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COUNCIL WINS BIG AND SELLS WINNING RAFFLE TICKET TO HAWAII

All Saints Council 9709 won many awards at the annual North Carolina State Knights of Columbus Convention at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham May 13-15. The biggest surprise, however, was when State Raffle Ticket Chairman Dave Lange announced the winner of the Hawaiian Vacation for two Saturday at the banquet. Congratulations to the holder of ticket #7123, Dave Siefert! Brother Dave Bole sold his daughter Ashley's father-in-law the ticket early on during the sale, and the Siefert's will be heading to Hawaii this year for a seven-night, Honolulu vacation including air fare, hotel and \$500 cash. Bon voyage and aloha to the Siefert's! The Council sold 777 of its allocation of 800 raffle tickets this year, raising some \$1,942.50 for the Council's General Fund.

Outside of the State raffle, Council 9709 was honored in a number of other areas. The Council received top Supreme honors in the category of Church for its support of the Refund Support Vocations Program from Supreme Vice Chairman for Membership and Growth J. Michael Durbin and State Deputy David Jones. The Council also received top honors for Division 4 Councils in the category of Charity for all it accomplished during the fraternal year.

The Council also took first place for its scrapbook submission thanks to Carol Ware's stellar work on that project, second place for its website and third place in the Duane Russell Newsletter Competition.

The Council was honored for achieving 104 percent of its Operation LAMB goal for calendar year 2010. The All Saints Council was also awarded the "Highest Gross per Member" award for Division 4 Councils by collecting \$128.45 per Council member for Operation LAMB. Council 9709 collected \$27,745.78 in 2010, the second highest total of any of North Carolina's 126 Councils. The top Council for 2010 was St. Matthew Council 10852 in Charlotte whose 400+ members amassed some \$51,600.



Carol Ware (C) is flanked by State Deputy David Jones and Grand Knight Dick Bridges with the Council's first place award in the Council scrapbook competition.

COUNCIL SERVES 102 AT MAY 15 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Some 17 Knights and one son served 102 parishioners at its quarterly pancake breakfast Sunday, May 15, after the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Attendance was light, probably because of First Communion, but the food was good. The Council also sold about 100 barbecue tickets, collected more books for the barbecue book sale and solicited three potential candidates for membership.

Thanks to Brothers Bob Austin and son Will, Coordinator Shawn Bayle, Dave Bole, Dick Bridges, Steve Burdett, Mike Evans, Jim Falanga, Ralph Guenther, John Izzo, Dennis Kelleher, Frank Lewek, Frank Sola, Kent Siefkes, Tim Stevens, John Stewart, Larry Tibbetts and Norm Tuomi for making the event a success.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brothers All!

Congratulations to Brother Ralph Guenther, who received his Honorary Life Membership card at the June 7 meeting and Brother Frank Sola, who received his Honorary Membership card! Life Membership is awarded to those Knights who have been members in good standing for 50 consecutive years or those who have been members for 25 consecutive years and are 70 years of age. Honorary Members are those who have attained the age of 65 and have been members of the 4th Degree for 25 consecutive years.

Congratulations as well to our newest 2nd Degree recipients: Brothers Mark Babyak, Troy Chaput, Joe Czejkowski, Jim Falanga, Mike Pfauth and Dino Pinelli!

Thanks to all those who made our annual barbecue a success, despite a turnout only about half of last year's. The numbers are not all in, but we will have about \$2,500 to support Catholic Education next fraternal year.

Thanks as well to all of you who put in a shift at Operation LAMB and those of you who worked at the Special Olympics at the Triangle Aquatics Center on June 4.

I was very proud to represent our Council at the annual State Convention in Durham May 13-15. You can read about how well we did at the convention on page one. Beyond that, however, I can also say that in comparing notes with other GKs and listening to what other Councils are doing, your Council is indeed one of the best, if not the best, in North Carolina.

Vivat Jesus,


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

JUNE 2011

- 11 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Parking Lot
- 15 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 23 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room
- NOTE DATE CHANGE**
- 25 - Council Picnic/Youth Fishing Derby, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fr. Price Compound
- 30 - Officers Installation Ceremony, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary of the Angels Chapel and Anthony Hall

JULY 2011

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- 9 - Operation LAMB, See Website for Sign Ups
- 19 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., O'Charley's, Brier Creek
- 20 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 26 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

AUGUST 2011

- 9 - Organizational Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall
- NOTE DATE CHANGE**
- 16 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 17 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 30 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . ELECTED OFFICERS

GRAND KNIGHT - The Grand Knight is responsible for the welfare of the Council. He presides over Council meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all Committees, appoints the Membership and Programming Directors, convenes officers for a monthly meeting and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the State and Supreme Councils. The Grand Knight's signature appears on all checks drawn.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - The Deputy Grand Knight assists the Grand Knight with Council affairs and fulfills all the duties assigned him by the Grand Knight. Should the Grand Knight be absent from a Council meeting, the Deputy Grand Knight will preside. He is also Chairman of the Council's Retention Committee.

CHANCELLOR - The Chancellor assists the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the Council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in Council activities and is also Chairman of the Admissions Committee.

WARDEN - The Warden is the "watchdog" for Council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Recorder. He is responsible for setting up the Council Chambers for meetings and ceremonial work and appoints and supervises guards during ceremonial exemplifications.

TREASURER - The Treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining of records of all Council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the Council's accounts and provides certificates of such monies to the Grand Knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.

RECORDER - The Recorder is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the Council and its correspondence.

ADVOCATE - The Advocate is the legal representative of the Council and serves as the Council's attorney at trials and investigations of interest to the Council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the Council By Laws, Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting and Robert's Rules of Order.

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE GUARDS - The Outside Guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the Inside Guard checks to make sure that membership cards are current.

BARBECUE SMALL BUT PROFITABLE

All Saints Council 9709 served over 1,000 Parishioners during its annual barbecue Sunday, May 22, and earned an estimated \$2,500 in net profit that will be applied to its Catholic Education Fund this coming fraternal year.

Some 734 plates of barbecue and hot dogs were ordered in advance ticket sales online or through Brother Knights, and the Council's adjusted plan to serve 675 barbecue plates came very close to the total of 649 sold. The remaining barbecue was sold at cost or donated to the USO at RDU Airport. Online sales were double last year's.

Activity ticket sales were brisk, despite the low turnout. Brother Kent and Virginia Siefkes teamed up to sponsor a "basket" raffle. Sharon Wiwel (wife of Brother Tim Wiwel) won the weekend mountain retreat and the fishing gear. Lisa Fiander won the 2011 tax preparation coupon. Deb Royals-Mizerk won the dinner for two at the Capri Restaurant, Steve Vebber the handyman package, Patrick Finkbiner the Durham Bulls tickets and Gloria

LaTorre (wife of Brother John LaTorre) won some \$49 for the 50/50 drawing. Brothers Kent and Frank Sola sold some 933 activity tickets, amounting to approximately \$389 dollars worth of profit.

Brother Dick and Sabine Bridges organized a Knights' Used Book Sale, which netted some 700 in activity tickets, or about \$350 in net profit. An additional \$15 was realized from the sale of 10 books to a used book seller. Some three boxes of paperbacks went to the USO at RDU Airport, 12 boxes of hard cover books to the Wake County Library System and 25 boxes of miscellaneous books to Goodwill Community Foundation.

In addition, some \$99.53 was collected for Operation LAMB during the barbecue.

At least 42 Knights, 18 wives and seven children pitched in during the day to help out, logging an estimated 372 volunteer hours for the Council.



The use of paid armbands worked well for the children's Fun Zones and more than paid for the cost of the rental equipment.

COUNCIL PICNIC/FISHING DERBY JUNE 25

The Council's annual picnic will not be at Falls Lake and will feature something new for the kids--a fishing derby. The picnic will be at the pavilion near the pond on Fr. Price Council 2546's compound at 4301 Columbus Drive in southeast Raleigh near the intersection of New Hope Road and New Bern Avenue. Children can bring their own fishing equipment, or parents can contact coordinator Brother James Powers at japowers@mac.com for loaner equipment. Bait will be provided. Children will receive knot-tying and casting lessons, certificates of achievement, and prizes for various categories by age group.

The event will run from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., and the Council will purchase hot dogs, hamburgers and grilled chicken or turkey patties for attendees. Soft drinks, bottled water, iced tea and lemonade will also be provided. Knights with names beginning A-I are asked to bring a salad to feed 10 people, Knights with names beginning J-O a side dish and Knights with names beginning in P-Z a dessert. Please RSVP by June 22 to either Brother Dave Bole at bolster1@msn.com or Brother Powers if you plan to attend.

COUNCIL'S 10-YEAR ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY ANNIVERSARY JUNE 11

The Council will celebrate 10 years of supporting the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program Saturday, June 11. Coordinator John Moster will affix the 10-year decals to the signs on Leesville Road at the Citgo station and the Durham County line after the quarterly trash pick up.

KELLEHERS CHOSEN AS JUNE'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected Brother Dennis and Joann Kelleher as June's Family of the Month for their service to the Council and the Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi. Brother Dennis has served the Council as Chancellor and Lecturer and has been the Financial Secretary since November 2009. He is a member of the Council's 1st and 2nd Degree Teams, and the Kellehers are regulars at all Council activities, especially the Social Gatherings and Special Olympics. Brother Dennis also serves as a stand leader when the Council works concession stands at the RBC Center.

The Kellehers joined the St. Francis community in December 1994 after moving down from Northern Virginia. Brother Dennis took a new position in clinical research at Burroughs-Wellcome following 13 years as a Naval Officer and two years as Trauma Researcher at Fairfax Hospital. Joann is a

career Federal Civil Servant (Human Resources) and works at the Environmental Protection Agency at RTP. Dennis and Joann met while he was in the Navy and she worked at the same command. They were married in 1982 and have four children Daniel (27), Colleen (24), Stephen (22) and Christopher (21).

The Kellehers headed up the Bishop's Annual Appeal for two consecutive years, and the Parish exceeded its goal both those years. They also served as Eucharistic Minister coordinators at the 9:30 a.m. Mass from 1995 until this year. They have discovered the wonders of a cruise vacation and try to do one every year. Anyone for a Council Cruise?



Brother Dennis and Joann Kelleher

BROTHER JERRY POWELL IS JUNE'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Jerry and Carolyn Powell

Council officers have selected outgoing Treasurer Jerry Powell as June's Knight of the Month. Brother Jerry has provided solid financial leadership to the Council since his election as Treasurer in June 2007.

Brother Jerry and wife Carolyn are both Steven's Ministers and RCIA sponsors at St. Francis. He is also the assistant leader for Catholic Youth Organization group activities and mission events and chairs the Parish Finance Committee. He is also a member of the Parish offertory team and serves as a Eucharistic Minister at Rex Hospital and Springmoor Retirement Community.

Brother Jerry is an Honorary Life Member of the Order with over 37 years of continuous active membership. He was a charter member of Council 6600 in Greenville and is a Past Grand Knight of that Council. He was also the founding Troop Committee Chair for the St. Andrew the Apostle Boy Scout Troop in Greenville. He has also been active in Operation LAMB since he became a Knight, serving his Greenville Council as Director as well as the LAMB coordinator for Pitt County.

Brother Jerry and Carolyn have served others for over 37 years, and the Council is proud to call them friends.

COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS AND APPROVES BUDGET FOR 2011-2012

Attendees at the June 7 business meeting elected new officers and approved a \$38,510 budget for fraternal year 2011-2012.

Congratulations to new Grand Knight Kent Siefkes, Deputy Grand Knight Shawn Bayle, Chancellor Tony Evans, Warden Steve Becker, Recorder Mark Baumgartner, Treasurer Dave Bole, Advocate Tru Hall, Inside Guard Tim Dyer and Outside Guard Dave Phillips. Brother Dick Bridges was elected Trustee first year, and Brothers Tom DuPree and Ralph Guenther will continue their three-year terms as Trustee second year and Trustee third year respectively. Outgoing Grand Knight Dick Bridges noted that Fr. David McBriar and Brother Dennis Kelleher had agreed to continue their appointments as Council Chaplain and Financial Secretary.

The Council also approved the fraternal year budget for 2011-2012, adding \$500 in revenue under the RBC Center income line and a \$500 expenditure under the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) line to support Seminarian Br. Dwayne Hernandez, who transferred into the All Saints Council in 2011 when he began his one-year internship at St. Francis. The proposed budget reported in May's newsletter showed RSVP as supporting only three seminarians.

New officers will be formally recognized at the annual Installation of Officers Ceremony on Thursday, June 30, in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel beginning at 5:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the Founders Room, Anthony Hall. All Brothers are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Brother Dave Bole when asked so that an accurate estimate of refreshments required can be made.



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“We don't invest in junk bonds. We don't invest in derivatives. We don't invest in highly speculative or highly structured Wall Street-driven transactions. Our investment strategy is simple: There's no transaction that we have to undertake. If there's anything about an investment that makes us uncomfortable, we walk away from it. That was certainly our position when much of the rest of the financial world was buying up sub-prime mortgage securities. We avoided them. Some 87 percent of our year end 2010 assets were invested in high-grade bonds.

“The proof is in our numbers: assets year end 2010 were \$16.8 billion with a 10-year growth rate of 6.9 percent, life insurance in force of \$78.9 billion (as of December 2010), investment income (2010) of \$846 million, net investment yield (2010) of 5.37 percent, premium income of \$1.04 million and surplus (2010) \$1.7 billion.

“Just as our members are dedicated to serving their Church and Community, our agents are likewise motivated to help the Brother Knights and their families in their Councils. Our insurance program is designed to put money back into the hands of members, widows and children when they need it most. In 2009 the Order paid more than \$740 million in total benefits (death claims, maturities and annuities) and dividends to policyholders.

“For the 18th consecutive year, Standard & Poor's has rated us “Extremely Strong” and given us their top rating of AAA. For the 35th consecutive year, A.M. Best has rated us “Superior” and given us their top rating of A++. Most insurance companies have not fared as well over the past few years. It has been a difficult environment for everyone, but economic ups and downs are a fact of life. In the 18 years the Order has carried Standard & Poor's AAA rating, there have been three recessions. In the 35 years since the Order has carried A.M. Best's A++ rating there have been five recessions.

“Father Michael J. McGivney wanted to safeguard both the faith and the finances of Catholic families. His vision was both religious and financial, tied closely to what would become known as Catholic social teaching. For more than 128 years, the Knights of Columbus has never deviated from that vision, and we have shown throughout our history that it's possible to be both financially successful and ethically responsible.”

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COUNCIL WELCOMES 13 NEW 2ND DEGREE KNIGHTS

District #9's 2nd Degree Team took 13 Brother Knights from four Councils through the second step of their journey to full Knighthood Thursday, June 2, at a 2nd Degree ceremony conducted in the Founders Room of Anthony Hall.

Congratulations to Brothers Mark Babyak, Troy Chaput, Joe Czejkowski, Jim Falanga Mike Pfauth and Dino Paterniti from Council 9709. Council 3390 from Durham brought one candidate, Council 9365 from Henderson three, Council 10910 from Chapel Hill one and Council 13812 from Durham two candidates. All the Councils were District #9 Councils except for Council 9365, which is from District #21. District #9 Deputy Don Williams and District #21 Deputy Shelton Williams were at the ceremony as well.

This was the fifth ceremony conducted by the team since being certified in September 2011. The team is comprised entirely of members of Council 9709. The 13 Knights advanced to the 2nd Degree June 2 bring to a total of 55 the number of Knights advanced to the 2nd Degree this year by the team. Some 18 of these Knights have been members of All Saints Council.

The schedule for 2nd Degree ceremonies for fraternal year 2011-2012 has not been finalized yet, but tentatively ceremonies are planned for September 2011 and January, April and June 2012. Brother Knights wishing to take their 2nd Degree should contact team coordinator Brother Dick Bridges directly.



Congratulations to Council 9709 Brothers Mike Pfauth, Mark Babyak, Jim Falanga, Troy Chaput, Dino Pinelli and Joe Czejkowski, who took their 2nd Degree June 2.

COUNCIL'S LAMB COLLECTION ON TRACK

All Saints Council 9709 collected some \$1,007.42 Saturday, June 4, at the Harris Teeters at McCrimmons Corner and Leesville Road. The \$1,007.42 collected brings to a total of 10,834.99. the amount collected for Operation LAMB so far this calendar year, about the same as this point in time last year, when the Council collected \$9,373.91 through April.

Of the 16 slots reserved for the Council, however, only 12 were filled, eight by Brother Knights and spouses and four by members of the Arc of Wake County. Thanks to Brothers Joe Azzopardi, Dick and Sabine Bridges, Ralph Guenther, Tony Halterman, Mike Supianoski, Norm Tuomi and Mike Wrzesien as well as Alex Badger, Violet Gau, Blake Scott and Steve Strom from Arc of Wake County.

The last date for the Council's spring Operation LAMB drive is Saturday, July 9 at the Brier Creek Walmart. There are 16 slots available, and only six have been filled to date, four by Brother Knights and two by the Arc of Wake County. This year's goal set by the State Council is \$28,578, a three percent increase from last year's collection of \$27,745.78.

COUNCIL ADDS 37 TO MEMORIAL DAY MASS ROLL

Some 37 new names were added to the Memorial Day Mass Roll by St. Francis Parishioners this year and read aloud at the Mass, Monday, May 30. The 37 names bring to a total of 223 the names on the Roll. Last year some 114 names were added to the Roll.

Fr. Bill presided over this year's Memorial Day Mass celebrated in the St. Mary of the Angels Chapel. More than 90 members of the Parish and Brother Knights and their wives attended. Thanks to Brother Jeff Rohman, who has organized the event each year since 2005. Thanks also to Brothers Dick Bridges and Kent Siefkes who served as Lectors, as well as Eucharistic Ministers Brothers Don Donaghy, Tom DuPree, Ralph Guenther and Virginia Siefkes. Thanks as well to all those Brother Knights who staffed the enrollment tables in the Stewardship Room after May Masses and at the barbecue to allow Parishioners to enroll their deceased veteran relatives for this year's Mass. The Council logged some 24 volunteer hours for the Mass.