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COUNCIL 9709 GETS TOP AWARD FOR PRO-LIFE CATEGORY AT STATE

All Saints Council took the top award in the Pro-Life category for Division 4 Councils at the State Midyear Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 22. The Council's submission was for its donation of \$1,500 to Birthchoice and attendance at the Benefit for Life Gala in October. The Council sponsored two 10-person tables and with 10 Knights and their wives and guests all but filled both tables.

"I was very honored to receive this award on behalf of our Council," said Grand Knight Dick Bridges. "It is always nice to be recognized for the good work that we do."

Council 9709 also took second place in the Membership category for hosting a Continental breakfast for the Raleigh Diocese Catholic Convocation on Oct. 16 and manning a Knights of Columbus information table that yielded two potential candidates and generated interest in possibly establishing a Council in Oriental, N.C. The Council was also recognized by State Membership Chairman John Nussbaum in his presentation to the delegates at the meeting as having reached 120 percent of its membership recruiting goal at the half year point.

Brother Tom Mathis also presented a progress report for the Pro-Life initiative Room at the Inn. Although only 581 N.C. Knights have pledged or donated money to the project and only 10 of 127 Councils have met or exceeded the goal of \$100 per member over five years, the project has pulled in some \$347,313 toward the goal of \$1 million. Council 9709 has pledged or donated \$15,428 to date, of which \$10,000 represents the Council's pledge. The rest of the donated money comes from 28 Knights in the Council. All Saints Council is at about 75 percent of goal, according to Mathis.

EIGHT MARCH FOR LIFE IN RALEIGH

Eight members of All Saints Council 9709 participated in the North Carolina Right to Life Rally and March for Life 2011 Saturday, Jan. 15.

The march, which ran from Nash Square in downtown Raleigh past the State Legislature to the Sacred Heart Cathedral, included about 30 Knights in regalia, including four of Council 9709's Brother Knights.

Barbara Holt, President of North Carolina Right to Life, Inc., noted that some 30,596 abortions were done in the state during 2010 and promised to work with the new State Legislature for the passage of a "Woman's Right to Know" law. Similar laws already exist in Virginia and South Carolina, and the Informed Consent Law requiring that a woman considering an abortion receive information on alternatives to abortion has withstood the scrutiny of a Supreme Court case. The Virginia and South Carolina laws, according to Mrs. Holt, have cut abortions in those states by half.

Brothers Tom DuPree, Jerry Powell, Manfred Varnhold and Hadon Ware marched with the formation of Knights in regalia. Brothers Dick Bridges, Fr. David McBriar, Kent Siefkes and Dave Vogelpohl marched with the Council's banner.

The turnout from Council 9709 at the march was slightly higher than last year when only six Knights came to the event.



(L-R) Grand Knight Dick Bridges, Deputy Grand Knight Kent Siefkes, Council Chaplain Fr. David McBriar and Past Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl in Nash Square prior to the March.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brothers All,

Congratulations to Brothers Ray Martin and James Powers for attaining their 2nd Degree at the Jan. 29 ceremony in Henderson conducted by the District #9 2nd Degree team! And, congratulations as well to the team for going all the way to Henderson to edify the principle of Unity to five other Knights from District #21. For those of you who missed this opportunity, we will have another 2nd Degree ceremony March 8 for our Council in Anthony Hall.

Any Brother Knight who would like to take his 3rd Degree is welcome to join our Council's delegation going to Fr. Price Council 2546 in Raleigh on Saturday, Feb. 12. We currently have nine Brothers signed up, and space is limited to the first 50 applicants from all area Councils. At last count, there were only seven vacant slots remaining. This will be the closest 3rd Degree ceremony to take place to our Council this fraternal year, but if you want to go I need to know as soon as possible.

The 4th Degree Exemplification for North Carolina this year will be held in New Bern on Saturday, April 9. That ceremony will be limited to the first 70 applicants who sign up. If any Brother is interested in taking his 4th Degree this year, please contact me as soon as possible.

The State Midyear Meeting was Jan. 22, and I have to say that in comparing notes with other Councils in the State, we are doing well. Our membership numbers are good; our programs are active; and our participation is at least the equal of any of the more active Councils. Deputy Grand Knight Kent Siefkes, Financial Secretary Dennis Kelleher, LAMB Coordinator Tim Stevens and I were proud to represent you.

And a special thanks to all those Knights who worked the RBC Center during the NHL All-Star Game. By all accounts, we impressed all the guests and we seem to have done very well financially.

Vivat Jesus,


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

FEBRUARY 2011

- 12 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 2456, Raleigh
- 16 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 19 - Wine Tasting, 7 p.m., Total Wine, 6105 Capital Blvd.
- 22 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room
- 27 - Free Throw Contest, 9 a.m., Community Center Gym

MARCH 2011

- 1 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 3 - 2nd Degree Ceremony, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 6 - Spring Membership Blitz/Pancake Breakfast, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses
- 9 - Ash Wednesday
- 12 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba Hall Parking Lot
- 12 - St. Patrick's Day Parade, Raleigh
- 12 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 7406, Mooresville
- 15 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Village Grill, Falls of the Neuse and Honeycutt
- 16 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 26 - Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 a.m., Clare Hall
- 29 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

APRIL 2011

- 1-3, 15-17 and 30 - Operation LAMB, See Website for Sign Ups
- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 9 - 4th Degree Exemplification, New Bern
- 17 - Palm Sunday
- 19 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Capri Restaurant, 6325 Falls of the Neuse
- 20 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 24 - Easter

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . OPERATION LAMB

Operation LAMB is the single largest charitable activity conducted by the Knights of Columbus. Brother Knights in yellow aprons have been soliciting donations from passers by and doling out Tootsie Rolls all across the nation since 1974. Since its inception, the Operation LAMB program in North Carolina has raised over \$20 million for the intellectually disabled in the state. Thanks to the generosity of the state's residents, North Carolinian Knights have been raising almost \$1 million annually since 2008.

Brother Knights of Council 9709 solicit donations outside of grocery stores in the northwest Raleigh area. Eighty-five percent of what a Council collects is distributed to local charities. The remaining 15 percent is sent to the State Council where it is distributed to organizations supporting the intellectually handicapped in areas of North Carolina where no local Knights of Columbus Councils exist.

Last year Council 9709 collected a record \$27,745.78. All Saints added its collection for 2010 to the coffers of Father Price Council 2456, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 12025, St. Luke the Evangelist Council 12455 and St. Raphael Council 9880 for distribution to local organizations in Raleigh. Charitable organizations apply for funds from the local Knights of Columbus Councils through a panel with members of each Council represented.

A total of \$44,696.74 is being distributed to the Arc of Wake County, the Bill Scott Endowment Fund, the Frankie Lemmon School and Development Center, Hilltop Home, Community Partnerships Inc., the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities, the Triangle Down's Syndrome Network, the Wake Autism Society, Wake Enterprises, Learning Together and Nancy Frazier of Harris Creek Elementary School for field trips.

Operation LAMB derives its name from Christ's words in Matthew 25:48: "as you did it to one of the [L]east [A]mong [M]y [B]rethren, you did it to me."

COUNCIL CROWNS TFS SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

Some 11 students from The Franciscan School (TFS) participated in a Spelling Bee sponsored by the All Saints Council, Thursday, Jan. 20. Grand Knight Dick Bridges and Youth Director Mike Wrzesien presented sixth grader Meghan Hurley with the winner's certificate, a plaque donated by the Council and the latest edition of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, which is used as the final authority for the spellings of all the words in the competition. Meghan also won a free online powerspeak12 world language course from the K12 Company for either Spanish, Latin, French, Chinese or German.

Meghan moves on to the Wake County Spelling Bee competition sponsored by Raleigh's News & Observer to be held Feb. 26 at North Carolina State University. The winner of that competition will compete at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

This is not the first time that TFS has held a spelling bee, but this is the first time the school has held the event since Principal Jennifer Bigelow was hired. TFS conducted a preliminary competition at grade levels three through eight, and the winners and first runner ups from that competition competed at the school level.

Congratulations to participating third graders Carly Rein and Kaitlyn Slocum, fourth graders Andrew Head and Connor Margraf, fifth grader Carter Reilly, sixth graders Kayla Austin and Meghan Hurley, seventh graders Emily Foley and Daniel Todd and eighth graders David Edwards and Cameron Harris!

Thanks as well to Brothers Dick Bridges, who served as official pronouncer for the competition, and Ralph Guenther and Mike Wrzesien who served as judges.



TFS Principal Jennifer Bigelow (L) with the 11 spelling bee participants. Meghan Hurley (C) holds her winner's plaque.

JANUARY SOCIAL GATHERING COLLECTS \$165 FOR OPERATION LAMB

The Family Committee has been busy arranging Social Gatherings for the coming months, and there are and have been a number of opportunities for Brother Knights to get together for socialization.

Saturday, Jan.22, about 37 Knights, spouses and children gathered together at O'Charley's in Brier Creek for a pancake breakfast. The Council charged a nominal fee of \$5 per adult, and the \$165 collected from attendees will be used as seed money for the Council's 2011 LAMB Campaign.

The Social Gathering for February will be something a little different than the usual dinners at local restaurants, and it will happen beginning at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, rather than the usual Tuesday evening. Family Director Dave Bole has arranged for a wine tasting at Total Wine on Capital Boulevard for a flat \$20 per head. This will be an adults only night. Attendees will sample about 10 different wines, and there will also be offerings from local micro breweries for those who would prefer to sample beer rather than wine.

The March Social Gathering will be at the Village Grill at the intersection of Falls of the Neuse and Honeycutt. The April Social Gathering will be at the Capri Restaurant at 6325 Falls of the Neuse Road. Brother Dino Pinelli, who recently joined All Saints Council and owns the Capri Restaurant will be our special host for the evening and promises some special surprises for attendees.

Brother Dave will be sending out e-mails requesting Brothers RSVP to the March and April events.

Council 9709's Social Gatherings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The "Good of the Order" section of the regular business meetings was moved to the Social Gatherings to reduce the time of the business meetings and to involve the wives in informational sessions. A speaker or presentation will be a part of the Social Gathering schedule once a quarter.

Brother Mike Cichoracki is being asked to talk about his recent pilgrimage in Spain at either the March or April Social Gathering.

DYERS CHOSEN AS JANUARY'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Brother Tim and Kerry Dyer

Council officers have selected Brother Tim and Kerry Dyer as Family of the Month for February. The Dyers are currently serving as co-leaders of the more than 800 Eucharistic Ministers (EMs) in the Parish. They are responsible for training the EMs, which training amounts to about six hours quarterly, as well as coordinating the EMs at all Masses every weekend. The Dyers are also members of the Church's Liturgy Committee.

Brother Tim joined the Order and the Council in March 2005. He is now a 4th Degree Knight and has marched in Honor Guards and at funerals. Brother Tim is the Council's Inside Guard and a regular at Operation LAMB, Special Olympics and the American Red Cross Blood Drives. He is also a member of the District #9 2nd Degree team.

Brother Tim works as a Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technician for Piedmont Air Conditioning, and Kerry works as a Controller for BioResource International, Inc. Brother Tim is also a Certified Member and President of the Raleigh Chapter of Refrigeration Service Engineers Society (RSES), the HAVCR Training Authority, a national professional organization for HVAC technicians.

The Dyers have three sons: Andrew, Adam and Stephen and one granddaughter, Estella. Brother Tim enjoys riding his motorcycle, fishing and woodworking. Kerry likes to read, cook, sew and garden and is an avid photographer.

BROTHER MIKE SUPIANOSKI CHOSEN AS KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected Brother Mike Supianoski as Knight of the Month for February. This is the second time in a year that Brother Mike has been singled out from the membership for his numerous contributions to the Council. Brother Mike worked a total of 15 shifts at the RBC Center in 2010, more than twice the number of shifts worked by any other Brother in the Council. He was selected as Knight of the Month for February 2010 for having pulled six shifts.

"I moved to Raleigh in April 2009, and a few months later I had the privilege to rejoin the Knights of Columbus, something I have enjoyed very much since. Their activities to the community and the things they take part in have made for many very enjoyable experiences for me," said Brother Mike. "The individuals I have met are beyond words, the unity they share is something I value above all. I look forward to many more years to come with the Knights."

Brother Mike originally became a Knight in Marianna, Fla., in the late 1990s but allowed his membership to lapse after suffering a brain aneurism, which left him in a coma for 17 days in June 2000. Wife Joyce was appointed his aide and attendant by the Veterans Administration and assisted him with his ensuing disability until she contracted lupus and died in March 2009. Brother Mike then moved to Raleigh to be closer to his sister, Shirley Edwards, and her husband Bill.

After joining All Saints Council, Brother Mike took his 3rd Degree. Besides working at the RBC Center, Brother Mike is a regular at Operation LAMB, the annual barbecue, trash pick up, pancake breakfasts and anything else the Council does. He is also a member of the District #9 2nd Degree team.



Brother Mike Supianoski

2ND DEGREE TEAM ADVANCES SEVEN IN HENDERSON

The District #9 2nd Degree Team (made up entirely of Council 9709 members) traveled to Henderson to conduct a 2nd Degree Ceremony Saturday, Jan. 29, for Councils in District #21. Seven Knights took their 2nd Degree at the ceremony, including Brothers Ray Martin and James Powers from Council 9709. One Knight from host Council 9365 in Henderson, two from Council 13511 in Louisburg and two from Council 14276 in Butner also took their degrees at the ceremony.

The next 2nd Degree Ceremony the team will conduct will be at St. Francis in the Founders Room on Thursday, March 3. Brothers interested in taking their 2nd Degree should notify Grand Knight Dick Bridges before March 1.



All Saints Council's 2nd Degree Team in Henderson: Front L-R: Brothers Kent Siefkes, Ken Bridges, Akuro Adoki, John Moster, Jeff Rohman, Mike Supianoski and Don Donaghy. Back L-R: Brothers Dave Bole, Dennis Kelleher, Tony Anello, Pete Oertel, Ralph Guenther and Jerry Cucurullo. Other members of the team include Brothers Dick Bridges, Mike Darrow, Dave Phillips, Jerry Powell and Dave Vogelpohl.



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Council 9709's Field Agent Brother Tim Kilpatrick would be happy to provide you, at no cost, an analysis of your life insurance and retirement needs in the comfort of your own home at a time and date convenient to you. Brother Tim, who is a member of Father Price Council 2546, is always available at 847-3799 (H), 880-3463 (C) or at Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org.

COUNCIL REPORTS RECORD CONTRIBUTIONS AND HOURS FOR 2010

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report submitted Jan. 22 to Supreme by Council 9709 reflects all-time high figures for charitable disbursements and volunteer hours.

“All Saints Council and its members have much to be proud of for all we did last year collectively and individually,” said Grand Knight Dick Bridges. “We keep setting the bar higher and higher every year, but that's probably good given that the need for our charitable contributions and volunteering also continues to grow.”

All Saints Council reported charitable disbursements from Council funds of some \$15,442 for calendar year 2010, up from \$12,849 in 2009. Combined with the \$27,745.78 collected during the 2010 Operation LAMB campaign, also up from the previous year's total of \$26,545.62, the Council amassed some \$43,187.58 for charitable causes this past year. Operation LAMB funds are maintained separately from the Council's monies. The breakdown of Council funds applied to charity included \$5,508 to Church activities, \$7,604 to Community activities and \$2,330 to Youth activities. Last year, the Council contributed \$4,088 to Church, \$4,734 to Community and \$4,207 to Youth activities. In 2009 the Council issued three \$1,000 scholarships; for 2010 that number dropped to one.

With 53 of over 237 members reporting volunteer hours, the Council recorded some 184 visits to the sick, 45 visits to the bereaved, 20 blood donors who gave the equivalent of 63 units of blood, nine Habitat for Humanity jobs in which Council members participated, 1,849 hours for Church, 3,085 hours for Community, 1,642 hours for Youth, 639 hours to Habitat for Humanity, 991 miscellaneous volunteer hours and 147 hours helping the sick. The total of 8,353 volunteer hours is slightly higher than last year's 7,975 volunteer hours with 51 Knights reporting.

All Saints Council 9709 also submitted its Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics on Jan. 31. The Council reported a total of 437 volunteer hours by 78 volunteers at two State events this past year: the annual Special Olympics North Carolina summer aquatics competition in June and the bowling competition in December 2010.

2011 OPERATION LAMB DATES SET FOR SPRING



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Assistant Operation LAMB Director Tim Stevens announced the dates for Council 9709's participation in Operation LAMB for the spring of calendar year 2011 at the Feb. 1 business meeting. Unlike in past years when the Council has concentrated its efforts on a single weekend, most of this year's schedule is spread out over the month of April 2011 and beyond.

“It was difficult coordinating dates at some stores this go-round,” said Brother Stevens. “Some stores, like the Brier Creek Walmart, would only allow us to reserve one day over a weekend.

However, while that makes the drive last longer, it also gives Brothers multiple opportunities to sign up for a day when it is convenient for them to participate.”

The Council is scheduled to be at the Brier Creek Walmart on Sunday, April 17; Saturday, July 9 and Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24-25. Brothers will be soliciting donations at the Glenwood Walmart on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 15-17 and the Walmart at Morrisville on Saturday and Sunday, April 2-3. The Council will be at the Harris Teeter in Morrisville on Sunday, April 17; Saturday, April 30 and Saturday, June 4, and at the Harris Teeter on Leesville Road on Sunday, April 17 and Saturday, June 4. The Council will work the Kroger at 6300 Creedmoor and the Kroger at 8345 Creedmoor Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 1-3.

The Council submitted the final Form 4 2010 Operation LAMB Income Report in January 2011 showing that the Council had collected \$27,745.78 for the intellectually handicapped during 2010, netting some \$26,814.28 after the Tootsie Roll expense. The Council's funds will be added to the funds of four other local Councils and distributed to Raleigh agencies in February.

The Council's collection for 2010 was the highest ever collected, exceeding the State-set goal of \$26,656 easily. Last year the Council collected some \$25,897.27. Council LAMB collections have been declining over the past couple of years, presumably because of the economy. Based upon past precedent and the total collected for 2010, the Council's 2011 LAMB goal will be about \$28,000, a one percent increase.