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NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2011-2012



Past Grand Knight Dick Bridges congratulates incoming Grand Knight Kent Siefkes.

The new Council officers for fraternal year 2011-2012 accepted their jewels of office at the Officers Installation Ceremony in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel, Thursday, June 30, the last day of fraternal year 2010-11. District Deputy Don Williams presided over the ceremony with Fr. Emmet Murphy subbing for Fr. David McBriar as Council Chaplain.

The ceremony is simple and open to the public. The new officers move forward in the shape of a cross, and an appointed District Warden escorts each officer forward to the District Deputy who provides guidance and instructions to the officer based on his position in the Council. The officer then receives his jewel of office, usually presented by his spouse.

Congratulations to incoming 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, Outside Guard Dave Phillips and new three-year Trustee Dick Bridges. Brothers Tom DuPree and Ralph Guenther automatically continue their terms as Trustees second- and third-year.

Some 36 Brothers and their spouses attended the ceremony and the dinner reception that followed in the Anthony Hall Founders Room.

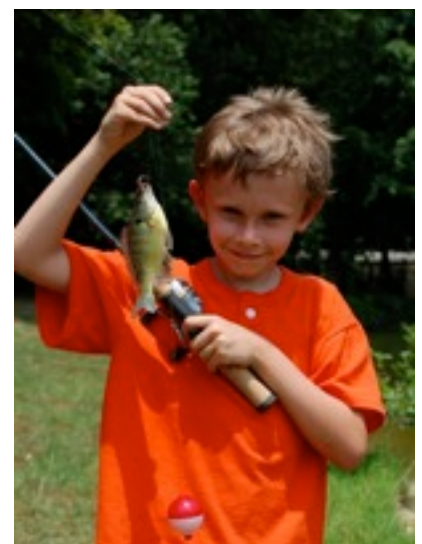
Special thanks go to Brothers Dave Bole and Mike Wrzesien for arranging the catered meal from Sciano's Pizza.

COUNCIL PICNIC DRAWS 35 PEOPLE, AT LEAST FOUR FISH

Some 35 Brother Knights and family members braved Raleigh's June heat and humidity at the Council's annual picnic Saturday, June 25, at Fr. Price Council 2546's compound at New Hope and New Bern Roads. At least four individuals tried their hand at fishing, and there is photographic evidence available that at least four fish were hooked out of the Fr. Price Council's fishing pond.

Congratulations to Brother James Powers, who pulled in the largest fish, a 10-inch largemouth bass. Congratulations to Brother Tru Hall who pulled in the smallest fish, a bluegill sunfish so small it could barely get its mouth on the hook. Congratulations as well to Joshua Powers, son of Brother Powers, who caught a small catfish, and to Jonathan Williams, grandson of Brother Jerry Powell, who caught a bluegill twice the size of Brother Hall's.

Attendees were treated to the usual picnic menu of hamburgers, hot dogs and grilled chicken. Thanks to all those who brought side dishes and desserts. Thanks as well to Brother Dennis Kelleher who wielded his tongs and spatula at the grill. And a special thanks to Brothers Dave Bole and James Powers who organized the event for the Council this year.



Jonathan Williams, grandson of Brother Jerry Powell, shows off his sunfish.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Greetings Brothers All!

I am humbled and honored to serve the Council as we embark on our new fraternal year together. I have appointed Fr. David McBriar as Council Chaplain and Gabriele Monetti as Lecturer. The Program Directors will be Brothers John Moster (Community), Tim Stevens (Council), James Powers (Family), Kent Siefkes (Pro-Life), and Mike Wrzesien (Youth). DGK Shawn Bayle will serve as overall Program Director. Please contact Shawn or myself if you are interested in serving as Church Director - you will have plenty of help! Tru Hall will continue as Membership Director and Tim Stevens will continue as LAMB Director. As always these programs can only be successful with the active participation of our brother Knights, and I encourage you to attend our annual Organizational Meeting August 9 (date change!) to enjoy fellowship over pizza at 6:30 p.m., look over the many service opportunities and pledge your participation in *at least one* program that appeals to you.

I'd like to call your attention to two immediate items: Our 102-year old Brother Joe Salem's Mass of Resurrection is Friday, July 8, at 11 a.m. at St. Francis. On July 9 we have 9 of 16 LAMB slots open yet at the Brier Creek Walmart – our highest revenue store. Sign up at www.mysignup.com/kofc9709operationlamb2011.

As I look ahead to the new fraternal year, I have established goals for our council in three primary areas of emphasis: **Participation**, **Spiritual Formation**, and **Membership**. More on those in the next newsletter. Vivat Jesus!


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

JULY 2011

- 19 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., O'Charley's, Brier Creek
- 20 - Abbottswood 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, 6:30 p.m., Founders Room
- NOTE TIME/DATE CHANGE**
- 16 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Capri Restaurant, 6325 Falls of the Neuse
 - 17 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
 - 30 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 6 - Business Meeting/Flag Retirement, 7:30 p.m., Founders Room
- 10 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba Hall
- 11 - Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Clare Hall
- 11 - Migrant Ministry Dinner, 12:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Louisburg
- 18 - Parish Fishing Derby, 4 p.m., Fr. Price Council Compound
- 21 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 27 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . COUNCIL OFFICERS

TRUSTEES - The Board of Trustees consists of three members elected by the Council and the Grand Knight, who serves as Chairman of the Board. They oversee the work of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and with the Deputy Grand Knight, serve on the Council's Retention Committee. During Council elections, only the three-year Trustee is voted on, with the others moving on to become two-year and one-year Trustees.

CHAPLAIN - The Chaplain is the spiritual advisor to the Council. He is expected to make a report at Council meetings on religious matters. The Grand Knight **appoints** a Priest in accordance with any rules established by the Bishop of the Diocese to serve as Council Chaplain.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - The Financial Secretary is **appointed** by the Supreme Knight upon recommendation of the Council. His main area of responsibility is maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives monies from all sources, including annual dues from Council members, and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council.

LECTURER - The Lecturer is **appointed** by the Grand Knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the Council. He is responsible for the "Good of the Order" portion of Council meetings.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS - Council 9709 has nine Program Directors. The Retention Program Director is the Deputy Grand Knight, who works to dissuade resignations from the Order. The Admissions Program Director is the Chancellor, who screens and presents candidates to the Council. The Membership Program Director recruits new members. The Church Program Director oversees the RSVP Program, the Parking Ministry, the Migrant Ministry Dinner and the Memorial Day Mass for deceased veterans. The Council Program Director oversees the annual barbecue, the RBC Center activity, the Adopt-A-Highway Program and names the Knight of the Month. The Community Program Director coordinates Special Olympics, Abbottswood Seniors Poker and Operation LAMB. The Family Program Director plans Social Gatherings and names the Family of the Month. The Youth Program Director conducts various Youth activities, liases with Boy Scout Troop 352 and oversees the Council's Scholarship Program. The Pro-Life Director coordinates the Council's participation in pro-life activities.

COUNCIL SUPPORTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS SWIMMING

Some 27 Knights, spouses and children presented awards for 278 events at the 2011 Special Olympics North Carolina Swimming Competition at the Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary over the weekend of June 4-5. Eight Boy Scouts and parents from Troop 352 from St. Francis also pitched in on Saturday, June 4. There were also four law enforcement representatives from the North Carolina Torch Run, a Special Olympics fundraiser, on hand Saturday to present awards in the morning. The special presenters were from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg and Winston-Salem Police Departments. Some 375 athletes were registered to participate in the competition.



Council 9709 volunteers for Sunday, June 5.

All Saints Council 9709 has been supporting the State Swimming Competition in June and the State Bowling Competition each December since 2008.

Thanks to Brothers Tony Anello, Dick Bridges*, Ken Bridges, son Carew and daughters Jordan and Kelsey; Don Bouchard*, Jerry* and Irene* Cucurullo, Carol Darrow, son Patrick and daughters Delaney and Mary Ashley; Jack Fallon, Ralph Guenther and Edie Dickinson, Mike Hoover, Fred Johnson, Dennis and Joann* Kelleher, Frank Lewek, Tom McKemie, former Council member Joe Mesa, John Moster, Dick Novacek, Kent Siefkes, Jeff Szymendera and grandson Brandon, Ginny Walker, Hadon and Carol Ware and grandson Grayson Farlow and his friend Kevin Mumpasi. The names of those Brothers and spouses who worked both days are marked by an asterisk. Total volunteer hours worked by Council volunteers for the two-day event was 280.

PLAN NOW FOR TAKING 3RD AND 4TH DEGREES THIS YEAR

Emblem of the 4th Degree

This year's primary 4th Degree Exemplification will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Cary. Brother Knights who have their 3rd Degree and who are interested in becoming "Sir" Knights should plan now to attend. The Embassy Suites Hotel is at 201 Harrison Oaks Boulevard, Cary, N.C. 27513. The hotel's telephone number is 919-677-1840, and the reduced cost of an overnight stay is \$99.

The exemplification is conducted in the afternoon and is followed by a formal dinner at which wives are welcome. Candidates must wear a tuxedo for the ceremony. Brother Knights interested in taking their 4th Degree should contact Grand Knight Kent Siefkes directly at least a month in advance.

There are a number of 3rd Degree Ceremonies also scheduled for this fraternal year, with the most convenient for Raleigh-based Knights being Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, at Fr. Price Council 2546 in Raleigh. Others include one hosted by Council 11103 in Pinehurst on Sept. 9, in Concord by Council 7450 Oct. 1, in Shalotte by Council 9039 on Nov. 5 and in Clemmons by Council 9499 on Feb. 11, 2012. Knights interested in taking their 3rd Degree should also contact Grand Knight Kent Siefkes directly.

CHAPUTS CHOSEN AS JULY'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Council Officers have selected the Chaput family as Family of the Month for July for their efforts supporting the recent Knights of Columbus barbecue. Tanya in particular brought enormous energy and focus to her role organizing all the youth and non-Knight volunteers. Tanya also organized the youth volunteers at Francis Fest, serves as a substitute teacher at the St. Francis Pre-School and is a member of the Friday Bible Study group.

The Chaputs moved to Raleigh from Michigan in 1994 and have been Parishioners at St. Francis ever since. They have four children attending The Franciscan School (TFS). Rising eighth grader Luke serves as an usher at 11:30 Mass and is a member of the TFS soccer team. Rising sixth grader Kyra most recently performed in "Schoolhouse Rocks" and enjoys art and soccer. Rising second grader Ian was in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and aspires to play drums. Rising Kindergartner Taryn looks forward to joining the TFS family and will undoubtedly leave her mark as well.

Troy joined the Knights in May 2010 and took his 2nd Degree in June 2011. He has served the Council through Operation LAMB, the RBC Center as well as the barbecue. Outside of Council activities, Troy coordinates the ushers at 11:30 Sunday Mass and is a member of the Liturgy Committee. Troy works as a consultant to the pharmaceutical industry.

Tanya's father, Kam Kewson, was the inspiration for Troy's joining the Knights. Kam has been a Knight for over 10 years and is a charter member/former Treasurer at the St. Fabian Council in West Bloomfield, Mich.



(L-R) Luke, Kyra, Tanya, Ian, Troy and Taryn Chaput.

BROTHER JOHN IZZO IS JULY'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother John, Matthew, Megan, Grace and Kathy Izzo in New York.

Council officers have selected Brother John Izzo as Knight of the Month for July 2011 for his work over the past several years as the kitchen coordinator at the Council's annual barbecue. Brother John has perfected the art of predicting demand and ordering the correct amount of food for customers. This year he was close to perfect.

Brother John has been a Knight for six years. He joined the All Saints Council in June 2005 and quickly took both his 2nd (September 2005) and 3rd Degrees (November 2005). He has also served the Council as Lecturer, Advocate and Deputy Grand Knight. Asked about his work with the Knights, he said: "The Knights of Columbus is an organization based on four tenets: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, the primary tenet being Charity. Our Council performs works of charity that serve our Parish and Community and make a difference every day in people's lives. It is wonderful to be part of these good works."

Brother John and wife Kathy moved to Raleigh in 1991 from Long Island, N.Y., and joined the St. Francis Catholic Community in 1993. They have three children: Megan, a junior at Cardinal Gibbons High School; Matthew, an 8th grader at TFS and Grace, a 6th grader at TFS.

Outside of Council activities, Brother John enjoys spending time with his family, boating, gardening and any time outdoors.

BROTHER GABRIELE MONETTI APPOINTED LECTURER

New Grand Knight Brother Kent Siefkes announced at the July 5 business meeting that he has appointed Brother Gabriele Monetti as Council Lecturer for fraternal year 2011-2012. The Lecturer is responsible for the “Good of the Order” portion of Council meetings and for providing educational and entertaining programs to meeting attendees. Grand Knight Siefkes has asked Brother Monetti specifically to provide spiritual formation and guidance to the Council in the form of short presentations at two business meetings per quarter in collaboration with Council Chaplain Fr. David McBriar.

Brother Monetti joined the Council in January 2011 and is involved in Evangelization ministries, primarily RCIA, as well as Pastoral Care Ministries, such as Eucharistic Minister to the Meadows and the Men’s Ministry. In the past he has contributed to a successful series of Adoration of the Eucharist prayer sessions. He was also member of the SFA Pastoral Council between 1998 and 2001. Gabriele married Dani in July 1993 in his native Italy. They have a 14-year-old son who is a graduate of TFS and a rising freshman at Cardinal Gibbons High School. Brother Gabriele has been a member of the SFA community since 1996, and a proud former member of the Italian Carabinieri since 1989.



Brother Gabriele Monetti

**WHY I BOUGHT KofC INSURANCE**

**by Supreme Vice Chairman for
Membership and Growth J. Michael Durbin**

“After leaving military service and long before I joined the Supreme Council, I moved all of my insurance needs to the Knights of Columbus. I know that my investments are in companies that do not go against my Catholic beliefs as well as the fact that I will earn at least three percent on my investment. Further, any excess profits created by the products I own will go to charity.

“We all have insurance needs. While it may be possible to find a slightly lower rate for the same product from another company, my question is this: ‘Where is your money being invested and who receives the profits?’ I can say I know where my money goes. It is working in companies that do not support ideas, policies, or programs that contradict my faith. I can say with ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY that none of my premiums are going to support abortion. Simultaneously, the profits go to support the purchase of prostheses and training for every child who lost a limb in Haiti. It goes to disaster relief in the southern states after the tornados hit. It goes to feeding the hungry and putting coats on children, and providing wheel chairs for those in need not to mention countless other charitable works that we provide.

“Lastly, I have a personal relationship with my field agent. I know if I should die tomorrow that he will be the first one to my home to help my wife with all the aspects of my estate and all of the other administrative pieces that she will not be able to deal with while she is grieving. He will be there to help her navigate the mountains of paperwork, work through the federal benefits, the Veterans Administration benefits, and all the other administrative pieces that she will not want to handle. It is reassuring to know that in a time of crisis, my Catholic brothers will be there to support my family during their greatest time of need.”

Recreated by Vice Chairman Durbin from his address to the N.C. State Convention Saturday, May 14.

Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick is available to meet with you to discuss your insurance needs. Contact him at 847-3799 (H), 880-3463 (C) or by e-mail at Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org.

COUNCIL MARKS 10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO NCDOT

Council 9709 completed 10 years of service to the State of North Carolina under the Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) Adopt-A-Highway Program as of Jan. 1, 2011.

At the conclusion of the Saturday, June 11, trash pick up, coordinator Brother John Moster affixed decals marking the Council's participation in the NCDOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program to the signs at the Wake-Durham County line and near the Citgo Station on Leesville. Volunteer organizations are awarded an initial decal after 10 years of service and then receive decals for each additional five years of service to the program thereafter.

Ten Knights spent an hour picking up eight bags of trash and three bags of recyclables along Leesville Road Saturday, June 11. Thanks to Brothers Shawn Bayle, Don Donaghy, Tom DuPree, Ralph Guenther, Larry Mathiot, John Moster, Joe Noonan, Kent Siefkes, Mike Supianoski and Hadon Ware for their participation.

According to the NCDOT website, the department's Adopt-A-Highway Program has become the second largest anti-litter organization in the nation. More than 6,000 volunteer groups have adopted about 13,000 miles of state-maintained roads. Over the years these groups have saved taxpayers over \$30 million in clean-up costs.

Some 19 Council members picked up a total of 28 bags of trash and 12 bags of recyclables during fraternal year 2010-2011.



Brother John Moster applies the 10-year decal to the sign near the Citgo Station June 11 as then Deputy Grand Knight Kent Siefkes assists.

RBC CENTER ACTIVITY NETS COUNCIL OVER \$6,424.86



As of June 30, some 35 Knights, six wives and one adult child worked some 126 shifts at the RBC Center during the 2010-2011 season, earning the Council some \$6,424.86. The revenue far exceeds the \$3,500 of anticipated revenue from the activity listed in the Council's fraternal year 2010-2011 budget.

The revenue received from working concession stands at the RBC Center has been the Council's primary source of funds since fraternal year 2005-2006. The Council has gone from furnishing five volunteers to round out another Council's

10-man staffing requirement to the All Saints Council assuming responsibility for an entire stand.

The Council contracted for 24 events during the 2010-2011 season. The highlight of the year was working the National Hockey League's Skills Competition and All Star Game over the weekend of Jan. 29-30. The Council realized a net profit of \$997.97 for those two events alone.

There are still two events left on the schedule. The Council will work the Cirque du Soleil show on Thursday, July 7, and the American Idol Tour Wednesday, July 27. One volunteer is still needed for the July 7 show. Knights interested in volunteering can sign up on the Council website directly under the "Events and Schedules" link or call Coordinator Brother Mike Wrzesien for details.

Special thanks go to those Brothers who worked five or more events this year: Dick Bridges (7), Mike Darrow (5), Don Donaghy (7), Mike Evans (6), Ralph Guenther (9), Dennis Kelleher (6), Mike Supianoski (13) and Mike Wrzesien (14).