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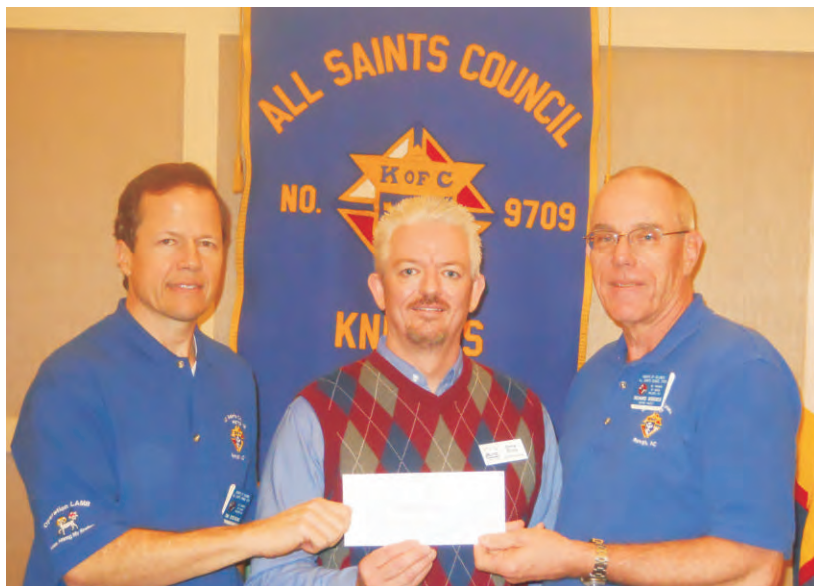
RALEIGH LAMB AGENCIES RECEIVE CHECKS IN CLARE HALL

Grand Knights and LAMB Directors from five Raleigh Councils presented checks to 10 agencies serving the intellectually handicapped in Raleigh at a breakfast hosted by All Saints Council in Clare Hall Saturday, Feb. 19.

Representatives from Fr. Price Council 2546, St. Raphael the Archangel Council 9880, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 12025 and St. Luke the Evangelist Council 12455 joined host Council 9709 in presenting over \$44,000 in checks. Agencies receiving money included the Autism Society of North Carolina (Wake County Chapter), The Arc of Wake County, Community Partnerships, Inc.; the Frankie Lemmon School and Developmental Center, c/o Harris Creek Elementary School, Hilltop Home, Learning Together, Inc.; the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities and Triangle Downs Syndrome.

Raleigh Councils have been pooling their resources for the past few years to ensure a reasonably consistent revenue stream for agencies. The agencies are asked each year to provide a list of projects against which funds can be applied. Monies are distributed based upon those needs.

The breakfast drew some 45 attendees, nearly half of which were Council volunteers who arrived early and stayed late to set up, cook, clean and tear down tables in Clare Hall. Thanks to Brothers Shawn Bayle and Tim Stevens who organized the event, even though Brother Bayle could not be present at the breakfast. Thanks as well to volunteers Tony Anello, Steve Becker and daughter Allison, Dave Bole, Dick Bridges, Steve Burdett, Mike Cichoracki, Tom DuPree, Mike Evans, Ralph Guenther, Mike Hoover, Dennis Kelleher, Jay Seaman, Kent Siefkes, Tim Stevens, Mike Supianoski, Norm Tuomi, Manfred Varnhold, Dave Vogelpohl and Hadon Ware.



Assistant Council 9709 LAMB Director Tim Stevens (L) and Grand Knight Dick Bridges (R) present a check to The Arc of Wake County Director Steve Strom at the Feb. 19 breakfast.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS WAKE COUNTY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Special Olympics Wake County (SOWC) is looking for volunteers for the 16th Annual Multi-State Swim Meet Saturday, March 26, at the Pullen Aquatics Center; the annual Spring Games Track and Field Competition at Ravenscroft School April 27-28 and May 4-5, and the Raleigh Wake Senior Games, March 28-April 15

Council 9709 Special Olympics Coordinator Jerry Cucurullo (cucurullo7@yahoo.com) is looking for 10 volunteers to work the awards ceremonies for the Swim Meet. Knights interested in working the Track and Field Competition should contact event Coordinator Jennifer Tabery via e-mail with their names and t-shirt sizes at Jennifer.Tabery@raleighnc.gov.

Assistance is also needed for the Senior Games, which include tennis, bocce, croquet, swimming, billiards, bowling, the "SilverArts Follies," shuffleboard, horseshoes, softball, cycling, badminton, table tennis and basketball. More details and sign up sheets are posted on the Council website, and for more information interested Knights should contact the coordinator for these activities, Carmen Rayfield, by e-mail at carmen.rayfield@raleighnc.gov.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brothers All,

Each time an authorized officer (usually only the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary) log onto the Supreme website and access Council records, he has to click on "I Agree" to certify that he is a member in good standing with the Knights of Columbus and "will not copy, merge, disseminate, distribute, transmit or make available the enclosed reports to anyone not involved with the Knights of Columbus or to anyone for non-Knights of Columbus-related business and will take the appropriate measures to protect the information."

For that reason, I try to "blind copy" everyone on my Council-wide e-mails. Unfortunately, I have forgotten on occasion to use the "bcc" function for e-mail, and the list has been sent out by mistake so that all members of the Council have had access to the entire Council's e-mail roster. I would ask any of you on that list who do have a Council-wide e-mail roster to delete it from your list of contacts.

The Council members who are authorized to have and use the e-mail roster are myself, the Deputy Grand Knight, the Family Director (for Social Gatherings invitations) and the Financial Secretary (for dues notices). Program directors who have collected e-mails from frequent participants in their programs are also authorized to use their lists because the participants have provided their e-mails to the directors.

No other Council members are authorized to communicate via e-mail directly with the membership without the Grand Knight's permission. In most cases, if I deem the information of use to the membership, I will forward it to Council members for the requesting individual.

So, please, if you have something you want to share with the membership, send it to me at rbridges1971@aol.com. Thank you.

Vivat Jesus,


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

MARCH 2011

- 12 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Church Parking Lot
- 12 - St. Patrick's Day Parade, noon, Cabarrus and Wilmington Streets
- 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, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Clare Hall
- 29 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

APRIL 2011

- 1-3, 15-17 and 30 - Operation LAMB, www.kofc.org
- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 9 - 4th Degree Exemplification, New Bern
- 19 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Capri Restaurant, 6325 Falls of the Neuse
- 20 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 24 - Easter
- 26 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 pm., Anthony Hall Conference Room

MAY 2011

- 3 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 7 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 7184, Hendersonville
- 13-15 - 91st KofC State Convention, Sheraton Imperial, Durham
- 15 - Council BBQ Event, Church
- 17 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 18 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor
- 30 - Memorial Day Mass for Deceased Veterans, 9 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Chapel
- 31 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . TAX DEDUCTIONS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) allows individuals performing volunteer work to deduct some amounts paid for services performed for a qualified charitable organization that are unreimbursed and directly connected with the services performed. Volunteer work performed in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus qualifies under the IRS definition.

Specifically, you can deduct unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses such as the cost of gas and oil that are directly related to the use of your vehicle in giving services to a charitable organization. You cannot deduct general repair or maintenance expenses, depreciation, registration fees or the costs of tires or insurance. If you do not wish to keep track of actual expenses incurred, you can claim a deduction of \$0.14 per mile when you use your vehicle for volunteer work or commute back and forth to the site at which the volunteer work is performed. You can also deduct parking fees and tolls whether you claim actual expenses or the standard mileage rate.

You cannot deduct actual expenses or mileage incurred from driving back and forth to meetings or seminars that do not involve direct volunteer service to a qualified charitable organization. As an example, you cannot deduct actual expenses or the mileage you incur from going to a regular Council business meeting, but you can deduct the expense or the mileage if you drive to the Church parking lot to participate in the Council's quarterly Adopt-A-Highway trash pick ups.

You must keep a written record of your vehicle expenses or mileage driven. That record will be accepted by the Internal Revenue Service provided it has the name(s) of the organization(s) for which you worked and the date each time you used your vehicle for a charitable purpose.

The deduction is entered as a cash donation on Line 16 of Schedule A on your tax return.

EIGHT REACH FULL KNIGHTHOOD IN RALEIGH

Congratulations to the newest 3rd Degree members of All Saints Council 9709 - Brothers John Buyarski, Tim Fischer, Jim Holler, Chuck Lally, Ray Martin, Chris Mosakewicz, James Powers and Eric Robinson! They took their 3rd Degree at Fr. Price Council 2546's compound in southeast Raleigh Saturday, Dec. 12, along with over 48 other candidates from 17 other area Councils.

Six members of the Council also went as observers to the ceremony. Thanks to Brothers Tony Anello, Dick Bridges, Tom DuPree, Joe Hebert, Jeff Rohman and Mike Supianoski for supporting the Council's candidates.

This ceremony was the closest one to Council 9709 scheduled this year. Other 3rd Degree ceremonies will be advertised in the Council's newsletter's calendar section for the remainder of the year. Any Knight interested in taking his 3rd Degree at one of these ceremonies should contact Grand Knight Dick Bridges directly.

The third step in the degree sequence brings these Knights to full Knighthood in the Order and makes them eligible after six months tenure as a Knight for the 4th Degree Exemplification, the visible Patriotic arm of the Order. There are two opportunities remaining to take the 4th Degree this calendar year. There will be a "mini-4th Degree" in New Bern on April 9 and a larger ceremony in Cary Oct. 15. Interested Knights should contact the Grand Knight if they wish to take the 4th Degree.



L-R (back) Brothers Eric Robinson, James Powers, Tim Fischer, John Buyarski, L-R (front) Chris Mosakewicz, Ray Martin, Chuck Lally and Jim Holler pose in front of Fr. Price Council's Virgin Mary Grotto after the 3rd Degree Ceremony.

COUNCIL TO HOST SEMI-ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE MARCH 26



All Saints Council 9709 will conduct its semi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive in Clare Hall Saturday, March 26, from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Some 250 donors are needed.

Seventh and eighth graders from The Franciscan School will assist in setting up and tearing down tables and chairs for the event, but there is a need for 30-40 volunteers to assist during the actual drive. To volunteer to help out at the drive, contact Coordinator Tom

DuPree at twdupree@aol.com or 577-6901.

Brother Knights interested in donating can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org by clicking on "Search by Sponsor" and entering Sponsor Code 653. There will also be sign-up sheets in the Church Breezeway and Stewardship Room after weekend Masses beginning March 5-6. Priority for the first time slots at 8 a.m. will be given to those donors who wish to donate "double red."

Anyone 17 years and older weighing at least 110 pounds and in reasonably good health can donate. The date of the last donation must also have been prior to Jan. 30.

STATE VACATION RAFFLE TICKET SALES TOP 400

As of March 6, Council 9709 had sold a total of 420 State Vacation Raffle Tickets, including some 41 sold at the Membership Blitz/Pancake Breakfast held in Clare Hall on Sunday, March 6, by Brothers Mike Cichoracki and Frank Sola.

There are still some 473 tickets in Knights' hands and money and stubs or unsold tickets need to be turned in by April 15. So far, seven tickets will be counted as lost. State issued All Saints Council 800 tickets after the Council managed to sell 685 last year.

The Council keeps \$2.50 for every \$5 ticket it sells, and the Council budgeted revenue of \$3,000 from the ticket sales for fraternal year 2010-2011. From all indications the Council will beat that revenue projection handily.

SIEFKES CHOSEN AS MARCH'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected Deputy Grand Knight Kent Siefkes' family as March's Family of the Month. Brother Kent has been a Knight since December 2004, has attained his 4th Degree and has been very active in the Council since joining. He serves as the Council's Pro-Life Director and is also a member of the Council's 1st and 2nd Degree Ceremonial Teams. At St. Francis he coordinates the lector ministry, is a member of the Liturgy Committee and is active in the Men's Ministry. Outside of the Council and St. Francis, he is a member of the Diocesan Pro-Life Office Steering Committee and Chairman of the Board of the Raleigh affiliate of Family Honor.

Wife Virginia is a Eucharistic minister, a member of the Stephen's Ministry Leadership team, a high school Faith Formation volunteer and a member of the St. Francis women's Friday morning Bible study. She is also a member of the local Dogwood Chapter of the National Charity League with daughter Jessica (a mother/daughter philanthropy/service organization), a grade parent chair and volunteer at St. David's School as well as Vice Chairman of the Raleigh affiliate of Family Honor.

Daughter Marissa recently graduated from Georgetown University summa cum laude, majoring in Government, and is now teaching sixth grade history in Charlotte with Teach for America. Jessica is a sophomore at St. David's High School where she participates in weekly Bible study, has gone on a mission trip to Guatemala and is a member of the Praise Band. At St. Francis, she was a lector in 2010 but has switched ministries this year to become a cantor and song leader at Church.



Brother Kent, Marissa, Jessica and Virginia Siefkes

BROTHER TONY HALTERMAN IS MARCH'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Tony Halterman gets his Knight of the Month certificate from GK Dick Bridges.

Council officers have selected Brother Halterman as March's Knight of the Month for contributing some 314 volunteer hours working for the Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) in calendar year 2010. The following is a short biography of Brother Tony submitted by his sister, Mary McReynolds:

"Tony has been a Knight since he was 18 years old. Our father was a convert to Catholicism and joined the Knights while we were in elementary school, so it was natural that Tony would join when he was old enough. He was a member of the Immaculate Lady Council 5208 at Sacred Heart Church in Glyndon, Md., until he moved to Raleigh in 2006 and joined the All Saints Council. Tony was always very active in the Knights often working along side our father at Bull Roasts, Spaghetti Dinners, Oyster Roasts, and Operation LAMB. Tony was part of the Knights Honor Guard when Pope John Paul II visited Washington, D.C., Oct. 6-7, 1979.

"Tony worked for many years at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and School as part of maintenance. The teachers and children at the school were very fond of him as he would often retrieve balls from the school roof, comfort a crying child and help

the teachers hang things or repair things in their classrooms. One year the eighth grade class was asked to write a composition about someone in their life that they admired. An eighth grade boy wrote about Tony. The boy won first place in the contest.

"Tony lives with me and our dog Winston and two cats, Gus and Daisy Marie. He volunteers twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at CPO and he really enjoys it. Tony is also active in the Seniors Club at St. Francis. Tony has a nephew, Matthew, and a niece, Heather, who also live in Raleigh."

DISTRICT #9 2ND DEGREE TEAM ADVANCES 10

The District #9 2nd Degree team, made up entirely of Council 9709 members, conducted a 2nd Degree Ceremony at St. Francis Thursday, March 3, for 10 Knights representing four area Councils.

Congratulations to new 2nd Degree Knight Brian Fitzsimmons from the All Saints Council 9709, who took his degree with two Knights from Saint Raphael the Archangel Council 9880 in Raleigh, one Knight from Saint Thomas More Council 10910 in Chapel Hill and six Knights from Saint Catherine of Sienna Council 11234 in Wake Forest.

The 10 new 2nd Degree Knights bring to a total of 42 Knights on whom the team has conferred the 2nd Degree this fraternal year. Of those 42 Knights, 12 have been from the All Saints Council, eight from two other District #9 Councils, seven from two District #8 (Raleigh) Councils and five from three Councils in District #21 (Henderson).

The next 2nd Degree ceremony the team will conduct is tentatively set for June at St. Francis. There are at least 26 Knights in Council 9709 who have not yet taken their 2nd Degree.



Brother Brian Fitzsimmons took his 1st Degree June 1, 2010, and his 2nd Degree March 3, 2011.

CALLING ALL LAMB VOLUNTEERS!

The sign up sheet for the Council's Operation LAMB spring drive is up on the Council website. Council members are encouraged to sign up for at least one three-hour shift during the spring drive, and there are lots of dates available. There are six different dates in April and two in June. Please go to the website <http://www.kofc9709.org> and reserve your slot before the end of March!



FAMILY FRATERNAL BENEFIT PROGRAM

Providing more for those you love.

The Knights of Columbus Family Fraternal Benefit Program makes available to eligible family members seven distinct types of assistance. To be eligible, the member must be in good standing with his Council and either he or his wife must be insured under a KofC certificate requiring an annual premium of at least \$150 or providing at least \$5,000 permanent life insurance coverage.

The Order's various life insurance plans are available through Field Agents for a healthy child, but what about a physically challenged or mentally impaired child? The Order offers three options. First, a \$5,000 life insurance plan, at *standard rates*, for a member's uninsurable or rated newborn child, provided the application is made before the child is 61 days old. Second, a \$5,000 life insurance plan, at a *rated premium*, for a member's uninsurable child between the ages of 60 days and 18 years. And third, up to \$5,000 of life insurance at *standard rates* for a mentally impaired child, otherwise in good health, between the ages of 3-18 years. To be eligible for any of these three benefits, the child's brothers and sisters, who have not been denied insurance, must be insured under an individual KofC certificate.

The Knights of Columbus also provides a \$1,500 death benefit to the family when a child dies less than 61 days after birth and a \$750 death benefit to the family when a child is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception. Note that while the Order affirms that life begins at conception, the benefit requires a certified death certificate for the stillborn child, which is only issued under law after 20 weeks of conception.

The Order also has an Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program for children of eligible families who lose both parents. An Orphan Fraternal Benefit of \$80 per month is paid to support an eligible orphan until he or she reaches age 19, graduates from high school, enters the military, marries, discontinues KofC insurance or no longer attends school, except in the case of a disabling illness. If the orphan attends college or vocational/technical school full-time, the benefit continues until age 23. The child may also be eligible for up to \$1,750 each year in educational grants. These grants are based on financial need and are limited to a maximum of \$7,000 over a four-year period.

31 SHOOT HOOPS AT COUNCIL FREE THROW CONTEST



Winners of the Council 9709 Free Throw Competition for 2011 show their winners' certificates in front of the Council banner. Back L-R: John Cameron McNabb III (13), Ben Zemonek (12), Cory Subasic (14), Michael Comstock (11). Front L-R: Angelica Sevilla (10), Shea Stephenson (11), Ryan Harris (10) and Katlyn Conley (12).

Some 22 boys and nine girls came out to the new St. Francis Community Center gym to compete in the Council's annual Free Throw Contest for youth ages 10-14 Sunday, Feb. 27. Three of the eight age group winners, five boys and three girls, were crowned District #9 champions in the District competition on Saturday, March 5, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Chapel Hill.

Congratulations to Angelica Sevilla (10), Shea Stephenson (11) and Katlyn Conley (12) in the girls' competition and Ryan Harris (10), Michael Comstock (11), Ben Zemonek (12), John Cameron McNabb III (13) and Cory Subasic (14) in the boys' competition. And a special mention to Cameron Stutts (13) who tied McNabb (13) in regulation and three times in the sudden death playoff before finally succumbing. Conley, Harris and McNabb won the District competition for their age groups.

Contestants ages 10-11 shot from a 12-foot line, and contestants ages 12-14 shot from the normal free

throw line on a regulation court. Each participant got three practice free throws before starting the first of 15 record shots.

Thanks to Brother Knights Dick Bridges, Ken Bridges, Tom DuPree, Mike Evans, Ralph Guenther, Tru Hall, John Lewandowski, Kent Siefkes and Mike Supianoski who worked as registrars, scorers and rebounders during the event. And a special thanks to Youth Director Mike Wrzesien, who organized the event.

COUNCIL 9709 DONATES 200 BAGS AND \$430 TO FOOD FOR FAMILIES

All Saints Council 9709 donated some 200 bags of groceries (or frozen turkeys) as well as \$430 in cash and checks at four food drives conducted at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community during fraternal year 2010-2011. The Council reported these donations to the State Council under the Food for Families Program March 1.

State Food for Families Chairman Ray Wycoff has confirmed that Supreme will again offer a monetary contribution to North Carolina food bank programs as long as 35 percent of North Carolina's Councils participate. Last fraternal year Supreme contributed some \$10,000 to North Carolina food banks with some \$5,200 going to the Raleigh Diocese and the remainder to the Charlotte Diocese based upon proportionate participation by the State's Councils.

Some 37 Knights donated 63 bags of groceries and \$75 to the Catholic Parish Outreach food drive over the weekends of Feb. 19-20 and 26-27.

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 from St. Francis experiencing hard times received turkeys from this drive.

Some 33 Knights donated 70 bags of groceries and \$280 in cash to the St. Francis Feed-A-Family food drive for Catholic Parish Outreach over the weekends of Sept. 25-26 and Oct. 2-3.

Some 16 Knights dropped off 33 bags of food for the Migrant Ministry Food Drive at St. Francis over the weekend of July 24-25, 2010.

Due to the number of food drives conducted by Church ministries at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Council 9709 does not conduct its own food drives. Rather, the Council reports what its members donate individually to these food drives.