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BROTHER HADON WARE APPOINTED STATE CHANCELLOR

State Deputy Greg Kent has appointed Brother Hadon Ware to the position of State Chancellor for State Regional Districts 1 and 2 in eastern North Carolina. Brother Vince Cerullo has been appointed Chancellor for Regions 3 and 4 in western North Carolina.

While all the duties and responsibilities of the State Chancellor positions are still being formulated, Brother Ware has indicated that the State Chancellor will be involved in developing a new system for distributing awards and a "Sunshine" program to recognize milestone birthdays, anniversaries, births, graduations, etc., as well as set up a prayer line for those experiencing serious illness or those experiencing the loss of a loved one. There is a Chancellor Information Sheet under the "Forms" section of the State website where Brother Knights can provide information to their State Chancellor.



State Chancellor East Brother Hadon Ware

The appointments were announced during the July 8-10 State Organizational Meeting.

Brother Ware served as Council 9709's Grand Knight from July 2004 to June 2006, District Deputy 9 from July 2006-June 2010 and Regional District Deputy 2 from July 2010 to the present. He will continue to serve as Regional District Deputy 2 during his appointment as a State Chancellor.

STATE RECOGNIZES COUNCIL AT MIDYEAR MEETING

Grand Knight Kent Siefkes announced at the August 9 Council Organizational Meeting that All Saints Council had received a number of awards at the July 8-10 State Organizational Meeting, including the 1st Place wooden plaque for Division 4 Councils under the Church category. That award was for the Council's trip to Holy Name College to visit three of the four seminarians supported by the Council under the Order's Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP).

Brother Siefkes also announced that the Council had been presented certificates for Division 4 Councils under the categories of Membership, Pro-Life and Council. The Council received a 2nd Place certificate for its quarterly pancake breakfast membership drives, and 5th Place certificates under Pro-Life for its participation in the North Carolina and National Marches for Life and under Council for sponsoring the Operation LAMB breakfast for area Councils to present checks to local agencies in the Raleigh area.

COUNCIL DONATES JUST NINE BAGS OF GROCERIES TO FOOD DRIVE

Only three Brothers from All Saints Council 9709 reported donating nine bags of groceries to the Our Lady of the Rosary Church food drive over the weekend of July 23-24. The nine bags bring to a total of 69 bags and \$30 cash donated so far this fraternal year by Council members. Some 25 Brothers participated in the April 9-10 drive.

The Council reported donations of 197 bags of groceries and \$430 in checks and cash for four food drives it supports conducted by St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community ministries to Supreme for fraternal year 2010-2011 under the Order's Food for Families Program. State Food for Families Director Ray Wycoff has confirmed that Supreme will make a contribution to the Raleigh and Charlotte Dioceses for fraternal year 2010-2011, although as of the publication of this newsletter, the exact amounts had not been announced. Supreme split about \$10,000 between the two Dioceses for fraternal year 2009-2010.

Thanks to Brothers Dick Bridges, Tony Evans and Kent Siefkes for their contributions to the July drive.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Greetings Brothers All!

Thanks to all of you who attended our August organizational meeting and pledged your participation in one or more of our 60 plus service projects that the membership and service directors have planned for this fraternal year. Looking over the list I am impressed by the outstanding service and charity work contributed by so many of our Brothers in the past, but also that there is such a wide breadth of opportunities available again this year. And if you do not find one of your favorites, I invite you to step up, lead it and get your fellow Brothers involved in making it happen. For those that weren't able to pledge at the meeting, I invite you to pledge to participate in *at least one* event this fraternal year at www.mysignup.com/kofc9709servicepledge. We plan on following up with phone calls to those that have not pledged by mid-September.

Thanks to each of you that were involved in our July events. You can read about three of them in this newsletter (Joe Salem honor guard, LAMB, and the Friedman yard work project). After announcing Council goals for our new fraternal year at the July business meeting, I am pleased to report that in July we already have three Knights participating that were inactive last year! So we are already on our way to achieving our **Participation** goals of increasing the *number of unique Knights* participating in Council events from 63 to 70 percent and for those with three or less years of service from 72 to 85 percent. More on **Spiritual Formation** and **Membership** goals in the next newsletter.

Vivat Jesus!

Kent

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

AUGUST 2011

- 16 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Capri Restaurant, 6325 Falls of the Neuse Road
- 17 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 30 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 5 - Labor Day
- 6 - Business Meeting/Flag Retirement, 7:30 p.m., Founders Room
- 10 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba 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
- 20 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 21 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 27 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

OCTOBER 2011

- 4 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 15 - 4th Degree Exemplification, Cary Embassy Suites
- 18 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 19 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 25 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . BUSINESS MEETINGS

There are 30 steps to the standard Knights of Columbus Council business meeting. Steps below marked with an asterisk (*) have been modified for Council 9709's purposes or are nonapplicable. The Grand Knight calls the meeting to order (1) with one rap of the gavel and remains standing throughout the meeting. He asks the Warden for a report on membership cards (2). With four raps of the gavel, the membership kneels to recite the Lord's Prayer (3), after which the Grand Knight raps the gavel three times for the membership to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance (4). After a single rap at the conclusion of the Pledge, the membership sits down. The Grand Knight raps the gavel twice for officers to stand, and the Recorder conducts the roll call of officers (5). The Grand Knight then raps the gavel three times for the membership to stand and sing the Opening Ode (6*) followed by one rap for the membership to sit again.

The Grand Knight calls for the Recorder to read the minutes from the last meeting (7), and the minutes are approved as corrected. The Admissions Committee reads applications for membership (8) followed by balloting for membership on any completed Form 100s (9), followed by a 1st Degree Ceremony (10), if required.

Next comes reports from the Grand Knight (11), the Chaplain (12), the Treasurer (13), the Grand Knight's reading of receipts of the Treasurer to the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer's voucher of deposit (14*), the reading of bills and communications (15*) and the Financial Secretary's report (16). Then come the reports from the Auditors and Trustees (17*), the service program directors (19), the Round Table Chairman (20*) and any standing committees (21*)

The Grand Knight next calls for unfinished business (22) and then new business (23). Next comes the 4th Degree representative's (24), followed by the Field Agent's (25*), and the District Deputy's reports (26).

Before turning the meeting over to the Lecturer for the Good of the Order portion of the meeting (27), the Grand Knight asks the membership to mention any unassisted Brother(s) of the Order sick or in distress. After the Good of the Order, the Chaplain provides a summation (28*) and the Grand Knight raps the gavel four times for all to kneel for the closing prayer (29). The Grand Knight raps the gavel once at the conclusion of the prayer and then three times for all to stand and sing the Closing Ode (30*). After the Closing Ode, the Grand Knight raps the gavel once and announces that the meeting is adjourned.

COUNCIL PROVIDES HONOR GUARD AT SALEM FUNERAL

Seven members of Council 9709 and one other 4th Degree Knight from Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778 served as an Honor Guard at the funeral Mass of Brother Joseph R. Salem, Sr., held at St. Francis Friday, July 8, 2011.

Brother Joe joined Fr. Price Council 2546 in 1930 while a student at N.C. State University. He served in World War II with U.S. Army Intelligence as a cryptologist from 1942-46 and remained in the Reserves after the war, finally retiring as a Major in 1969. Brother Joe was born in Lebanon, but emigrated to the United States 1912 to join his father, who was serving in the U.S. Expeditionary Force in France during World War I. The family settled in New Bern, where Brother Joe served as Grand Knight for Council 3303 from 1957-58. He also served as Faithful Navigator of Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778 in Raleigh from 1960-61. He was inactive in the Order for a number of years but reapplied for membership after attending Memorial Day Mass at St. Francis in 2010 and seeing the support Council 9709 provided. He joined the All Saints Council June 9, 2010, and was named Knight of the Month in July 2010. Brother Joe died June 28, 2011, at the age of 102.

All Saints Council 9709 will donate \$100 to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community in Brother Joe's name per the family's wishes and in accordance with the Council's Bereavement Policy. A \$100 donation is made in honor of the deceased member, spouse or child of a member. A \$50 donation is made for other immediate family members. The Council has a budget line in the 2011-12 budget for \$500 for this purpose.

Although not specified in the Bereavement Policy, the Council also traditionally lights a candle during the regular business meeting following the passing of a Brother Knight. Grand Knight Kent Siefkes lit a candle for Brother Joe Salem at the beginning of the July 5 meeting.

Thanks to Brothers Dick Bridges, Jim Brown, Jim Humphreys from Fr. Price Council 2546, Peter Oertel, Kent Siefkes, Manfred Varnhold and Hadon Ware for serving in the Honor Guard at the funeral.



Sacristan Brother Don Donaghy leads Brother Joe Salem's funeral procession from the Church through the Honor Guard after the July 8 Mass.

LAMB FIZZLES AS TEMPERATURES SIZZLE



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The Council's final push for the spring Operation LAMB drive was hampered by temperatures in the 90s Saturday, July 9. Only 11 of 16 three-hour slots for the Brier Creek Walmart store were filled. The Brier Creek Walmart is usually the Council's biggest revenue producer for Operation LAMB, although even with the low turnout, the Council managed to collect \$479.48, bringing the total so far this calendar year to \$11,314.47.

Thanks to Brothers Dick Bridges, Tim and Kerry Dyer, Dick Novacek, Tim Stevens, Mike Supianoski, Norm Tuomi and Mark

Wrzesien for pulling a shift each. Thanks to Brother Jack and son Keith Fallon who split one shift. Thanks as well to Blake Scott and Wally Mills from the Arc of Wake County who also filled two shifts.

The Council's 2011 Operation LAMB drive will resume in October at the Harris Teeter stores at Falls Pointe Shopping Center on Falls of the Neuse Road (Oct. 7-8) and McCrimmon Corners in Morrisville (Oct. 21).

The State-set goal for All Saints Council 9709 for 2011 is \$28,578.

Operation LAMB is derived from the Matthew 25:40: "as you did it to one of the Least [Among] My Brethren, you did it to me."

BROTHER DICK AND SABINE BRIDGES NAMED FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Past Grand Knight Dick Bridges and wife Sabine have been named by Council officers as Family of the Month for August for their organizing the Book Fair portion of the recent barbecue as well as a great year of service to the Council as Grand Knight for 2010-2011. Both Brother Dick and Sabine are active in Council activities as well as the Parish.

Brother Dick has written and, with the help of this son Thomas, published the Council newsletter since October 2006 winning third place in the State Duane Russell Award competition over the past two years. He is a regular at Operation LAMB and the RBC Center, where he worked seven events this past season, and Sabine has also pitched in as a substitute at both these activities. Brother Dick has served the Council as Lecturer, Recorder, Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight. He joined the Council in 2005 and took his 4th Degree in 2006.

Brother Dick serves as a Lector and Sabine as Cantor/Song Leader at the 7:30 a.m. Mass, where the need was the greatest. They normally go to 9:30 a.m. Mass. Brother Dick also volunteers for the Parking Ministry at 11:30 a.m. Masses and is a member of the Church Wellness Committee.

Brother Dick is an Army veteran, retiring as a Colonel after 28 years of service. He next worked as an Assistant County Manager for Arlington County, Va., for three years before accepting a defense contractor position that took him to Romania for a year and a half. They came to Raleigh in August 2005 to be close to their grandchildren, Lukas (6) and Ryan (3), who live with their son Thomas and wife Lori in Morrisville.

Brother Dick is an avid golfer, and Sabine exercises her musical talents with the N.C. Master Chorale. Brother Dick works the tax season with H&R Block in Wake Forest, and Sabine teaches German at N.C. State.



Brother Dick and Sabine Bridges

BROTHER MIKE EVANS IS AUGUST'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Mike Evans

All Saints Council 9709's "Knight of the Month" for August is Brother Mike Evans, who has been very active both in leading RBC concession stand teams and also supporting the Council's quarterly pancake breakfasts at Church.

Mike has been a member of St. Francis since the late 1980s and a Knight for over 25 years. He was originally a member of Father Thomas Price Council and then transferred to All Saints Council 9709 in 2007. He has been active in the Council since joining, participating in the Special Olympic awards ceremonies, the Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup, RBC concessions, Operation LAMB, and various youth activities. Brother Mike has also been active in Junior Achievement for the last seven years where he teaches basic community and economic principles to elementary school children.

He's been married to Cathy Evans for 23 years. Together they have a 19-year-old son who is attending NCSU and a 17-year-old daughter who recently graduated high school and will also be attending NCSU.

Brother Mike moved to Raleigh in 1980, graduated high school locally at Sanderson and then went on to earn his BS in Electrical Engineering from NCSU. He is currently in a Services Sales role at

Avaya. Outside of family and work, Brother Mike enjoys sports along with working around the house and yard, and spending time with his family.

Brother Mike is the fourth son of Brother Tony Evans.

COUNCIL DUES ARE DUE

All members of Council 9709 should have received a Supreme-generated e-mail notification to pay annual dues for the new fraternal year or a billing notice from Dennis Kelleher, the Financial Secretary. The fraternal year runs from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012. Regular member dues are \$28; Honorary member dues are \$10; and Honorary Life member dues are \$0. Brothers are also asked to consider adding the special voluntary assessment of \$3.65 for the State Penny Per Day Per Knight program. These assessments remain the same as the last several years.

There is an additional item on the payment site for a donation to the Council's KofC Catholic Education Fund. You may enter any dollar amount in the box. This item is included as a courtesy and is not a component of the annual assessment.

Second Notices will be mailed/e-mailed to those Knights not responding to the First Notice beginning in August, but members can save both the Council and themselves the price of postage by delivering a check to Financial Secretary Dennis Kelleher by mail, personally at any 9:30 a.m. Mass, or in a sealed envelope in the Council's mailbox in the receptionist area at Church. Alternatively, Brother Knights can pay by credit card online at <http://storefront.kofc9709.org/>. If you use the online payment site there is a "convenience fee" of \$1 to cover the cost of processing the transaction through the credit card company.

Brother Knights who are unable to pay their dues because of financial circumstances should contact Grand Knight Kent Siefkes directly at 919-846-9016 or via e-mail at vkisiefkes@aol.com for a waiver.

As of the August 9 business meeting, some 50 percent of the membership had paid their dues, roughly the same amount as last year at this point. Second notices have been mailed out by Financial Secretary Dennis Kelleher, and members are requested to respond as soon as possible to avoid further cost of postage to the Council. Members not responding to this second notice will be contacted personally by the Retention Committee.



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KofC Pubs 4932 3-11 and 4934 3-11

According to the National Safety Council, there is a one-in-five chance that your auto will be damaged in an accident, a one-in-21 chance you will have a disabling accident and a one-in-96 chance that you will have a fire. Income lost as a result of a disability is estimated to be twice as great as that for an automobile accident loss and three times as great as a fire loss by the National Underwriter 2010 Field Guide.

Knights of Columbus Insurance now offers all members and their wives ages 18-61 "Income Armor," an individual disability income insurance with options for two years, five years or to age 67 of disability insurance. As an example, a 35-year-old man earning about \$5,000 monthly would lose an estimated \$120,000 for a two-year disability, \$300,000 over five years and some \$1.92 million by age 67. A policy gives the purchaser the option of selecting an elimination period of 30, 90 or 180 days of disability prior to benefits beginning. As an example, premium payments for a 42-year-old nonsmoker information technology specialist earning \$5,000 monthly with a 90-day elimination period would be \$39.69 per month for the two-year period, \$59.09 per month for the five-year period and \$91 per month for the up to age 67 option.

The policy is guaranteed renewable as long as the premiums are kept up. Should the insured resume employment after a period of disability and is still partially disabled, the policy will pay a 50 percent monthly benefit for up to six months after the insured resumes work. Should the insured suffer the loss of both eyes, ears, the power of speech, use of both hands or feet or the use of one hand and one foot, the policy will pay the maximum monthly disability benefit for the maximum benefit period and waives the elimination period. Should the insured be disabled and receiving benefits, and the Knights of Columbus and the insured mutually agree on a vocational rehabilitation program in writing, Income Armor will pay up to six times the monthly disability income benefit toward the expenses of the program.

Council 9709's Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick has the details and is always available to discuss your insurance needs. Contact him at 847-3799(H), 880-3463(C) or by e-mail at Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org.

COUNCIL PITCHES IN FOR BROTHER FRIEDMAN

Some 11 Brother Knights from Council 9709 and three of their sons spent the morning of Saturday, July 16, doing yard work for a fellow Knight, Brother Jerome Friedman. The Friedmans had asked for some assistance after Brother Jerome began medical treatment earlier this year that left him unable to keep up with normal household maintenance. Brother Friedman and his family were named Family of the Month for May 2011 for his inspirational resiliency during his illness and his family's staunch support.

Brother Knights trimmed bushes and trees, fixed a screen, moved mulch, sanded and stained a children's play house, and hauled in more than 1,200 pounds of play sand to replenish the sand box under the play house. Between trimming hedges and trees, the volunteers managed to fill about 10 bags with garden trash and bind up three bunches of tree limbs.

Thanks go to Brothers Steve Becker, Mark Boodee, Dick Bridges, Jim Falanga, Ralph Guenther, Vince Rapp and son Greg, Shawn Subasic, Kent

Siefkes, Vinnie Tomaino and sons Marco and Dante, Tim Wiwel and Mike Wrzesien. These Brothers and sons donated some 50 volunteer hours for the effort. Thanks as well to Brother Friedman who cooked up a welcome lunch complete with cold beer for the volunteers that was very much appreciated on a hot day.



Brother Vince Rapp (L) gets a ladder into position to sand and restain the Friedmans' play set as Brother Dick Bridges (R) looks on.

COUNCIL NEWSLETTERS NOW ONLINE

All Council newsletters dating back to 2006 are now available online on the Council's website by clicking on "Archives" under the "Links and Newsletters" section. Grand Knight Kent Siefkes approved the inclusion of the past years' newsletters on the website as a resource for officers as well as the membership.

"I had a new Knight ask me for all the 'For the First Degree Knight' articles as a way to learn more about the Order, and I had no easy way of providing them to him," said Brother Dick Bridges, who edits the Council newsletter. "Now we have that capability, and I think having the newsletters online will also help Council officers compile reports faster and more accurately."

Then Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl asked Brother Bridges to resurrect the Council newsletter that had not been published for many years at the beginning of his tenure as Grand Knight in 2006. Brother Bridges and son Thomas have been publishing the newsletter on a monthly basis since then. The first issue of the new newsletter was published in July 2006. The newsletter was mailed out to the membership during the remainder of 2006 unless a Brother voluntarily asked to be taken off the mailing list and get the newsletter via e-mail instead. Officers made the decision to mail the newsletter only to those Knights not having e-mail for the January 2007 issue. Postage costs at that time to mail the entire membership the newsletter were over \$40 monthly. Today there are only 14 members and spouses receiving the newsletter by mail.

The newsletter has undergone a number of cosmetic changes over the years. A bimonthly Calendar of Events was added in September 2006 covering half of the current month, the full next month and half of the month after that. The Calendar was expanded to a full quarterly version in July 2007. A monthly Knights of Columbus Insurance article was added beginning in April 2007 by State mandate. The newsletter also started reporting the Family and Knight of the Month in each issue in October 2009, again by State mandate. The newsletter was expanded to six pages in November 2009 to accommodate a full page being devoted to the Family and Knight of the Month each month.

The Council has been honored with 3rd Place recognition for the Duane Russell Award for Council newsletters in both 2010 and 2011. The Council website also took 2nd Place honors at this year's annual State Convention as well.