



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

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## NINE TAKE 2ND DEGREE AT NOV. 3 CEREMONY

Nine Brother Knights from three Councils took their 2nd Degree at a ceremony hosted by All Saints Council and District #9 in Anthony Hall Thursday, Nov 3. Four of the Knights were from Council 9709. Congratulations to Brothers Mark Boodee, Keith Houchin, Gabriele Monetti and Bob Weisenberger!

The other five Brother Knights were from Councils outside of District #9. Two came from Fr. Albert J. Todd Council 12119 at St. Bernadette Church in Fuquay-Varina and three from St. Luke the Evangelist Council 12455 at St. Luke the Evangelist Church in Wake Forest.

The next District #9 2nd Degree Ceremony is tentatively scheduled for February 2012. All members of the District #9 team are from Council 9709, and the All Saints Council has tentatively scheduled one 2nd Degree Ceremony per quarter for the fraternal year unless otherwise tasked by the District Deputy.



New Council 9709 2nd Degree Knights Bob Weisenberger, Gabriele Monetti and Keith Houchin after the Nov. 3 ceremony. Brother Mark Boodee also took his 2nd Degree Nov. 3.

## DUKE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MINISTRY NEEDS GIFTS DEC. 6

Council 9709 will support the Duke Children's Hospital Ministry again this year, but the gifts are needed prior to the Council's annual Christmas party (see enclosed flyer). Knights interested in supporting this project should bring wrapped gifts labeled by age and gender or \$20 gift cards for Target or Walmart to the Council's December business meeting Tuesday, Dec. 6. The ministry is holding its major Christmas party for the children the weekend of Dec. 10-11.

Knights can still bring toys and gift cards for the Duke Children's Hospital Ministry to the Christmas party, as the ministry will be conducting other smaller events at the hospital after its major holiday party.

## SONC BOWLING TOURNAMENT SET FOR DEC. 4

The annual Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC) state bowling tournament competition will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, at two locations in Durham and one in Chapel Hill. Council 9709 has been asked to support the awards ceremonies at all three locations again this year. The Council has been conducting the awards ceremonies for at least the past three years.

About 12-15 volunteers are needed at each location. Brother Dick Bridges will coordinate the activities at both sites. Maria Immaculata Council 3390 will provide eight volunteers for the third location; however, they have requested some of Council 9709's Knights who have done SONC before to assist. Anyone interested in volunteering to work the event or to assist Council 3390 should contact Brother Dick Bridges directly via email at: [rbridges1971@aol.com](mailto:rbridges1971@aol.com).



**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Greetings Brothers All!

In this month of November, when Catholics traditionally remember and pray for the faithful departed who have carried on the faith before us, I would like to ask the Council to remember and pray for the souls of our Brother Knights who passed into eternal rest this calendar year: Robert Tremblay (1926-2011), Joe Salem (1909-2011), and Ken Walsh (1946 –2011). I would also like to invite you to attend the Memorial Mass we are holding for all deceased brothers of Council 9709 at 9 a.m., Friday, Nov. 18, in the St. Mary of the Angels Chapel. This is in conjunction with Friday's daily Mass, but will be held in honor of and with intentions for our deceased Brother Knights, whose names will be read during the Prayers of the Faithful. Our Chaplain, Fr. David, will preside and our Council will serve all the liturgical roles in the Mass: music, cantor, lectors, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers. Thanks to Troy Chaput and Fr. David for leading this effort. If you are interested in serving, you can volunteer at <http://www.mysignup.com/kofc9709memorialmass>.

Please join me in welcoming our newest Brothers who took their first degree in October: Leon Cooke, Dave Roos, and Bob Weisenberger. See their picture and read about the others who have recently joined our council on page 3. I would also like to congratulate our six newest Sir Knights (page 5) and our four new Second Degree Knights (page 1).

Finally I would like to invite you and your family to our annual Christmas party Saturday, Dec. 17 (see flyer). A good time will be had by all as we gather together in anticipation of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Vivat Jesus!

*Kent*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**NOVEMBER 2011**

- 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 - Council Deceased Members Memorial Mass, 9 a.m., St. Mary of the Angels Chapel
- 19 - Harvest Moon, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Clare Hall
- 29 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**DECEMBER 2011**

- 4 - SONC Bowling Tournament, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Durham and Chapel Hill
- 6 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 10 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba Hall
- 17 - Council Christmas Party, 4:30 p.m., Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley
- 21 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 27 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**JANUARY 2012**

- 3 - Business Meeting/First Degree, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 17 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 18 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 31 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT. . .4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY OFFICERS**

**Assembly Titles**



- Navigator
- Friar
- Captain
- Admiral
- Pilot
- Scribe
- Comptroller
- Purser
- N/A
- N/A
- Inner Sentinel
- Outer Sentinel
- Trustee 3rd Year
- Trustee 2nd Year
- Trustee 1st Year

When a Knight takes his 4th Degree and becomes a “Sir” Knight, he joins an Assembly of fellow 4th Degree Knights to which the Council is assigned in one of some 20 Provinces of Assemblies around the world. Council 9709, for example, falls under the aegis of the Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778, which comes under the DeSoto Province of Assemblies. The DeSoto Province of Assemblies includes Assemblies from Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Puerto Rico.

Officers of an Assembly have different titles than Council officers, although their duties are quite similar. Assembly officers are addressed with the preface of “Faithful” rather than the “Worthy” preface used for Council officers. The Assembly's leader, for example, is addressed by members as “Faithful Navigator.”

There are no corresponding positions for the Council Advocate and Lecturer in an Assembly. The duties of the Lecturer are performed by the Faithful Captain.

All 4th Degree Knights wear a baldric and red cape, which in the United States and the Philippines has red and blue stripes on a white background, as part of the formal dress. Canada's baldric has red stripes, and Mexico's has red and green stripes.

The Faithful Navigator is entitled to wear a white cape as a symbol of his office. The Assembly's Color Corps Commander wears a purple cape while members of the Assembly's Color Corps wear red capes.

**Council Titles**



- Grand Knight
- Chaplain
- Deputy Grand Knight
- Chancellor
- Warden
- Recorder
- Financial Secretary
- Treasurer
- Lecturer
- Advocate
- Inside Guard
- Outside Guard
- Trustee 3rd Year
- Trustee 2nd Year
- Trustee 1st Year

## COUNCIL ADDS FIVE TO THE ROLLS



L-R: Membership Chairman Brother Tru Hall, Grand Knight Kent Siefkes and Brother Steve Becker (far right) accompanied new Brothers Leon Cooke and David Roos to a 1st Degree Ceremony Oct. 23 in Durham.

All Saints Council 9709 welcomed in three new Brothers during the month of October. Brother Bob Weisenberger took his 1st Degree at the Council's Oct. 4 business meeting, and Brothers Leon Cooke and David Roos took their 1st Degree at St. Matthew's in Durham on Sunday, Oct. 23, with Council 13812.

Brother Chris Noonan was accepted by the Council Oct. 4 as a reactivation, and Brother Bryan Denison, a 35-year Coast Guard veteran, was accepted as a transfer from Elizabeth City.

Four of the five new members will count against the Council's fraternal year 2011-2012 recruiting goal of 15. Brother Denison, a transfer in good standing, will not count against that goal. The four new members bring to six the number of new or reactivated Knights brought into the Council so far this fraternal year.

Brother John Colombo was the Honoree for the Oct. 4 ceremony in recognition of the 50th anniversary of his accession into the Order.

Congratulations Brother John Colombo, and thank you for your 50 years of service!

On the downside there are still some 14 Brother Knights on "Knight Alert" who have not paid their dues for the fraternal year, and another five Knights who will be reported to Supreme as withdrawals. Withdrawals add to the Council's recruiting goal. As of the Nov. 8 meeting, the Council's adjusted recruiting goal was 20. Counting the accessions to date, All Saints Council will still need another 14 new members to achieve the Father McGivney Award for membership. The Retention Committee made up of the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Trustees will continue to work with Brothers who have not responded to dues requests for only a short while longer, after which "Intent to Suspend" notifications will be mailed.

## COUNCIL EXPLORING WORKAROUND TO RBC CENTER POLICY

The Council's annual contract with the RBC Center for the 2011-2012 season has been denied due to a heretofore unknown and supposedly longstanding policy for the Center's dealings with non-profit organizations. The RBC Center only contracts with 501(c)(3) organizations, and the All Saints Council is a 501(c)(8) organization.



Grand Knight Kent Siefkes and Coordinator Mike Wrzesien are working to set up a partnering arrangement to work under the aegis of the Columbus Club, a registered 501(c)(3) organization established by Fr. Price Council 2546, to manage its holdings and activities. Should such an arrangement be concluded, the Council would still be able to work at the RBC Center this season.

A 501(c)(3) organization is "organized and operated exclusively for one or more of the following purposes: religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, educational, fostering national or international amateur sports competition . . . or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals," as per IRS Publication 557. A 501(c)(8) organization is a "fraternal beneficiary society, order or association" as defined by the IRS. Under this IRS definition the Council operates "for the exclusive benefit of the members" and "provides for the payment of life, sick, accident or other benefits of the society, order or association or their dependents." Despite an appeal for an exemption, backed up with a checkbook register and proof that all proceeds from the Council's work at the RBC Center go to charity, the RBC Center has precluded the Council from working at the Center this season under an independent contract and has suggested that the Council partner with a 501(c)(3) organization. The Council had been working with the RBC Center since 2006 as a 501(c)(8) charitable organization.

The Council had budgeted some \$6,100 in revenue from the RBC Center for this fraternal year.

## DUPREES NAMED FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Brother Tom and Elaine DuPree have been selected as Council 9709's Family of the Month for November for their dedicated work on the Council-sponsored semiannual American Red Cross Blood Drives held at St. Francis. The September drive yielded 166 units of blood.

Brother Tom has served the Council as LAMB Director, Treasurer, Deputy Grand Knight and for two years as Grand Knight from 2009-2011. The Council was awarded the Double-Star Award during his second year as Grand Knight during which time the Council recruited twice its membership goal. Under his leadership, the Council was awarded the State Deputy's Award for the year 2009-2010 (a first for Council 9709).

He is also active in the Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778, where he served as Faithful Navigator from 2007 to 2008. He is currently VAVS Representative Durham VA Medical Center, representing Assemblies in Burlington, Chapel Hill, Cary/Apex and Raleigh; NC District VAVS Representative, VA; and NC State LAMB Chairman for Council Relations, Eastern Region.

Brother Tom and Elaine both serve as Eucharistic Ministers at Church, and Brother Tom also serves as a Cross Bearer and in the Parking Ministry. Elaine is a member of the church's Pastoral Ministries.

Elaine is a full-time fourth grade teacher in Angier, N.C., and an active leader in the North Carolina Reading Association, serving as Young Authors Chairman for many years.



Brother Tom and Elaine DuPree

## BROTHER MONETTI IS NOVEMBER'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Monetti Family

Brother Gabriele Monetti has been selected by Council officers as November's Knight of the Month for his exemplary work as Lecturer so far this year.

The Lecturer is responsible for the "Good of the Order" portion of Council business meetings, which is designed to provide educational and entertaining programs to meeting attendees. Brother Gabriele and Council Chaplain Fr. David McBriar have put together a series of eight reflections based upon the Rite of Acceptance, a ceremony through which unbaptized adults receive the Cross and become members of the Order of Catechumens and embark on their journey to the Easter Sacraments. Although the "Good of the Order" portion of the meeting is slated to come near the end, Grand Knight Kent Siefkes decided to place it at the beginning of eight meetings during this fraternal year to maximize Fr. David's availability to attend.

Brother Gabriele joined the Council in January 2011 and took his 2nd Degree Nov. 3. He is active in Evangelization ministries, primarily the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), serves as a Eucharistic Minister to the Meadows and participates in the Men's Ministry. He is also a member of the Lay Dominican family and he is planning to make his Temporary Profession next August.

Brother Gabriele married Dani in July 1993 in his native Italy.

They have a 15-year-old son who is a graduate of The Franciscan School and a freshman at Cardinal Gibbons High School. Brother Gabriele has been a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community since 1996 and is a proud former member of the Italian Carabinieri.

## COUNCIL ADDS SIX NEW SIR KNIGHTS

Six Knights from All Saints Council 9709 donned the baldric of the Order's 4th Degree at a ceremony held in Cary Saturday, Oct. 15. Congratulations to new Sir Knights Mike Evans, Dick Novacek, Ray Martin, Mike Murray, Jim Ward and Mike Wrzesien!

Taking the 4th Degree completes the cycle of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism for which the Order stands. Although full Knighthood is achieved after taking the first three degrees, the 4th Degree is available to those Knights who wish to expand their involvement in the Order and become "Sir" Knights. Being a 4th Degree member entitles a Knight to wear the regalia at special functions and to become a member of an Assembly of Sir Knights, which essentially is organized like a regular Council. Council 9709 Sir Knights belong to Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778, which meets once a month on the Father Price Council 2546 Compound.

A special thanks goes to Sir Knights Tim Dyer, Tom DuPree, Tony Evans and Jeff Rohman who escorted the Council's 4th Degree candidates to the ceremony.



L-R: Congratulations to new Sir Knights Mike Wrzesien, Jim Ward, Ray Martin, Dick Novacek and Mike Evans. Not pictured: New Sir Knight Mike Murray.



## RETIREMENT TRENDS 2011

by Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick

The trend by companies to freeze or end their employee pension plans may have a big impact on baby boomers now on the cusp of retirement. Boomers with pension plans have counted on monthly retirement checks at the end of their career, but increasing numbers of employers are ending their plans or halting future benefit accruals. Those at greatest risk include boomers in their late 40s and early 50s who are still at least a decade from retirement but too old to save enough to make up the difference in their pension benefits.

An August 2005 survey by PricewaterhouseCoopers showed that nearly half of companies that expected to change their pension plans in the next year were considering freezing benefits for all employees. More than a third that offered pensions have already pared back these benefits over the last three years.

Think of retirement as a three-legged stool. In order to maintain balance, you need all three legs, or there will be the possibility of a crash. One leg consists of the benefits the government offers you. There is substantial debate at the moment about the viability of future benefits, and my best advice to you is to make sure you stay aware of what is planned for those benefits. Any change in future benefits should cause an adjustment in the third leg of the stool.

The second leg of the stool is your company's pension plan, either defined benefit (such as a traditional pension: you work so many years and the company provides you with so much monthly benefit) or defined contribution (such as the popular 401K plans). Again, some of these plans, particularly traditional, are under stress. Learn how yours works; read the plan description; stay on top of the news coming from the company. On the 401K side, become a good investor. Teach yourself the fundamentals of good diversification and know how much you have and when you will need it.

Finally, the third leg, the saving you do yourself. Establish a retirement plan of your own. You can open a Knights of Columbus retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income that you cannot outlive at retirement. That really will provide you with peace of mind.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about the one thing you can do to help yourself. It's reasonably priced, guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust: you! I'm at (919) 880-3463 or [Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org](mailto:Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

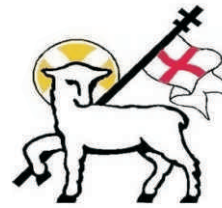
## COUNCIL ADDS \$3,491.21 TO LAMB TOTAL

All Saints Council 9709 collected some \$3,491.21 in donations over the weekend of Oct. 7-9, Wednesday, Oct. 12, the weekend of Oct. 14-16 and a bonus day on Friday, Oct. 20. The Council's total LAMB collection for calendar year 2011 now stands at \$16,152.43 against a State-set goal of \$28,578. The Council collected a total of \$27,745.78 for calendar year 2010.

Brother Knights and their families filled a total of 36 slots at the Morrisville Sam's Club, the Harris Teeter at 9600 Falls of the Neuse Road, the Morrisville Harris Teeter and the Kroger's at 8345 Creedmoor Road. Some 18 slots went unfilled. Brother Knights filled three of another four slots for the Friday, Oct. 20, collection at the Morrisville Harris Teeter after another group canceled out.

Thanks to Brothers Joe Azzopardi, Mark and Allison Baumgartner, Dave Bole, Dick Bridges\*, Jim and Alice Brown, Tom Carlson, Charles Catania, Troy Chaput, Brian Denison, Don Donaghy, Tom DuPree\*, Thomas Eck, Mike Evans\*, Tim Fisher, Tony Halterman\*, Frank Lewek, Jim Lynch\*, John Martin, John Moster, Dick Novacek, James Powers, Jeff Rohman, John Stewart, Mike Supianoski, Norm Tuomi, Kent Siefkes, Dave Vogelpohl and Mike Wrzesien. Knights marked with an asterisk worked at least two shifts. Brother Dick Bridges worked four shifts, and Tony Halterman worked three. A special thanks also goes to William Dodge of The Arc of Wake County who also worked two shifts for the Council.

LAMB coordinator Brother Tim Stevens is working to set up a day before Thanksgiving for a final push for this year's campaign. Brother Stevens also plans to make a yearend appeal to the Council's membership to make fully tax-deductible personal contributions to LAMB.



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## COUNCIL SUBMITS MIDYEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS

All Saints Council has submitted its award nominations for the State's April-September reporting period. The Council submitted award nominations for the categories of Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth. Awards for the Pro-Life and Membership categories will be submitted for events that have taken or are to take place during the October-March reporting period.

Grand Knight Kent Siefkes nominated the Council's Memorial Day Mass project under the Church category, the Council's 10 years of service under the North Carolina's Adopt-A-Highway program for Community, the Council's sponsorship of the September 2011 American Red Cross Blood Drive under Council, the Council's annual June picnic and Fishing Derby for Family and the Council's sponsorship of a Parish-wide Fishing Derby under the Youth category.

"I am extremely proud of the members of this Council for their many shining examples of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism," said Grand Knight Kent Siefkes. "I want to thank them personally for their generous gifts of time, talent and treasure. I am honored to submit these nominations on their behalf."

The Council also submitted its State Service Program Report, which is a report simply outlining the number of activities in each of the program areas. From April 1-Sept. 30, the Council reported 14 Church activities, 22 Community activities, 30 Council activities, 13 Family activities, five Pro-Life activities, nine Membership activities and three Youth activities. The number of activities is compared to the State standards for service under the categories of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, with Charity being the highest. So far this fraternal year, Council 9709 has already achieved the Charity category for Community and Council, and is well on its way to achieving that category for the other program areas by the end of the fraternal year.

Award nominations will be judged by the State officers, and the midyear awards will be presented at the State Midyear Meeting in Washington, N.C., Jan. 28. Councils are grouped into four divisions ranging from Division I, the smallest Councils, to Division IV, the largest Councils. The four divisions were established by State for the purpose of awards competition so that Councils compete with other Councils of similar size and similar capabilities. Council 9709 is a Division IV Council, which means its membership exceeds 160. The Council's membership as of the Nov. 8 meeting was 230. Council 9709 is one of the smallest Division IV Councils in the State. The largest Division IV Council is Council 10852 in Charlotte, which boasts an estimated 450 members.



**Knights of Columbus All Saints Council 9709  
2011 Christmas Dinner**

**Marriott Raleigh Crabtree Valley  
4500 Marriott Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27612  
919-781-7000**



**Saturday, December 17, 2011  
4 p.m. - 9 p.m.**



View of the "Valley" area of the Marriott's Crabtree Grill dining room.

**DINNER MENU**

**STARTERS**

(1) Chef's Soup of the Day, (2) House Greens or  
(3) Classic Caesar Salad

**ENTREES**

(1) Roasted Chicken Breast, (2) Grilled Pork  
Chop or (3) Linguini Carbonara

**DESSERTS**

(1) Pumpkin Bread Pudding, (2) Pecan Pie or  
(3) Black Forest Cake

**BEVERAGES**

Iced Water, Iced Tea, Coffee or Herbal Tea

Come join your Brother Knights, spouses and families at the Marriott Raleigh Crabtree Valley for an early Christmas celebration. Enjoy the atmosphere of one of Raleigh's exclusive hotel and convention centers and Council 9709's own customary hospitality. Reservations and advance payment required. Adult meals are \$28. Meals for children six and up will cost \$14 and include a choice of four entrees: a hot dog, chicken tenders or a "Kid Burger" with or without cheese. All children's meals come with French fries, a fruit plate appetizer, dessert and drink. Meals for children five and under are free. They will receive a fruit cup, macaroni and cheese and a scoop of ice cream

Unlike in past years, Council members are asked to bring wrapped gifts labeled by age and gender or \$20 gift cards for Target or Walmart to the Tuesday, Dec. 6, business meeting for the Duke Children's Hospital Ministry. Any gifts brought to the Christmas party will be donated to the ministry; however, their major activity this year is slated for the weekend of Dec. 10-11.

Checks for the dinner should be made out to "KofC Council 9709" and sent directly to Brother James Powers, 9805 Carvel Court, Raleigh, NC 27613.

**Deadline for reservations is Dec. 7, 2011**

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See Choices Under **DINNER MENU** Above (Please provide each child's name, age and meal selection on reverse.)

Name: _____	Salad (1) (2) (3) Entree (1) (2) (3) Dessert(1) (2) (3)	1 x \$28.00
Spouse Name: _____	Salad (1) (2) (3) Entree (1) (2) (3) Dessert(1) (2) (3)	1 x \$28.00
Children (6 and up)	Hot Dog _____ Tenders _____ Burger _____ Cheeseburger _____	_____ x \$14.00
Children (5 and under)	Fruit Cup, Macaroni and Cheese and Ice Cream	_____ (FREE)
Any special dietary requirements? _____	Total Payment Enclosed:	_____

Detach and mail this stub to James Powers, 9805 Carvel Court, Raleigh, NC 27613