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COUNCIL WELCOMES THREE INTO THE ORDER

The All Saints Council 9709 1st Degree Team initiated three new Knights into the Order at the start of the April 5 business meeting. Congratulations and welcome to Brothers John Bauman of Council 10910 in Chapel Hill, Mike Pfauth of Council 9709 and Boniface Sebikali of Council 9549 in Hillsborough!

Brother Mike Pfauth puts the Council back on track to meet the requirements for Star Council this fraternal year. The Supreme-assigned goal is 15, and although Brother Mike joining means the Council still needs another 14 new recruits for the fraternal year, All Saints Council has demonstrated in the past an ability to overcome the odds. The Council had already recruited 18 new Knights this year, but also suspended 18 for non-payment of dues.

Council 9709 has a number of potential new candidates who have expressed an interest in joining or for more information. The Council will likely be holding 1st Degree ceremonies in May and June. All Saints Council has added over 60 new members in the past five years, and membership in the Council now stands at 225.

The Council will also be staffing a membership table at the May 22 barbecue to solicit new candidates and to provide information.



(L-R) District Deputy #9 Don Williams, Brother Mike Pfauth, Brother John Bauman, Brother Boniface Sebikali and Regional District Deputy #2 Hadon Ware after the April 5 1st Degree.

COUNCIL SUBMITS AWARD NOMINATIONS TO STATE

Council officers have nominated Brother Tony Anello as the Council's Golden Knight of the Year, Brother Mike Supianoski as Knight of the Year, Brother Shawn and Mary Beth Bayle as Family of the Year and Brother Diego Ortiz as Rookie of the Year for the State competition. Brother Anello was selected primarily for spearheading the Council's efforts in forming and certifying the District #9 2nd Degree Team, all of whose members come from Council 9709. Brother Supianoski was selected for his record number of shifts worked at the RBC Center and during Operation LAMB as well as a host of other activities for which he has volunteered. Brother Bayle and wife Mary Beth were selected as Family of the Year for their joint work organizing and executing the Council barbecue, the LAMB breakfast and Membership Blitz pancake breakfasts. Brother Ortiz was selected for his single-handed effort in putting together a viable display panel for the Council. Congratulations to all!

The Council's Service Program Awards submissions included entries in Church, Community, Council, Youth, Membership and Pro-Life. The Church submission was for the Council's participation in the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Under Community the Council submitted its hosting of the annual Operation LAMB awards breakfast held Feb. 19. The Youth Award submission was for the Council's support of Catholic education, including the \$1,000 Cardinal Gibbons High School scholarship awarded this year as well as the \$500 grants provided to The Franciscan School and Preschool. The Membership submission was for the two pancake breakfasts run by the Council to attract new members to the Council. Lastly, the Pro-Life submission was for the Council's participation in both the North Carolina and National Marches for Life.

In addition, the Council submitted its newsletter into the annual newsletter competition as well as a scrapbook, which is required for consideration for the State Deputy's Award. The scrapbook was put together courtesy of Carol Ware. Thanks again, Carol!

Brother Knights from Council 9709 are welcome to attend the Convention as observers. The hotel is on 4700 Emperor Boulevard, Durham, N.C. 27703. The hotel is just off I-40 at Exit 282 (Page Road). Anyone planning on attending should be prepared to present his membership card and register as an observer.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brothers All,

Congratulations to our newest member Brother Mike Pfauth! Brother Mike joined the Council at the April 5 meeting.

Brother Shawn Bayle presented the plan for the Council's annual barbecue fundraiser at our April 5 meeting, detailing a very ambitious project designed to increase our support of Catholic Education by nearly 30 percent next year. This past year we only realized about \$3,500 from the barbecue, and Shawn has set up this year's event to earn in excess of \$5,000.

That will require work, and in the coming weeks, you will have the opportunity to sell barbecue tickets and/or point your neighbors to the Church's website where there will be a link to buy tickets online. Remember, all the Council profits are applied directly to Catholic Education: The Franciscan Preschool, The Franciscan School and scholarship(s) at Cardinal Gibbons High School.

Thanks to all those who worked Operation LAMB the weekend of April 1-3. The collection was right on track, even if there were a lot of unfilled slots. The next opportunity to volunteer for LAMB will be the weekend of April 15-17. Please consider giving three hours of your time to this noble and invaluable cause. The needs of these agencies in the face of State budget cuts have never been greater.

The Trustees will be putting together a slate of officers for next fraternal year for presentation at the May 3 business meeting. If you are interested in being an officer or program director, please let one of the Trustees or myself know. The Trustees will also be developing a budget for next fraternal year, which will also be presented at the May meeting.

Vivat Jesus,


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

APRIL 2011

- 15-17 and 30 - Operation LAMB, See Website for Sign Ups
- 9 - 4th Degree Exemplification, New Bern
- 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
- 26 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

MAY 2011

- 3 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 13-15 - 91st KofC State Convention, Sheraton Imperial, Durham
- 15 - KofC Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. - noon, Clare Hall
- 17 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 18 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor
- 22 - Council's Annual Barbecue, Church Campus, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- 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

JUNE 2011

- 4-5 - SONC Summer Games, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Triangle Aquatics Center, Cary
- 7 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 11 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Parking Lot
- 15 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 25 - Youth Fishing Derby/Council Picnic, Fr. Price Compound (T)
- 28 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . DUES

The Council's annual dues notices will be sent out via e-mail in May. If necessary, follow-up notices will be sent out to members by mail if there is no response to the e-mail request. Please bring your dues checks to the June or July business meetings and save both the Council and yourself the cost of postage.

Brother Knights of Council 9709 pay annual dues of \$28, an amount that has not increased in years. Of that money, some \$11.50 is dedicated to fixed costs mandated by Supreme and State. Supreme assesses every Council \$1.75 per member twice annually in July and January to meet the operating expenses of the Supreme Council. State sends a bill for \$3 per member in September and February to cover operating expenses of the State Council. In addition, each Council is assessed \$.50 twice annually by Supreme in October and April for the Catholic Advertising Fund, which is used to pay for ads in general interest publications in the United States and Canada that help bring many non-Catholics into the Church. Lastly, Supreme assesses each Council \$1 per member once per year for liability insurance.

The Council has 14 Honorary Life members, who are not assessed dues. Honorary Life members are Knights who have been with the Order for 50 consecutive years or who have been members for 25 consecutive years and are 70 years old. Priests are automatically treated as Honorary Life members. The Council also has six inactive members, who are non-dues paying members who no longer participate in the Council but still have KofC insurance policies in force.

Knights who cannot afford to pay dues are excused by the Grand Knight on a case-by-case basis. Council 9709's 204 full dues paying members provide a revenue stream of \$5,712 to the Council, of which some \$2,346 is already allocated to fixed costs mandated by Supreme and State. That leaves some \$3,366 for discretionary use by the Council. And, don't forget to add \$3.65 to your check for the Penny Per Day Per Knight program! While the contribution is totally voluntary, the need for contributions has never been greater. More on that program in the next newsletter.

OPERATION LAMB BLOWS COUNCIL AWAY

Some 43 Knights and family members braved gale force winds Saturday but enjoyed sunny, pleasant weather Sunday to collect some \$5,715.49 for Operation LAMB.

Of the 80 slots available at the Morrisville Sam's Club, Morrisville Walmart and Kroger on Creedmoor, Knights and family members had only signed up for 62 of them. Some 18 went vacant, mostly those in the evening hours. Brother Tom DuPree worked a total of five shifts during the weekend. Brothers Dick Bridges, Mike Evans and Ralph Guenther worked three shifts each, and 10 Knights and one spouse, Terry Donaghy, worked a total of two shifts each.

The weekend's donations bring the Council's total collection for calendar year 2011 to \$5,880.49, which includes the \$165 collected at the O'Charley's pancake breakfast Jan. 22.

Last year the Council collected a total of \$27,745.78. This year's goal, assuming a three percent increase over last year, will be \$28,578.

Operation LAMB will continue the weekend of April 15-17, and there are plenty of slots available for volunteers on the Council website. Breaking up the spring drive on different weekends was necessitated by store availability.



Brother Mike Wrzesien (R) explains the purpose of Operation LAMB with a potential donor at the Morrisville Walmart Sunday, April 3.

13 WORK SONC MULTI-STATE AQUATICS COMPETITION

Thirteen Brother Knights and family members handled the awards presentations for the Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC) Multi-State Aquatics Competition Saturday, March 26, at the Pullen Aquatics Center in Raleigh. The team presented awards to some 175 special athletes from Florida, North Carolina and Virginia, who competed in some 300 heats.

A special thanks to Brother Jerry and Irene Cucurullo, Jack Fallon, Raymond and Brenda Hang, Dennis and Joann Kelleher, Joe Mesa, Rich Szulewski, Michael Supianoski, Hadon and Carol Ware with grandson Grayson Farlow. The volunteers worked from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., amassing some 104 volunteer hours.

The next opportunity to work with SONC will be June 4-5 at the annual SONC Summer Games swimming competition at the Triangle Aquatics Center in Cary. Interested Knights should contact Brother Jerry Cucurullo at 846-2085 (H), 601-1270 (C) or via e-mail at cucurullo7@yahoo.com for details.

COUNCIL FREE THROW WINNER WINS AT STATE



Cameron McNabb and Youth Director Mike Wrzesien at the TFS morning prayer service.

John Cameron McNabb III of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community won the North Carolina State Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition for 13-year-old boys at the State finals in Burlington April 2.

Cameron sank 21 of 25 free throws attempted. Cameron won the Council's competition on Feb. 27 and the District competition in Chapel Hill March 5. Cameron also survived a determined challenge from fellow Parishioner Cameron Stutts at the Council-level competition, snatching victory after a tie in regulation and three rounds of sudden-death play.

Youth Director Mike Wrzesien recognized Cameron in front of The Franciscan School's students at their morning prayer service April 4.

Council 9709 conducts the annual Soccer Challenge in the fall and the Free Throw competition in the spring. This year's Free Throw competition attracted some 22 boys and nine girls, the most ever since the Council started holding the event some five years ago.

BAYLES CHOSEN AS FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL

Sir Knight Brother Shawn Bayle has served as Chancellor of the All Saints Council and has chaired the Council's annual barbecue for the past three years, which has provided thousands of dollars for the Council's Catholic education endowments and scholarships as well as a large-scale, on-site Community day of family fun. He has organized three Knights-sponsored pancake breakfasts for the Parish. He has worked the Operation LAMB campaign and is a regular at the Council's quarterly Adopt-A-Highway trash pick ups. He serves as a Lector at Church and a substitute Crossbearer at Mass. He has worked extensively with the Parish School's Advisory Committee and continues to serve the Raleigh community as a NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Solar System Ambassador.

Spouse MaryBeth is a Eucharistic Minister and has served the Church on the Offertory Strategic Improvement Project and on the Staff Appreciation and Hospitality Committees for the Church School. She has also been a regular volunteer for the School's Ronald McDonald House project and has worked with the local Girl Scouts on a number of functions.

The Bayle family, including 9-year-old Lauren, work as a team in support of the Council's annual barbecue, pancake breakfasts and Parish events, collectively volunteering hundreds of hours on an annual basis. They were Committee members for the Church's recent Phase II Building Campaign, and both served in leadership roles for the Bishop's Annual Appeal this year.



Lauren, Marybeth, and Brother Shawn Bayle

BROTHER JUDGE JIM BROWN NAMED KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Judge Jim Brown

Brother Judge Jim Brown has been selected Knight of the Month for April because of his recruiting efforts this fraternal year. He was responsible for bringing Brothers Diego Ortiz, Joe Paterniti and Dino Pinelli into the Council so far this year and is still working on a couple more candidates.

Brother Jim is a 4th Degree Knight and is active in the Council and Assembly 778. He was named "Rookie of the Year" for fraternal year 2009-2010. He and wife Alice of 45 years are regulars at the monthly Social Gatherings as well as other Knights activities. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Wake County.

Brother Jim is a retired Federal Administration Law Judge. He had a 37-year career as a trial lawyer with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., as well as private firms in Massachusetts and Maryland prior to being appointed a Federal Administrative Law Judge in Raleigh in June 1995, where he served until retirement in 2008.

He is the author of number of books, including his latest endeavor, Reflections of a Poetic Judge as well as a novel titled Will the Laughter Stop? Baby Boomer Chronicles. He also wrote the law book Judgment Enforcement Third Edition, now in its 18th year of publication. Since retirement and joining the Knights, Brother Jim has founded the International Association of Money and Asset Recovery Professionals, which will hold its first international seminar at Campbell University Law School in August 2011.

The two University of Texas graduates have four children and seven grandchildren.

BLOOD DRIVE NETS 158 UNITS

The Council-sponsored Blood Drive held Saturday, March 26, netted a total of 158 units of blood for the American Red Cross. With 22 double-red donors, that means that there were some 136 total donors.

There were a total of 175 potential donors who signed up to donate, of which 163 actually made it to Clare Hall. There were also another 22 walk-ins who volunteered the day of the drive. The announced goal had been for 250 donors. The September 2010 drive collected 151 units of blood against a goal of 125 units of blood.

Many thanks go to The Franciscan School seventh and eighth graders who volunteered to help out at the drive. The Council also presented \$25 Barnes and Noble gift cards April 4 at The Franciscan School's daily morning prayer service to the winners of a poster and essay contest. Congratulations to Abby Doyle, who won first place in the poster contest; and Emma Longley, who took second place honors. Daniel Todd won first prize in the essay contest. All winners are seventh graders at TFS.

Council 9709 supports two blood drives each fraternal year for the American Red Cross, usually the last Saturdays in September and March.

The Council reports the total units of blood donated by its membership on its Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity to Supreme. This past calendar year the Council reported that 20 Brother Knights donated the equivalent of 63 units of blood, another record for the Council.



Brother Tony Evans donating blood "on the rack."



WHY I BOUGHT KofC TERM LIFE INSURANCE

by Brother Jeffrey Rohman

"I had group life insurance through my employer until I retired, but when I retired, that term life insurance retired as well. With no protection whatsoever, I had to do something to protect Pat should I pass on before she did. I looked at a number of other life insurance options available, and frankly, the Knights of Columbus option quickly emerged as the most viable.

"I was impressed with the way the Order's life insurance program is managed. I already knew our Council Field Agent, Tim Kilpatrick, and I have been impressed with his presence at Council meetings and Knights' funerals. He is there to help. He's not pushy, and he's genuinely interested in helping you get the right product.

"I was also impressed with the upper management of KofC Insurance at the corporate level. The program is the largest fraternal insurance program in the country with over \$14 billion in assets with a surplus of \$1.7 billion. There is a pattern of consistent growth with no debt. The Order's insurance is top rated by Standard and Poor's and A.M. Best, and has maintained that rating over the years as other insurance companies fell by the wayside.

"The program also does more than just grow money for the sake of growing money. While providing excellent dividends to its members, KofC Insurance is able to grant scholarships to Catholic students as well as aspiring Priests and Brothers. The program also helps fund the Pope's travels and has made significant contributions in the face of natural disasters such as in Haiti.

"Bottom line for me is that KofC Insurance gives me the 'biggest bang for the buck.' I'm happy with my policy. It serves my needs and will protect Pat after I'm gone. It supports things I believe in while still providing me superior dividends. I really like the personal touch of a Field Agent I already know and trust. In looking at other companies policies and agents, there was just no comparison. KofC Insurance is a great program."

Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick is available to meet with you at your convenience. Call him at 847-3799 (H), 880-3463 (C) or by email at Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org.

RBC CENTER BUSTS BUDGET PROJECTIONS

Payments and tips from the RBC Center for the first 14 events the Council has worked during the 2010-2011 season total \$3,718.84, far exceeding the \$3,000 of revenue the Council projected in its budget for this fraternal year. That total includes a payment of \$200.52 from the Durham Bulls Athletic Park Centerplate for working a beer cart at the Miranda Lambert Concert in October 2010.



The Council averages about \$275 per event, with the two-day Jan. 29/30 NHL All Star Skills Competition and Game pulling in some \$997.97, the largest of the 14 payouts so far this year.

The Council is awaiting payment for five other events already worked and will work another seven events TBD this season at the RBC Center.

Through the month of March, some 33 Knights, three spouses and one daughter had pulled at least one shift at the RBC Center. Brothers Mike Supianoski and Mike Wrzesien have each volunteered 10 times, and Brother Ralph Guenther eight times. Knights interested in volunteering to work at the RBC Center should contact Council coordinator Brother Mike Wrzesien at 870-7396 or by e-mail at mwrzesien@nc.rr.com.

There are still five events remaining for the 2010-2011 season, unless the Hurricanes make the playoffs. All of the remaining events are rated "C" or "D," which means that they will be less labor-intensive than a regular season hockey game. There's a Josh Grobin Concert on June 1, Sesame Street Live on June 3 and June 5, a Katy Perry Concert on June 14 and a Cirque du Soleil performance on July 7. "For any Knight who has contemplated working an RBC Center event, working one of these events would be a good and relatively painless introduction," said Brother Mike Wrzesien, the Council's RBC Center coordinator.

The revenue received from the RBC Center goes into the Council's General Fund. This revenue and the revenue realized from the sale of State Vacation Raffle Tickets enable the Council to fund a variety of charitable projects during the year. Money generated by the annual barbecue, the other major source of revenue for the Council, is earmarked for supporting Catholic education.

MARCH 6 PANCAKE BREAKFAST DRAWS 219



Some of the 219 attendees at the March 6 pancake breakfast.

The Church's pancake breakfast Sunday, March 6, drew only 219 attendees, far less than the 321 attendees who attended the last breakfast hosted by the Council on Dec. 12. The rainy weather may have been a factor.

The Church provided seed money for the breakfast, which was all recouped even with the low attendance. The Council established contact with three potential new Knights and sold some 41 State Vacation Raffle tickets as well.

A special thanks to organizer Brother Shawn Bayle. Thanks as well to Brothers Dick Barton, Mike Cichoracki, Jack Fallon and Frank Sola, who sold the raffle tickets, and Brothers Dave Bole, Dick Bridges, Tru Hall, Diego Ortiz and Hadon Ware, who set up the Council display panel and manned the information booth. And last, but not least, thanks to Brothers Steve Burdett, Mike Darrow, Mike Evans, Ralph Guenther, Dennis Kelleher, John Lewandowski, Dino Pinelli, Jeff Rohman, Kent Siefkes, Tim Stevens, Mike Supianoski, Jeff Szymendera and Mike Wrzesien, who did all the set up, cooking, clean up and tear down.

SIX BAG SIX AND THREE ON LEESVILLE

Six Knights picked up six bags of trash and three bags of recyclables along Leesville Road from the Durham County line to the Citgo station Saturday, March 12, from 9 a.m. until about 10:30 a.m.

Thanks to Brothers Akuro Adoki, Ralph Guenther, John Moster, Joe Noonan, John Pawlik and Mike Supianoski.