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## COUNCIL SUPPORTS FRANCIS FEST OCT. 2



L-R: Brothers Frank Lewek and Joe Czejkowski enjoy a little secondhand smoke cooking hamburgers and hot dogs at the FrancisFest.

Fifteen Brother Knights from the All Saints Council donated an estimated 38 volunteer hours to the Church in support of the FrancisFest held Sunday, Oct. 2, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

FrancisFest, a cookout picnic and showcase for a variety of the Church's ministries, is held each year in recognition of the birthdate of St. Francis of Assisi.

Thanks to Brothers Steve Burdett, Joe Czejkowski, Frank Lewek, Jeff Szymendera and Mike Wrzesien for cooking up some 800 hamburgers and 800 hot dogs for an estimated 1,000-1,200 attendees. Thanks to Brother Dick Novacek who worked as a food runner and Brother John Martin who served food to the attendees. Thanks as well to Brothers Dave Bole, Tom Byrne, Troy Chaput, Tru Hall, Gabriele Monetti and Kent Siefkes who drove the shuttle buses to and from the Sycamore Elementary School parking lot. A special thanks goes to Brother Shawn Bayle who worked with the Church on logistics as well as serving as emcee for the event. Brothers Dave Bole, Dick Bridges and Tru Hall also manned a Knights

membership table and received interest from three Parishioners regarding joining the Order.

## COUNCIL TO HOST DISTRICT 2<sup>nd</sup> DEGREE CEREMONY NOV. 3

All Saints Council 9709 will hold its first quarterly 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Ceremony this fraternal year for interested Brothers in District #9 on Thursday, Nov. 3, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anthony Hall Founders Room. Brothers desiring to take their 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree should notify Grand Knight Kent Siefkes, [uksiefkes@aol.com](mailto:uksiefkes@aol.com), or Team Coordinator Brother Dick Bridges, [rbridges1971@aol.com](mailto:rbridges1971@aol.com), to reserve a space.

There are over 40 members of Council 9709 whom records show have not taken their 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Any Council 9709 Knight listed on the Supreme roster as only having completed his 1st Degree will be sent an e-mail from either Brother Bridges or Siefkes personally inviting him to attend the Nov. 3 ceremony.

The next 2nd Degree Ceremony is tentatively scheduled for February 2012.

## COUNCIL CRUISE DATES SET

Council cruise coordinator Brother Tony Evans has selected the tentative dates for the Caribbean cruise advertised in last month's newsletter. The dates under consideration at this time are March 18-28, 2013, aboard the Oceania ship *Riviera*. Interested Knights can check out the ship and itinerary at <https://www.oceaniacruises.com/findcruise/czaribbean/RVA130318/default.aspx>.

Brother Evans reports that at this point all inside cabins are wait-listed. Anyone interested in joining his Brother Knights on this cruise should contact Brother Evans at [evansa99@embarqmail.com](mailto:evansa99@embarqmail.com) as soon as possible.



**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Greetings Brothers All!

It's been a very busy month for our council! We've had Adopt-A-Highway, a Migrant Ministry Dinner, two 4<sup>th</sup> degree info sessions, a Fishing Derby, Wine-tasting social, poker at Abottswood, a Blood Drive, two days of LAMB, two membership info sessions, a food drive, and Francis Fest! I am honored to serve in such an active and generous council! A well-deserved thanks to all of you that donated your time and treasure to make all of this possible, and a special thanks to the leaders of these events, including John Moster, Tom Carlson, Troy Chaput, Tru Hall, James Powers, Jerry Cucurullo, Tom DuPree, Tim Stevens, Shawn Bayle, and Steve Burdett. I'd also like to thank Dick Bridges, who does a fantastic job communicating our activities to the Council at large in our monthly Newsletter, Mike Wrzesien for creating most of our web sign-ups, Shawn Bayle for keeping the web calendar up-to-date, and Joe Azzopardi, our web master, for making everything available on our web-site.

A reminder to take 5 minutes and fill out the short "check the box" survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/KPDFQ2G](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KPDFQ2G). If you are unable to access the electronic survey or prefer to deliver your feedback directly, please contact Brother Powers at 637-2115.

If you haven't volunteered for the fall LAMB drive yet, we still can use your help. You can find the sign-ups for LAMB and other events at our Council web site on the Events & Schedules page. Vivat Jesus!

*Kent*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**OCTOBER 2011**

- 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**

- 3 - 2nd Degree Ceremony, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Rm
- 4-5 - The Franciscan Preschool Harvest Moon Festival, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Clare Hall
- \*8 - Business Meeting/Flag Retirement Ceremony, 7:30 pm., Anthony Hall Founders Room \*NOTE DATE CHANGE\*
- 15 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Capri Restaurant, 6325 Falls of the Neuse Road
- 16 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 18 - KofC Memorial Mass, 9 a.m., St. Mary of the Angels Chapel
- 29 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**DECEMBER 2011**

- 4 - N.C. Special Olympics Bowling Tournament, Times and Locations TBA
- 6 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 10 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba Hall

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . SHINING ARMOR AWARD**

So you have become a Knight. Now what? There seems to be so much going on around you. How do you get involved? How much do you get involved? If you went to an orientation session, you know that the Knights should rank no higher than fourth on your priority list after Church, Family and Work. All of this is why Supreme developed the concept of the Shining Armor Award as a guide for new Knights.

Supreme recommends that a new Knight attempt to meet five goals his first year. The first requires that a new Knight work three Council Service Programs under the categories of Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth, Pro-Life and Membership. Working a shift for the Council at Operation LAMB or working a night at the RBC Center, Council 9709's primary fund raising activity, would also qualify. You can learn about opportunities to serve through the Service Program Directors, by attending meetings, or on the Council website. There, click on "Events and Schedules." There is also an entry under "Fraternal Year 2011-12 Service Pledge" to indicate your availability to volunteer for specific programs. If you sign up there, a Service Program Director will call you.

How do you find out more about the Service Programs? Fulfill the second requirement for the Shining Armor Award by attending at least three business meetings. Council 9709's business meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Anthony Hall Founders Room the first Tuesday of every month unless there is a conflict. Each of the Directors delivers a report as part of the meeting, and you can meet with them afterwards to discuss how to get involved.

The third requirement is to receive your 3rd Degree and achieve full Knighthood. Council 9709 has also made meeting this requirement easy as the District 2nd Degree team is made up entirely of Council members, and the 2nd Degree ceremonies are held quarterly in the Anthony Hall Founders Room. Consult the Council calendar in the newsletter or on the Council's website for exact dates for State-run 3rd Degree Ceremonies.

The fourth requirement is to meet with the Council's insurance representative or Field Agent. The Council's Field Agent, Brother Tim Kilpatrick, will be happy to sit down with you and your spouse at your convenience and review the adequacy of your current insurance coverage or help you with determining how much coverage you need. Contact him by phone at 919-880-3463 (O) or 919-847-3799 (H) or by e-mail: [timothy.kilpatrick@kofc.org](mailto:timothy.kilpatrick@kofc.org).

The last requirement is to recruit one new member into the Order. Someone recruited you, and you can use the same techniques to recruit a new member. Sometimes all you need to do is ask. There are many good Catholic gentlemen in our Parish who would probably say "yes" if someone asked.

## COUNCIL SERVES DINNER TO 150+ IN LOUISBURG

Some 10 Knights and five spouses and family members served over 150 migrant workers an afternoon dinner at our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Louisburg Saturday, Sept. 10. Some 22 Brother Knights and seven St. Francis Parishioners donated food for the meal. The Church's Migrant Ministry purchased the hamburgers and hot dogs this year. Previously, the Council had donated the expense of the main course or been reimbursed by the Church.

This is the third year in a row that the Council has provided food and manpower to serve the meal to the migrant workers. Brother Tom Carlson, a member of the Migrant Ministry, has coordinated the event in years past and enlisted the Council to support one of the four summer monthly dinners in 2009. There are also no leftovers. The workers take home anything that remains of the donated food.

The Church's Migrant Ministry provides transportation to Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church to the workers on Sundays from June through September on a weekly basis. Under the terms of their being in the United States as legal migrant workers, the workers are not permitted to drive. Although the employers are required to provide some transportation to the workers to purchase essentials, they are not required to drive them to Church.

Thanks to Brother Akuro Adoki, Peter Brzezinski, Tom Carlson, Troy Chaput, Mike Darrow, wife Carol and daughters Mary Ashley and Delaney; Jim Falanga, Gene Gordon and wife Clara, Ralph Guenther, Dennis Kelleher and Kent Siefkes and wife Virginia for making the trip to Louisburg. A special thank you also goes to Brothers Jim Falanga and Kent Siefkes for precooking the 180 hamburgers and 96 hot dogs as well as transporting them to Louisburg.

Grand Knight Kent Siefkes read a thank you letter from the Migrant Ministry at the Oct. 4 business meeting thanking the Council for its support this year as well as in past years.



L-R (Standing): Brothers Ralph Guenther, Kent Siefkes, Gene Gordon, Mike Darrow, Troy Chaput, Peter Brzezinski and Tom Carlson. L-R (Sitting): Brothers Akuro Adoki and Jim Falanga. Not pictured: Brother Dennis Kelleher.

## BLOOD DRIVE COLLECTS 166 UNITS

Some 179 donors gave 166 units of blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Council 9709 Sept. 24. Some 25 Knights and spouses donated some 78 hours to setting up and running the drive, and some 28 Knights and family members donated blood.

“Over the past 16 years, St. Francis donors have given more than 4,200 units and saved an estimated 12,600 lives,” Brother DuPree said. “Our community needs over 1,600 units a day to support 103 hospitals, and given the recent tornadoes, hurricanes and extremely hot weather, the need has never been greater.”

Thanks to Brothers, spouses and family members Mark Baumgartner, Theresa Baumgartner, Steve Becker\*, Peter Brzezinski, Tom Byrnes, Tory Chaput, Mary Colombo, Jerry Cucurullo, Tom DuPree, Bridget Hassan, Charlotte Hassan, Erin Karl, Rob Karl, Tom McKemie, Fr. Emmet Murphy, Robert Phillips\*, James Powers, Tim Stevens, John Stewart, Shawn Subasic, Mike Supianoski, Mary Torres, Guadalupe Torres, Norm Tuomi, Hadon Ware, Tim Wiwel and Mike Wrzesien who gave the “Gift of Life.” Those marked with an asterisk made “Double Red” donations.

The American Red Cross estimates that only some five percent of the U.S. population are blood donors.



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## DARROWS CHOSEN AS OCTOBER'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected the Darrow family as October's Family of the Month for their participation as a family at the Sept. 10 Migrant Ministry dinner at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Louisburg. Brother Mike, wife Carol, and daughters Mary Ashley and Delaney were all on hand to help out.

"We have tried to involve the whole family in the outreach activities of the Knights like LAMB, Migrant Ministry, Special Olympics etc. Through the Knights' activities our children have learned a sense of giving back to the community. It's rewarding to now see them involving themselves in causes that they feel strongly about," said Brother Mike.

Brother Mike, a Raleigh native, and Carol who hails from Bethesda, Md., met at East Carolina University. They have been married for 22 years and were founding members of St. Francis dating back to when services were held in the cafeteria at Lynn Road Elementary School. Brother Mike's father was a founding member of All Saints Council and recruited his son into the Knights seven years ago. Brother Mike is a Past Grand Knight and has also chaired and served on various committees in the Council.

Brother Mike is a Eucharistic Minister, and Carol teaches Sunday School at St. Francis. They serve on a number of Church committees. Son Patrick is a sophomore at East Carolina, Mary Ashley a senior at Cardinal Gibbons, and Delaney is a fifth grader at TFS. As a family they enjoy snow skiing, boating, water skiing and hiking.

Brother Mike has worked for Auto Finders for 18 years and owned the business for 14. The Auto Finders sells new and used vehicles. The company specializes in getting exactly what the customer wants, often at a better price and without all the dealership hassles, says Brother Mike. The firm has also been honored as The Quality Dealer of NC/SC by The National Independent Auto Dealers Association.



L-R: Delaney, Carol, Mary Ashley and Brother Mike Darrow at the Sept. 11 Migrant Ministry Dinner in Louisburg.

## BROTHER JAMES POWERS SELECTED AS KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Powers Family

Council officers have selected Brother James Powers as October's Knight of the Month for his organization and execution of a Parish Fishing Derby for children held Saturday, Sept. 18, at Father Price Council 2546's compound in southeast Raleigh. Brother James ran a Council Fishing Derby for Brother Knights' children June 25 as a proof of principle before going to a Parish-wide event.

Brother James joined the Order in January 2011 and quickly took his 2nd Degree (February 2011) and 3rd Degree (March 2011) before accepting the position of Family Director in July 2011. As Family Director, Brother James organizes the monthly Social Gatherings and other family activities for the Council.

Brother James and wife Rachel moved to Raleigh in 2000 from Orange County, Calif. They joined the St. Francis Catholic Community in 2006. Daughter Julie (8) is a third grader at The Franciscan School (TFS), and son Joshua (4) attends TFS Preschool.

Outside of Council activities, Brother James enjoys spending time with his family, cooking, photography and fishing.

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND SACRISTANS NEEDED

The Liturgy Committee at St. Francis is asking Parishioners who might be interested in becoming either a Eucharistic Minister (EM) or Sacristan to come forward. There is always a need for more EMs, and the number of Sacristans has decreased significantly as students have headed back to college and previous Sacristans have moved on or changed positions in the Parish, according to Dennis McKinley, Sacristan lead on the Liturgy Committee.

Mr. McKinley made a special appeal to All Saints Council 9709 members through Church Director Troy Chaput. Many Knights from the Council are already serving as EMs and Sacristans, and their reputation for dependability makes them prime candidates.

EMs primarily assist the Priest in distributing Communion, although some EMs also serve as Cross Bearers. EMs also serve as greeters at the entrances to the Church before Mass. Sacristans are responsible for getting the Church ready for Mass, which duties include lighting the altar candles and preparing the Communion wine cups and bowls. Sacristan duties at funerals are a little more involved, but training for the Ministries is provided.

Parish policy is for parishioners serving a Ministry to wear the name tags associated with that Ministry and to dress appropriately. This supersedes Council policy concerning Knights wearing their Knights' name tags in Church. Knights serving as EMs or Sacristans should always wear the name tags furnished by the Liturgy Committee rather than their Knights' name tags. Once a Knight's service to a Ministry is completed, he may swap out name tags, if he so desires.

Any Knight or Knight's spouse interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister should contact EM coordinators Michael and Julie Ducatte at [jaducatte@earthlink.net](mailto:jaducatte@earthlink.net). Those interested in becoming a Sacristan should contact Dennis McKinley at [dmckinley@nc.rr.com](mailto:dmckinley@nc.rr.com).



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**KofC INSURANCE MILESTONES**  
From the May 2010 Columbia Magazine

(continued from September)

- 1994** - Family Fraternal Benefit, Orphan Fraternal Benefit and Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit programs are approved at the 112th Supreme Convention.
- 1996** - The Order reaches \$30 billion of total insurance in force.
- 1998** - The Order distributes more than \$200 million in life dividends.
- 1999** - The Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) certifies the Order's insurance program for its ethical business practices.
- 2000** - The Order offers "Knights of Columbus Care," a long-term care insurance plan for members and their spouses. Insurance in force exceeds \$40 billion and assets top \$8.5 billion.
- 2002** - Out of more than 1,200 insurance providers in North America, the Order becomes one of only six to receive the highest ratings from Standard & Poor's and A.M. Best as well as IMSA certification.
- 2003** - Life sales exceed \$5 billion as assets pass \$10 billion. Life dividends paid exceed \$300 million.
- 2005** - A limited life insurance program begins for members in Mexico.
- 2006** - The Order reaches \$10 billion in benefits paid to member families since its founding: \$2.3 billion in death claims and \$8 billion in living benefits.
- 2009** - Insurance in force passes \$70 billion as assets surpass \$14 billion; the number of long-term care policies in force exceeds 30,000. The Order receives the highest approval rating from A.M. Best for the 34th consecutive year and a rating of AAA from Standard & Poor's for the 17th consecutive year.
- 2010** - Insurance in force passes \$75 billion.

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.Kilpatrick@kofc.org](mailto:Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org).

## FISHING DERBY LANDS 15 ANGLERS AND 60 FISH

Council 9709's Parish Fishing Derby attracted some 15 young anglers and their parents Saturday, Sept. 18. The event was held at Father Price Council 2546's compound at the intersection of New Hope Road and New Bern Avenue in southeast Raleigh. The All Saints Council provided fishing equipment and bait for the activity as well as hot dogs and hamburgers for the participants.

Brothers James Powers and Jay Seaman provided fishing instruction and assistance in releasing many of the fish. The event is an expansion of a similar trial event Brother Powers organized for the children of the Council in June. This event was open to the Parish, and many of the participants' parents were not Knights.

"For many this was their first time fishing, so it was great fun to watch the excitement as first catches were landed," said Brother Powers.

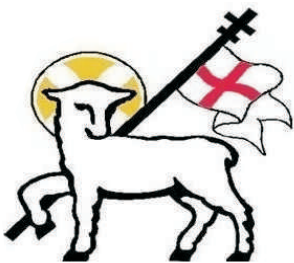
After the Derby Brother Powers presented 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons to participants in four age groups. Certificates were also presented to those in each age group for the largest fish caught.

Many thanks to organizers Brothers Powers and Seaman as well as Grand Knight Kent Siefkes, who applied his cooking talents on the grill.



Brother Mike Pfauth and son Everest show off one of Everest's catches. Everest won the prize for most fish and largest fish (a 10-inch bluegill) in the <6 age group.

## COUNCIL TAKES IN \$1,346.75 AT BRIER CREEK WALMART FOR LAMB



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Only 13 Knights and two spouses showed up to work a shift at the Brier Creek Walmart for Operation LAMB the weekend of Sept. 24-25. William Dodge from the Arch of Wake County worked two three-hour shifts each on Saturday and Sunday. Some 14 of the 35 slots available went vacant.

The number of volunteers did allow the Council to cover the food entrance of the most profitable location for its Operation LAMB

collection, which is usually the most heavily used at the store.

The collection brings the total LAMB collection to date for the Council to \$12,661.22. The Council's State-assigned goal is \$28,578. Last year All Saints Council collected some \$27,745.78. Operation LAMB is run on a calendar year basis.

Council 9709's fall Operation LAMB drive will continue over the weekend of Oct. 7-9 at three locations. There is one vacant slot at the Morrisville Sam's Club Friday, Oct. 7; five vacant slots Saturday, Oct. 8; and four vacant slots Sunday, Oct. 9. There is one vacant slot at the Harris Teeter at 9600 Falls of the Neuse Road Friday, Oct. 7, and five vacant slots Saturday, Oct. 8. The six vacant slots at the Harris Teeter at 6024 Falls of the Neuse Road Sunday, Oct. 9, were taken over by Council 14171 of St. Raphael's when no Council 9709 members signed up. Brother Knights can sign up for a three-hour slot on the Council website under "Events and Schedules."

There are also slots available for the weekend of Oct. 14-16 at the Kroger at 8345 Creedmoor Road.

Thanks to Brothers Robert Bohinski and family, Steve Burdett, Mark Delarosa, Don and Terry Donaghy, Jim Falanga, David Green, Tru Hall, Frank Lewek, Nick Lombardi, Jeff and Pat Rohman, Kent Siefkes, Hadon Ware and Mike Wrzesien for volunteering Sept. 24-25. Brother Ware worked two shifts.