



# Knights of Columbus All Saints Council 9709 St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community

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## FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY POSTPONED DUE BY WEATHER

The U.S. flag retirement ceremony to be conducted by Boy Scouts from Troop 352 has been postponed from the Council's Sept. 6 meeting until the Council's Nov. 8 meeting. Brother Tom McKemie, a senior Boy Scout leader with Troop 352, made the call to postpone the ceremony because of the weather and concern for the boys' safety.

Brother Jeff Rohman, Council coordinator for the project, gave Brother McKemie some 63 U.S. flags at the meeting and thanked eight Brother Knights who helped out with staffing in the Stewardship Center during the month of August collecting flags from Parishioners. The eight Knights put in an estimated 15 volunteer hours, according to Brother Rohman.

This is the second ceremony Boy Scout Troop 352 will conduct with All Saints Council. The first ceremony was conducted by about 30 members of the Troop in January 2010. The ceremony itself is carefully scripted and involves paying tribute to the flags being retired both individually (if their history is known) and collectively. The flags are first "disassembled" into the individual red and white stripes and the blue fields with white stars, whether the flags are constructed from individual pieces or not. If the flag is made of cotton, the pieces are then consumed by fire as Scouts carry each piece to a fire pit as a senior Scout reads aloud the rationale for how the flags have been. The red stripes are said to symbolize "the blood spilled in defense of the glorious nation," the white stripes "the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons" and the blue field "God's heaven under which we [the flags] fly." If the flag is made of nylon, the pieces are disassembled and then taken to a recycling center. Burning the nylon flags just causes them to melt and emit potentially harmful gases into the atmosphere.

Council 9709 is the founding sponsor of Boy Scout Troop 352, a fact proclaimed by the Council's name being on the Troop banner. The Council supports the Troop's Eagle Scout candidates with grants, and the Grand Knight is a member of the Troop's advisory group.



L-R: Brother Jeff Rohman makes a presentation of 63 U.S. flags to Brother Tom McKemie, a senior Boy Scout leader for Troop 352. The flags will be officially retired in a ceremony Nov. 8 by Boy Scouts from Troop 352.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



**American  
Red Cross**  
Triangle Area Chapter

The next semi-annual American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Council 9709 is set for Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., outside the Community Center. Some 30-40 volunteers are needed. Contact Brother Tom DuPree at [twdupree@aol.com](mailto:twdupree@aol.com) to sign up.

The drive's goal is to get 150 units of blood, and donors can sign up for appointments at the Raleigh Red Cross website at [www.trianglredcross.org](http://www.trianglredcross.org). Donors are eligible to donate if they have not donated blood after July 30, 2011.

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Greetings Brothers All!

Thanks to all of you who staffed the stewardship tables the last two weekends in August to collect flags for retirement and Parish food donation sign-ups for Migrant Ministry. A special thank you goes to Jeff Rohman for doing a great job organizing our flag retirement ceremony in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of Troop 352.

Our Council's recently appointed family director Brother James Powers has created a short "check the box" survey which you can access online at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/KPDFQ2G](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KPDFQ2G). Your feedback via this quick electronic survey will assist in the scheduling of events and activities of particular interest to you. If you are unable to access the survey or prefer to deliver your feedback directly, please contact Brother Powers at 637-2115.

As you can see by the calendar to the right, we have a very busy September ahead of us! We're still short about 30 items for the Sept. 11 Migrant Ministry dinner and have 35 shifts to fully staff the first weekend of our Fall LAMB drive at the Brier Creek Walmart. You can find the sign-ups for these and other events at [www.kofc9709.org/events.aspx](http://www.kofc9709.org/events.aspx) (also accessible on the home page by clicking "Events & Schedules").

Finally, I'd like to encourage all Brothers to push for new members in preparation for our 1st Degree Ceremony on Oct. 4. You can suggest the names of potential new Knights to Membership Director Tru Hall at 436-9566 and/or invite them to attend our information sessions in Room 405 on Sept. 15, 7-8:30 p.m., or in Room 403 on Sept. 25, 1-2:30 p.m.

Vivat Jesus!


**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(More details available at [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org))

**SEPTEMBER 2011**

- 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., Vinos Finos y Picadas, Lafayette Village
- 21 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 24 - Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center
- 24-25 - Operation LAMB, Brier Creek Walmart, see website for sign ups
- 27 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**OCTOBER 2011**

- 2 - FrancisFest, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Church Campus
- 4 - Business Meeting/First Degree, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 15 - 4th Degree Exemplification, Cary Embassy Suites
- 18 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., California Pizza Kitchen, Triangle Town Center
- 19 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 25 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**NOVEMBER 2011**

- \*8 - Business Meeting, 7:30 pm., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- \*NOTE DATE CHANGE\*
- 15 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 16 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 29 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . NONPAYMENT OF DUES**

Members' timely payment of annual dues is essential to a Council, especially when it comes to achieving Star Council status. Knights who do not pay their dues on time are placed under "Knight Alert" after their dues are 30 days late and can be suspended for nonpayment after four months. Should the individual be an Insurance Member, he becomes "inactive" and remains on the Council rolls as long as his insurance remains in force. The loss of an Associate (Non-Insurance) or Insurance Member counts against Supreme Council Awards quotas.

**Reinstatement** occurs when a suspended member comes back into the Council from which he was suspended. Should he return and pay any arrearage within 90 days of his suspension, there will be no break in membership, and his return will negate the Supreme Council Awards quota loss recorded by his suspension.

**Readmission** applies to a suspended Associate Member when suspension has been between three months and seven years. The individual can apply to any Council, but he forfeits the prior years he served as a Knight as they count for Honorary or Honorary Life Membership unless those years total 25 or more consecutive years. A Knight readmitted to the Order counts toward Supreme Council Awards quotas.

**Reactivation** occurs in the case of an Insurance Member who re-enters the Order and is the same as **Readmission** above as regards prior years of membership and Supreme Council Awards quotas.

**Reapplication** applies to a former member who has been out of the Order for more than seven years. He may re-apply to any Council and need not retake his Degrees. For purposes of counting prior years of membership and Supreme Council Awards quotas, **Reapplication** is the same as **Readmission**.

**Transfers** are individuals who come from other Councils to a new Council, usually as a result of a relocation from one Parish to another. As they are current in their dues, they do not count for Supreme Council Awards quotas.

**Withdrawals** are granted when a Member submits a personal, signed resignation to the Council. The only stipulation is that he must be eligible for re-entry at the time of his withdrawal. Withdrawals do not maintain continuous membership and will count against a Council's Supreme Council Awards quotas.

**COUNCIL ADDS FIRST NEW MEMBER FOR FY 2011-2012**

Membership Director Brother Tru Hall escorted new Brother Keith Houchin to a 1st Degree Ceremony held August 21 by Pope John Paul II Council 13812 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Durham. Brother Houchin was recruited by Brother Tom DuPree and voted into the Council at the August business meeting.

Brother Houchin is the first new member to be recruited this fraternal year. All Saints Council 9709 has an assigned recruiting goal of 15 for fraternal year 2011-2012 based on its membership total at the end of fraternal year 2010-2011. Unfortunately, as a result of dues notices there have been four withdrawals to date, which means the original goal has increased to at least 19. Some 47 members have still not responded to a second dues notice and will be contacted by the Retention Committee in September.

Council 9709 will sponsor a 1st Degree Ceremony once a quarter for this fraternal year with the first ceremony being held in conjunction with the Oct. 4 meeting.

In order to qualify for Star Council, All Saints Council 9709 will have to satisfy the requirements for three different awards. Besides recruiting at least 19 new members for the Father McGivney Award, the Council needs to add six new insurance members to qualify for the Founders Award and evidence of participation in activities under Church, Council, Community, Family, Youth and Pro-Life for the Colombian Award. The Council has already added one new insurance member this fraternal year, and qualifying for the Colombian Award has never been a problem for the Council.

**34 ATTEND AUGUST 9 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Some 34 Brother Knights from Council 9709 enjoyed pizza, fellowship and getting involved with the Council's activities at the annual organizational meeting. Brother Knights had the opportunity to pledge their support of various activities for the coming year.

Grand Knight Kent Siefkes reiterated his goals for the year. He wants to increase participation for new Knights from about 72 to 85 percent and for all Council members from 63 percent to 70 percent for fraternal year 2011-2012. He has also emphasized his desire to contribute to the spiritual formation of the Council's members and charged Council Lecturer Gabriele Monetti and Council Chaplain Fr. David McBriar with coming up with five-minute reflections for two-thirds of the year's meetings. Brother Monetti delivered the first "Good of the Order" presentation at the meeting, and Fr. David spoke at the September meeting. Brother Siefkes' last goal is to meet or exceed the Supreme goals for membership, new insurance members and activities.

The new Directors for this fraternal year were on hand to present their own goals and objectives for the year. Deputy Grand Knight Shawn Bayle will chair the Retention Committee made up of the three Trustees. He has also agreed to coordinate the Council's quarterly pancake breakfasts and the annual barbecue. Brother Troy Chaput will chair the Church Committee. Brother John Moster will head the Community Committee, and Brother Tim Stevens will continue to lead the Council's Operation LAMB effort as well as continue to serve as Council Director. Brother James Powers has volunteered his services as Family Director, and Brother Mike Wrzesien will continue as Youth Director and coordinate the Council's RBC Center fundraising activity. Grand Knight Kent Siefkes will keep his position as Director of the Pro-Life Committee, and Brother Tru Hall will continue as Membership Director.

Two Brothers proposed two new service opportunities for the Council this year: Catholic Parish Outreach and Habitat for Humanity. All Brother Knights are encouraged to visit the Council website and sign up for the new year's activities under "Events and Schedules."



(L-R) Council 9709's Membership Director Brother Tru Hall with new Brother Knight Keith Houchin as well as new Knight Allan Gorry and Grand Knight John Felten from Council 10910.

## BROTHER JERRY AND IRENE CUCURULLO ARE FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Brother Jerry and Irene Cucurullo have been selected as September's Family of the Month for their active involvement in the Council and the Church. Brother Jerry has coordinated the Council's support of N.C. Special Olympics and the monthly Abbottswood Seniors Poker nights for the past six years. Irene is also a regular volunteer with the Special Olympics.

Brother Jerry was sponsored into the Council by Brother Joe Azzopardi in 1996 and took his 3rd Degree in 1997. He served as Deputy Grand Knight of Council 9709 from 1997-99 and Recorder from 1999-2002, after which he was appointed Financial Secretary, a post he held for six years. Brother Jerry took his 4th Degree in 2004 and is currently serving as Purser for the Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778.

Brother Jerry has served as Usher Coordinator for the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass since 2002, with the Parking Ministry and as past Director and a referee of the St. Francis Youth and High School Basketball Leagues. He also volunteers as a mentor in the Big Brother Big Sister Program in Raleigh, and his little brother Neko Williams has lent a helping hand at various Council events. Irene is active as a Eucharistic Minister, Grief Share Assistant, Prayer Shawl Minister and Funeral Greeter. Outside St. Francis, Irene and daughter Maria are puppy raisers for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. They are presently training their sixth puppy, Newton. The other five dogs have been successfully placed with blind individuals throughout the United States. Irene also volunteers time to Project Linus, which sews blankets for children in local hospitals.

The Cucurillos have four other children: Christina, Jerry, Jr., Gina and Jimmy.



Irene and Brother Jerry Cucurullo

## BROTHER DAVE BOLE IS SEPTEMBER'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

September's Knight of the Month is Brother Dave Bole, who has been the Council Family Director for the past three years and was recently elected to be Treasurer.

Brother Dave and wife Darlene have been members at St. Francis since 2008. He and Darlene have been active in both Council and Church activities. Brother Dave has been a regular at the RBC Center, Operation LAMB and the Raleigh March for Life. Both he and Darlene have supported the North Carolina Special Olympics Bowling Tournaments as well. As Family Chair, Brother Dave has also been instrumental in the Council's planning and execution of the annual barbecue, the Catholic Convocation, the recent State Grand Knight training class, the Officers Installation Ceremony and the Council picnic. Brother Dave also serves as a Eucharistic Minister at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Brother Dave and Darlene have been married for over 37 years and have two grown children, David and Ashley. Ashley just got married in April. Brother Dave graduated from Youngstown State University in Ohio in 1972 with an accounting major and currently works as Payroll Supervisor at Trail Creek Investments in Durham.

Brother Dave also earned his Payroll Practitioner Certification in 1996, which certification he has maintained since that time.

Besides supporting Council activities, Brother Bole is a big fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers.



Brother Dave Bole

## FALL LAMB DRIVE TO BEGIN SEPT. 24-25

Council LAMB Director Tim Stevens has reserved the weekend of Sept. 24-25 at the Brier Creek Walmart for the start of the Council's fall Operation LAMB drive. The Council's collection to date of \$11,314.47 is about \$4,000 less than last year's effort at this point in the year. The State-set goal for All Saints Council this calendar year is \$28,578. Last year the Council collected \$27,745.78.

The Council will also be soliciting donations for Operation LAMB over the weekend of Oct. 7-9 at the Sam's Club in Morrisville, the Harris Teeter at 6024 Falls of the Neuse Road Oct. 9 and the Harris Teeter at 9800 Falls of the Neuse Road Oct. 7-8. The Council also has Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the Harris Teeter in Morrisville from 3-9 p.m. and the Kroger's at 8345 Creedmoor Road the weekend of Oct. 14-16.

The sign up sheet for Operation LAMB is on the Council website. There are about 100 three-hour shifts to fill at the seven stores listed, about the same number of shifts as last year's fall drive.

"It may be the economy that has caused lower donations, but the agencies we support are still counting on us for help in meeting their very real needs," said Brother Stevens. "I hope every Brother will make the commitment to work at least one shift this fall."

Since its inception in 1974, the Operation LAMB program of North Carolina named after the biblical quotation, "... as you did it to one of the Least [Among] My Brethren, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40, has raised over \$20 million to assist citizens of North Carolina with intellectual disabilities.



# LAMB

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### KofC INSURANCE MILESTONES

From the May 2010 Columbia Magazine

(to be continued in October)

- 1882** - Father Michael J. McGivney's name is the first one listed in the insurance ledger, and he becomes the first insured member of the Order. The original insurance program was based on an assessment system. When a member died, the others were sent an assessment to pay based on three grades of payment.
- 1892** - The Order establishes a Reserve Fund to guarantee financial solvency during epidemics.
- 1902** - Sweeping reforms are made to the insurance program, including the implementation of a step-rate plan.
- 1940** - An agency system is begun and five new insurance plans are adopted.
- 1944** - The Order establishes the Juvenile Insurance Program for the sons of members.
- 1945** - The first cash dividend is paid to policyholders.
- 1958** - To further assist members and their families, the Order introduces spousal insurance products and coverage for members' daughters.
- 1960** - The Order reaches \$1 billion of insurance in force and assets surpass \$170 million.
- 1975** - A.M. Best bestows its first highest approval rating for the insurance program.
- 1977** - Flexible retirement annuities are introduced to members.
- 1980** - Total life insurance premiums surpass \$1 billion.
- 1982** - The New Member Plan is introduced to encourage greater member participation in the Order's insurance program.
- 1985** - Insurance in force reaches \$10 billion as assets surpass \$1.7 billion.
- 1989** - The Order distributes more than \$100 million in life dividends.
- 1992** - Insurance in force passes the \$20 billion mark. The Order receives its first AAA rating from Standard & Poor's.

Council 9709's Field Agent is Brother Tim Kilpatrick who is always available to discuss your insurance needs. Contact him at 847-3799 (H), 880-3463 (C) or by e-mail at [Timothy.Kirkpatrick@kofc.org](mailto:Timothy.Kirkpatrick@kofc.org).

## ANYONE FOR A CARIBBEAN CRUISE?

Brother Tony Evans is exploring the idea of a Caribbean cruise for interested Council members and spouses in the spring of 2013 aboard Oceania Cruise Lines. Sample ports of call for a 10-day cruise from Miami, Fla., include Virgin Gorda and Tortola of the British Virgin Islands, St. John's, Antigua; Gustavia, St. Barts; La Romana, Dominican Republic; and Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands.

The cruise would be booked at a special two-for-one special rate, which includes free airfare to Miami. Prices would range from \$1,200 per person for an inside cabin to \$5,900 for the penthouse, complete with butler service.

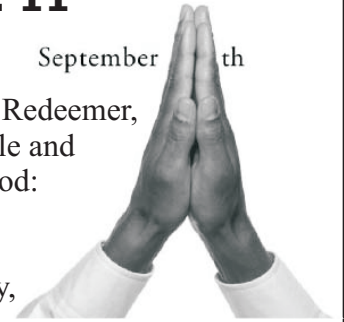


If you are interested and would like some more information with no obligation, contact Brother Evans at [evansa99@embarqmail.com](mailto:evansa99@embarqmail.com) or at 554-9098.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE SEPT. 11<sup>th</sup>

September 11<sup>th</sup>

With you, O Mother of the Redeemer,  
may the hymn of the humble and  
the poor rise to almighty God:  
may He, the merciful one,  
bring peace to the earth,  
reconcile brothers at enmity,  
confound Cain,  
make Abel rise again;  
may he bring all of creation  
to the design he had at the beginning  
in the love of the Son,  
in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



-- Pope John Paul II

*At its 122<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting in 2004, the Supreme Council resolved that September 11<sup>th</sup> be observed each year as a World Day of Prayer for Peace.*



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