions, and if the transfers are not effected by May 1, they too will be suspended for nonpayment of dues. The current suspensions increase the Council's recruiting goal to 34, which could increase to 36 should the transfers not happen.

"I regret having to take these suspension actions, but the Council has to pay the Supreme and State assessments for Knights who do not pay their dues if they are not suspended. We can no longer afford to carry Knights who neither pay their dues nor show cause for why they cannot pay," said Grand Knight Dick Bridges.

A Council must meet its recruiting goal for the Father McGivney Award, the new insurance member goal for the Founders Award and the service program requirements for the Columbian Award to receive Star Council status. All Saints is on track to meet the requirements for the Founders Award and has never had a problem meeting the requirements for the Columbian Award.

"Meeting the requirements for the Father McGivney Award this year will be difficult, but not impossible," said Grand Knight Dick Bridges, noting that the Council recruited 30 new members for fraternal year 2009-2010.



New Knights James Powers, Jay Seaman, Gabriele Monetti and Joe Paterniti joined the Council Jan. 4 at a 1st Degree Ceremony held in conjunction with the regular business meeting."

O'CHARLEY'S INVITES COUNCIL TO BREAKFAST JAN. 22



For the second year in a row, O'Charley's Restaurant at Brier Creek has invited the Council to a pancake breakfast. This year's breakfast will be from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 22. The restaurant offers the breakfast for free and allows the hosted organization to charge a nominal fee to attendees as a fundraiser. Just like last year, the Council will charge \$5 for adults and children over 12. Children 12 and under will eat free. The restaurant manager also passed out \$5 O'Charley's Reward Cards as a "thank you" last year, which erased the cost to attendees.

Last year some 45 Brother Knights, wives and children enjoyed the breakfast, and the Council raised \$210, which was donated to Operation LAMB. Money raised this year will also be donated to the Council's Operation LAMB campaign for 2011.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brothers All,

You should have received an e-mail from me with regard to putting together the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for calendar year 2010. Please respond by Jan. 15. I need to have this finished by the State Midyear Meeting Jan. 22. It is due to Supreme by Jan. 31.

The Franciscan School will be moving into the new Sienna Center building on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 14-15. There is a sign up sheet on the Church website www.stfrancisraleigh.org under "Announcements & News." I am sure they could use some help, although they have not asked the Council directly for Knight involvement.

Brother Tom DuPree has extended his "Coats for Veterans" campaign because of the recent cold weather and the continuing need. If you did not contribute the first time, you now have a second chance. Or, if you want to do more, contact Brother Tom at twdupree@aol.com or at 577-6901 or 302-5550.

We have distributed some 655 of the 800 State Vacation Raffle tickets assigned for sale to our Council by State. We have already sold 173. As this is one of only two sources for revenue for the general fund of our Council, I would ask that you consider selling or buying some. The second source of revenue for the general fund is the money raised at the RBC Center. Please consider signing up for a shift. We are on track to make more than we budgeted for this activity, but we can only make the money if we have Brothers signed up to work.

Vivat Jesus!


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

JANUARY 2011

- 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 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 22 - State Midyear Meeting East, Fayetteville
- 24 - National March for Life, Washington, D.C.
- 25 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FEBRUARY 2011

- 1 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 12 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 2456, Raleigh
- 16 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 19 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Wine Tasting, Jacoba Hall
- 22 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

MARCH 2011

- 1 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 5-6 - Spring Membership Blitz, all Masses
- 8 - 2nd Degree Ceremony, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 9 - Ash Wednesday
- 12 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba Hall
- 12 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 7406, Mooresville
- 15 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Village Grill, Falls of the Neuse and Honeycutt
- 16 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 26 - Red Cross Blood Drive, 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Clare Hall
- 29 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . SUPREME AND STATE ASSESSMENTS

About one-sixth of All Saints Council 9709's annual budget is allocated to paying assessments levied by the Supreme Council in New Haven, Conn., and the North Carolina State Council. For fraternal year 2010-2011, the Council has budgeted some \$6,125 toward paying its "dues" to Supreme and State.

Supreme levies a "per capita" assessment of \$1.75 in June and January of each fraternal year on every Council based on membership. The assessment is made every six months to take into account gains and losses.

In addition to the per capita assessment, Supreme also asks all Councils to pay \$.40 per member in October and April each fraternal year to a Catholic advertising fund, which is used to support the Church's teachings and views in the national media. The Council is also assessed \$1 per member twice annually for the Culture of Life Fund. The Culture of Life Fund was started in 2009, and the monies collected for this fund are applied toward pro-life activities.

State also levies a per capita fee of \$2.50 per Knight twice annually. There are also assessments at the State level for New Council Development, usually a request for \$50 from Councils to help jumpstart new Councils, and assessments for the State Chaplain (\$100), the Bishops' Convention Fund (\$100), the State Pro-Life Convention Fund (\$200) and an Insurance Per Capita assessment to pay for liability insurance associated with Council activities during the year.

State has chosen to also run its annual State Vacation Raffle Ticket sales to help Councils to raise funds for their own use as well as help fund State operating costs. If the State did not offer this activity, the State per capita charge to Councils would likely be higher.

There are two voluntary Council contributions encouraged by the State: the Penny Per Day Per Knight Program and the State Convention Ad. Council members are offered the chance to contribute \$3.65 in addition to their annual dues payments, and this money goes directly to the State for its use in helping to counter manmade and natural disasters occurring within North Carolina and around the world. The funds collected are to be spent during the current fraternal year. Councils are also asked to purchase an advertisement in the annual Convention program to help defray costs of printing the program and the Convention itself.

COUNCIL PRESENTS AWARDS TO SONC BOWLERS

Knights, spouses and children turned out en masse Sunday, Dec. 5, to run the awards ceremonies for the 2010 Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC) Bowling Tournament in Raleigh. The one-day tournament was held at three venues in Raleigh and included singles competition at AMF Pleasant Valley, doubles at Buffalo Lanes South and five-person team bowling at AMF Capital.

SONC expected some 147 singles competitors, 53 doubles teams and 34 five-person teams at the competition, and while the cold, snowy weather may have caused a few scratches, most of the invitees came and had a good time.

Thanks to Brother Joe and Angela Azzopardi, Ken Bridges, Jerry and Irene Cucurullo, Don and Terri Donaghy, Charlotte Hassan, Mike Hoover, Joe and Mary Kane and family, Joe Mesa, Mike Supianoski, Jeff Szymendera and grandchildren Jessica and Brandon and Richard Szulewski who worked at AMF Pleasant Valley.

Thanks to Brother Akuro Adoki, then future Knight Mark Babyak, Carol Delarosa, Tom and Elaine DuPree, Andy Farrell, Joseph Fiore (Council 6650, St. Michael's in Cary), Fred Johnson, John Martin, Tom McKemie, Hannah Morgan (school teacher from Angier), Dan and Anne Marie Mulvihill and son Ryan; Dick Novacek, Tim Stevens, Vince Tomaino and Dave Torres who worked at Buffalo Lanes South.

Thanks to Brother Dave and Darlene Bole, Dick and Sabine Bridges, Mike and Susan Cotter, Tony Evans, Dennis and Joann Kelleher, Mark McBride (a visiting Knight from the Dallas, Texas, area) and Dave and Ann Vogelpohl who worked at AMF Capital.



Top row (L-R) Dennis Kelleher, Dave Vogelpohl, Mark McBride, Chuck Lally, Tony Evans, Dave Bole and Dick Bridges. Bottom row (L-R) Joann Kelleher, Mike Cotter, Alyssa Mazingo (from Beta Sigma Phi), Ann Vogelpohl, Sabine Bridges, Darlene Bole, Susan Cotter and Paula Roberge (from Beta Sigma Phi).

CHRISTMAS PARTY BRINGS CHEER TO 61



(L-R) Jimmy Gbruoski, Allison Becker, Tori Becker, Allison Bayle and Kaitlyn Gbruoski sang "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" at the Christmas party.

Some 55 adults and six children enjoyed an evening of good food, good fellowship and some excellent singing at the Council's annual Christmas party at the Crabtree Valley Marriott Sunday, Dec. 12.

Mary Adoki graciously organized the musical program and sang a number of solos for the audience. She also arranged for a surprise performance by Allison Becker, who wowed the crowd with her rendition of "Away in a Manger." And, just like last year, Mary organized the children into an impromptu chorus that made the evening special, especially their rendition of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

Brother Ralph Guenther said grace, and Father David McBriar, who arrived from another commitment just before dinner was served, gave a final blessing before heading off to his final

appointment for the evening.

Attendees contributed some 17 gifts and five gift cards totaling \$115 for the Duke Children's Hospital Ministry, which were delivered to the Ministry Monday morning for a party later that week.

BOLES CHOSEN AS JANUARY'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected Brother Dave and Darlene Bole as Family of the Month for January 2011. Dave has been the Family Committee Director for two years and has organized the monthly Social Gatherings, including the annual Council picnic and the Christmas party.

Brother Dave and Lecturer Steve Becker have also added quarterly speakers to the Social Gatherings to lessen the amount of time spent on the "Good of the Order" portion of meetings. Brother Dave has also arranged pancake breakfasts with O'Charley's restaurant at Brier Creek for the past two years at which attendees pay \$5 for the breakfast and have received \$5 gift certificates from O'Charley's for coming. The money generated has been applied to the Council's Operation LAMB drive.

Brother Dave and Darlene also applied their skills gained at pancake breakfasts to the recent Church pancake breakfast and KofC Membership drive as well as helping out at the Catholic Convocation conducted in October. Brother Dave is also a regular Operation LAMB participant, including picking up the money from different sites.



Brother Dave and Darlene Bole

BROTHER ORTIZ IS JANUARY'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Diego Ortiz

Council officers have selected Brother Diego Ortiz as January's Knight of the Month for undertaking the job of designing and putting together the Council's Knights of Columbus information display board. The Council had purchased the display board for advertising and membership purposes, but until Brother Diego joined the Council no one had an idea of how to make it come alive and the drive to see the project through.

Brother Diego has taken his 1st and 2nd Degrees this year and has been a Parishioner at St. Francis since 2008. In addition to Knights activities, he works with the Boy Scouts of America where he manages all the minority outreach programs, the career-focused Explorer Programs and serves as the District Director for Cary, Morrisville and Apex. Brother Diego was born in Bogota, Colombia, some 8,000 feet up in the Andes Mountains and became a Weebelo Scout in Bogota. He carries dual citizenship. He started working

for the Boy Scouts about three months ago after working in the telecommunications industry where he lived and did business in some 27 countries around the world.

"This is a 180-degree turn from my work in telecommunications with some very much for profit organizations like Bell South and Telefonica de España, and after this short period I have fallen in love with the organization, its values and the amazing volunteers," Brother Diego said.

Brother Diego also works as a professional voice actor from his home studio where he does advertisements, voice-answering systems, training videos and books on tape in both English and Spanish with a wide variety of accents and characters.

Wife Ines has a Masters Degree in Fine Arts and is currently working on a degree in therapeutical massage sciences. She has worked with various foundations that help street children and refugees in Latin America. Their 10-year-old twins, Martin and Mariana, recently celebrated their First Communion at Saint Francis and are in fourth grade at Durant Road Elementary in North Raleigh.

ELEVEN KNIGHTS TAKE 2ND DEGREE DEC. 9

Eleven Knights from two District 9 Councils took the second step of their journey to full Knighthood Thursday, Dec. 9, at a ceremony held in Anthony Hall at St. Francis. Five of the Knights were from St. Matthew Council 13812 in Durham. The other six were from All Saints Council 9709. Congratulations to All Saints Brothers Steve Burdett, John Buyarski, Mike Cichoracki, George Corvin, Jeff Henry and Chuck Lally!

So far this year, nine Brother Knights from Council 9709 have taken their 2nd Degree courtesy of the District 9 Team. There are still at least 33 Brother Knights in Council 9709 who have not yet taken their 2nd Degree. They will be invited to attend a ceremony in early March.

The District 9 2nd Degree Team is made up entirely of Brother Knights from Council 9709 and will be on the road to Henderson and District 21 at the request of Regional District Deputy 2 Hadon Hare for its next ceremony scheduled for Jan. 29. The team is also slated for another 2nd Degree Ceremony at St. Francis in March.

First Degree Knights from Council 9709 are welcome to accompany the District 9 Team to Henderson for that 2nd Degree Ceremony. The Ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 29, and that time may be more convenient for some Brothers. The team will be carpooling from the Church parking lot at about 9:30 a.m.

“For those Brothers who are already 2nd Degree Knights, there will also be a 3rd Degree Ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 12, at Fr. Price Council 2546 in Raleigh. Interested Knights should contact Grand Knight Dick Bridges to make a reservation no later than Jan. 20.



(L-R) Brothers Jeff Henry (back), Mike Cichoracki (front), George Corvin, Steve Burdett, Chuck Lally and John Buyarski took their 2nd Degree Dec. 9.



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RETIREMENT PLANNING: WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

by Tim Kilpatrick, FICF, CSA
Council 9709 KofC Field Agent

You are soon approaching one of the most important decisions you will have to make in your life. If you are going to receive a pension from your job, what pension option will you choose? What is your best option?

The typical options that you have when choosing a pension plan are: (1) 100 percent of your pension and nothing to your spouse upon death and (2) 75 percent of your pension and the reduced pension will continue to your spouse upon your death. As an example: if your pension will be approximately \$40,000 per year, and you want your spouse to have an income after your death, then you would receive \$30,000 and you pay \$10,000 every year to continue your pension to your spouse.

Only one of three things will happen in your future: (1) your spouse will die before you; (2) you will die before your spouse; or (3) you will die together. If your spouse dies first, will they reimburse you for the money you paid? Will they bring your pension back up to 100 percent? The answer is NO. You are locked into your pension option. What happens if you die first, and your spouse dies shortly after you? All of the money that has been paid to continue your pension for your spouse may be more than your spouse will actually collect. What happens if you die together? Who gets the money? Your pension only goes to your spouse. No money is paid out to your heirs.

Your Knights of Columbus Agent has a plan that builds cash value, so you may be reimbursed for the money you paid; it also builds dividends that may pay the premiums, so you can bring your pension back to 100 percent and it has a guaranteed payout, so you can change your beneficiary, and the money can continue to your heirs upon your spouse's death.

I would be happy to meet with you and make sure your current insurance is what you really want it to be. Call me at 847-3799 (H), 880-3463 (C) or by e-mail at Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST YIELDS FIVE POTENTIAL NEW KNIGHTS

The Dec. 12 Pancake Breakfast organized by the Council in conjunction with the Church attracted some 321 attendees after the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Although neither the Council nor the Church could estimate how many people would attend, the turnout demonstrated that there is indeed a desire on the part of St. Francis parishioners to socialize after Mass. That is something the Church is interested in continuing, and the Council's continued participation is likely as well.

The Council had agreed to run the pancake breakfast for the Parish as a new way to conduct a Membership Blitz, and all indications are that this aspect of the event was a success as well. One potentially new member was signed up after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, and four after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

The Council provided seed money to fund the food for the breakfast, all of which was recouped by charging \$2 per person for the breakfast. Many parishioners remarked at the low price, and a number added an extra donation as a way of saying "thank you."

Some 28 Knights cooked, served, collected money, recruited new members and cleaned up. A special thanks goes to Chancellor Shawn Bayle who coordinated the entire operation.



(L-R) Brothers Tom Carlson, Mark McBride from Dallas and Norm Tuomi (at the sink), Larry Leins, Shawn Bayle, John Buyarski and Steve Burdett begin preparations for the breakfast.

CONTRIBUTE TO LAMB BY USING THE INTERNET

What if LAMB Foundation of NC earned a donation every time you searched the internet? Or, how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support Operation LAMB? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall connected to GoodSearch.com that donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause. Hundreds of stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes and Noble have teamed up with GoodShop, and every time you place an order with a participating vendor, you'll be supporting Operation LAMB as well.

"With the 30 or so users we have so far, we are raising about \$50 a month," said State LAMB Director Richard White. "If we get about a 1,000 of our internet-savvy members and friends using this, we could raise over \$20,000 annually."

And, if you download the GoodSearch LAMB Foundation of NC toolbar, Operation LAMB will earn money every time you shop and search online, even if you forget to go to GoodShop or GoodSearch first. Just add the toolbar at <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/lamb-foundation-of-nc>. Note that the toolbar can only be used with Internet Explorer or Firefox for Windows or Firefox for Mac.

RBC CENTER REVENUE FOR 2010-2011 ON TRACK

Council 9709 has completed four events at the RBC Center and one at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park (DBAP) and earned \$1,123.07 to date for the 2010-2011 fraternal year. The Miranda Lambert Concert at the DBAP has been the most lucrative event so far this year, bringing in some \$325 to the Council's coffers.

The Council projected a net income from the RBC Center for this fraternal year of \$3,575, and with 17 more events scheduled from January into early April, the Council should easily meet that goal.

Volunteers, however, are still needed for these last 17 events. The sign up list can be accessed on the Council's website under "Events and Schedules."

The RBC Center revenue is the Council's primary source of income for charitable works during the year.