



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

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## COUNCIL PASSES THE TORCH ON SONC

Council 9709 involved seven representatives from Council 3990 and two representatives from Council 13812, both from Durham, in one of two venues used for the Annual Special Olympics North Carolina Bowling Competition held in Durham Sunday, Dec. 4.

Brother Dave Vogelpohl coordinated the Team Bowling and Doubles Bowling Competition at AMF Durham Lanes with a combination of Council 9709 members and the members of the Durham Councils. All Saints Council used the Team Bowling Competition as an instructional session for the Durham Councils, and the Durham Councils took over the awards ceremony for the Doubles Competition after the Team Competition awards ceremony concluded. Thanks to Brothers Dennis, Joann and daughter Colleen Kelleher; Dick Novacek and Dave and Ann Vogelpohl for working the AMF Durham Lanes. Brother Tony Evans served as SONC Master of Ceremonies at the AMF Durham Lanes as well.

Brother Ralph Guenther ran the Singles Bowling Competition at The Village Lanes in Durham. Thanks to Brothers Mike, Carol, Mary Ashley and Delaney Darrow; Jack Fallon, Edie Dickinson, James and daughter Julie Powers and Dave and son Alex Roos for working that venue. Brother Dick Bridges also served as SONC Master of Ceremonies at The Village Lanes.

The SONC Bowling Competition was moved to Durham this year because of cost considerations as well as the availability of suitable venues. SONC had initially planned on three venues, including one in Chapel Hill; however, the turnout this year, at least in the Eastern North Carolina Competition allowed the Teams Bowling Competition to be consolidated with the Doubles Bowling Competition at AMF Durham Lanes. The Central North Carolina Competition was held in Greensboro. The Western North Carolina Competition was held in Newton, N.C.

The competition this year involved some 800 registered athletes from across North Carolina. Some 136 singles bowlers competed at The Village Lanes, and 165 athletes (15 five-person teams and 45 doubles) bowled at AMF Durham Lanes.

## COUNCIL SERVES PANCAKES TO 164

Some 15 Knights and two spouses served some 164 parishioners a pancake breakfast in Clare Hall after the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses, Sunday, Nov. 20. The number of 164 represents customers having paid \$2 each for their pancakes and sausages and excludes children under five who ate free. Some 440 pancakes and 450 sausages were consumed.

The Council works a quarterly pancake breakfast for the Church to help bring parishioners together in a social setting. The materials are all paid for by the Parish; the Knights only furnish the labor. Other ministries work similar events. The Council uses the breakfast as a recruiting tool and there were a few potential recruits who indicated an interest in joining.

Thanks to Brothers Dick Barton, Steve Becker, Dave Bole, Dick\* and Sabine Bridges, Steve Burdett, Brian Denison, Kent Siefkes, Ralph Guenther,\* Keith Houchin, Dennis Kelleher,\* Jeff Rohman, Tim Stevens, Tru Hall,\* Carol Ware, Mark Walvoord and Mike Wrzesien for working at least one shift. Those names marked with an asterisk worked two shifts.



L-R: Brothers Dennis Kelleher, Jeff Rohman, Keith Houchin and Brian Denison prepare to serve pancakes and sausage at the Nov. 20 Parish breakfast.

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Greetings Brothers All!

I hope that each of you enjoyed a restful Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends. In the spirit of Thanksgiving I would like to sincerely thank you for all you do for our Council and Parish – we are truly blessed with so many dedicated Catholic gentlemen who are truly generous with their time, talent and treasure in doing the Lord's good work here on earth.

I'd like to thank especially Brother Dick Bridges for his leadership in organizing our most recent SONC Bowling Competition in this "transition" year; Brother Troy Chaput and Fr. David for organizing our first ever and very special Memorial Mass for our deceased brothers; Brother Mike Wrzesien for leading our food service efforts for the Harvest Moon festival; and Brother Jeff Rohman for organizing the collection of a record 79 flags for our second annual flag retirement ceremony. For all the Brothers who helped make these service events and the Parish pancake breakfast possible – thanks!

I'd like to encourage all Brothers to push for new members in preparation for our next 1st Degree Ceremony at our Jan. 3 business meeting. You can suggest the names of potential new Knights to our Membership Director Tru Hall at (561) 436-9566 or [truhall@aol.com](mailto:truhall@aol.com) and/or invite them to attend any of our information sessions in Rm. 403 on Dec. 13, 7:30–8:30 p.m.; Dec. 18, 1-2 p.m. or Dec. 29, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Finally I'd like to draw your attention to the opt-out deadline in the Contact List article on page 6. If you wish to opt out, please let me know.

May you find peace this Advent as we wait in joyful anticipation of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Vivat Jesus!

*Kent*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**DECEMBER 2011**

- 10 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba Hall
- 13 - New Candidate Information Session, 7:30 p.m., Room 403
- 17 - Council Christmas Party, Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley, 4:30 p.m.
- 21 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 27 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room
- 29 - New Candidate Information Session, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

**JANUARY 2012**

- 3 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 13 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 6650, Cary
- 14 - March for Life, 1 p.m., Nash Square, Raleigh
- 17 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 18 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 22-23 - Holy Name College Seminararians Visit and Right to Life March, Washington, DC
- 28 - State Midyear Meeting East, Washington, NC
- 31 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**FEBRUARY 2012**

- 2 - 2nd Degree Ceremony, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Rm
- 7 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 11 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 9499, Clemmons
- 15 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 18 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 2546, Raleigh
- 22 - Ash Wednesday
- 28 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . VOLUNTEER TAX DEDUCTIONS**

The Internal Revenue Service allows individuals performing volunteer work to deduct some amounts paid in giving services to a qualified charitable organization that are unreimbursed, directly connected with the services incurred only because of the services they gave and not personal, living or family related expenses. Volunteer work performed in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus qualifies under the IRS definition.

Specifically, you can deduct unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses such as the cost of gas and oil that are directly related to the use of your vehicle in giving services to a charitable organization. You cannot deduct general repair or maintenance expenses, depreciation, registration fees or the costs of tires or insurance. If you do not wish to keep track of actual expenses incurred, you can claim a deduction of \$.14 per mile that you use your vehicle for volunteer work or commute back and forth to the site at which the volunteer work is performed. You can also deduct parking fees and tolls whether you claim actual expenses or the standard mileage rate.

You cannot deduct actual expenses or mileage incurred from driving back and forth to meetings or seminars that do not involve direct volunteer service to a qualified charitable organization. As an example, you cannot deduct actual expenses or the mileage you incur from going to a regular Council business meeting, but you can deduct those expenses or the mileage if you drive to the Church parking lot to participate in the Council's quarterly Adopt-A-Highway trash pick ups.

You must keep a written record of your vehicle expenses or mileage driven. That record will be accepted by the Internal Revenue Service provided it has the name(s) of the organization(s) for which you worked and the date and number of miles on each occasion you used your vehicle for a charitable purpose.

The deduction is entered as a cash donation on Line 16 of Schedule A on your tax return.

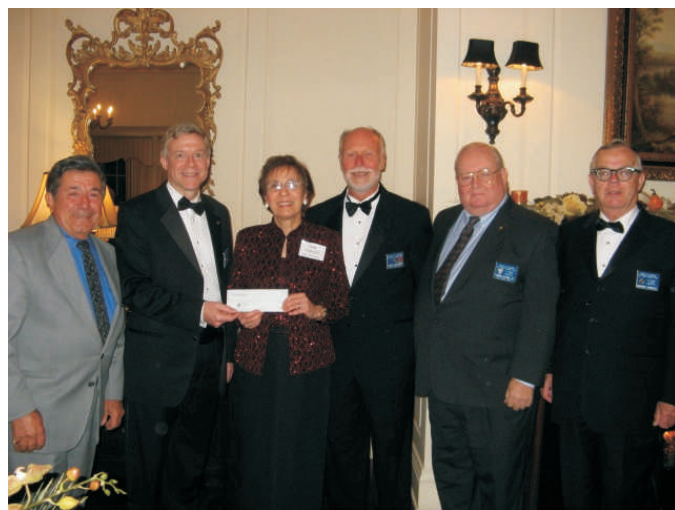
## ELEVEN ATTEND BENEFIT FOR LIFE GALA

Eleven Knights, spouses and friends of the Council were among the 500 attendees to the 9th Annual Benefit for Life Gala held at the Northridge Country Club Friday, Oct. 7. The Council sponsored two tables at the event, which raises money for four Ministries in the Diocese of Raleigh: Birthchoice, The Gabriel Project, Family Honor and Project Rachel.

Birthchoice is celebrating its 39th anniversary this year. It offers onsite, unlimited ultrasound to women who visit for help and guidance. The Gabriel Project provides assistance to Birthchoice clients and other agency clients by mentoring mothers before and after their children are born. Family Honor, chaired in Raleigh by Grand Knight Kent and Virginia Siefkes, is a national Catholic non-profit organization that offers a family-centered approach to chastity education grounded in Scripture, Church teaching and Blessed Pope John Paul's Theology of the Body. Project Rachel is a post-abortive healing ministry that provides confidential assistance to women, men and all who have experienced the pain of abortion.

Grand Knight Kent Siefkes presented a check for \$1,000 to Birthchoice Director Betty Rogosich at the gala. Birthchoice has been an annual recipient of donations from the All Saints Council ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 over the past several years. Last year the Council donated \$1,500.

Seated at the two tables sponsored by the Council were Brothers Tom and Elaine DuPree, Ralph Guenther and Edie Dickinson, Kent and Virginia Siefkes, John and Gloria LaTorre, Manfred Varnhold. State Secretary Jack Murray and wife as well as State Advocate John Nussbaum also sat at the Council's tables. Brother Joe and Rosemary Czejkowski from Council 9709 sat at the Family Honor table.



Brother Knights John LaTorre, Kent Siefkes, Ralph Guenther, Tom DuPree and Manfred Varnhold present a \$1,000 donation to Birthchoice Director Betty Rogosich at the gala.

## COUNCIL SERVES UP CHILI AT HARVEST MOON



Brothers Don and Terri Donaghy, Dick Novacek, Keith Houchin, Dick Bridges, Mike Wrzesien and Ralph Guenther staff the food line at Harvest Moon, Nov. 19.

Bob Weisenberger and Mike Wrzesien for cooking the chili Friday evening, Nov. 18. And thanks to Brothers Dick Bridges, Ken Bridges, Don and Terri Donaghy, Ralph Guenther, Keith Houchin, Dick Novacek, James Powers and Mike and Jan Wrzesien for serving the food Saturday, Nov. 19.

All Saints Council 9709 purchased, prepared and served chili, macaroni and cheese and hot dogs at the St. Francis of Assisi Preschool's Harvest Moon festival Saturday, Nov. 19. Six Knights prepared the chili Friday, Nov. 18, and eight Knights and one spouse served the food the next day.

This is the third year that the Council has provided "seed" money for the food costs of Harvest Moon, which is an annual fundraiser for the Preschool. The Council budgeted \$3,200 for Catholic Education in its 2011-12 budget that included the costs of running the food stand at Harvest Moon as well as a future donation to the Preschool. The cost of the food was \$287.22, according to Youth Director and Event Coordinator Mike Wrzesien. Money raised at Harvest Moon goes toward assisting parents with tuition as well as funding for extracurricular activities and new programs.

Thanks to Brothers Steve Burdett, George Canfield, Tony Evans, Ralph Guenther, Mike Supianoski,

## DONAGHYS CHOSEN AS DECEMBER'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Brother Don Donaghy and wife Terri were selected as December's Family of the Month for the many hours of volunteer work they contribute to Council, Church and Community activities. Brother Don has contributed hundreds of hours of individual volunteer time for calendar year 2011. Terri has amassed many hours as well, doing many of the same projects with Brother Don together as a team.

Brother Don joined the Knights of Columbus, All Saints Council 9709 on Oct. 11, 2005, and was exemplified to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree on Oct. 24, 2009.

The Donaghys have been married 48 years and have lived in Raleigh for 28 years, almost all that time as parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi community. Don retired from IBM in January 1993 after 34 years of service, and Terri retired from GE Mortgage in March 2000 after 13 years of service. Together they participate in many Church ministries such as Catholic Parish Outreach, migrant ministries, WHIN, and the funeral ministry. In addition they serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Church collection counters, Church Liturgy Sexton and backup receptionist. They attend weekday Mass whenever possible, and coordinate a weekly coffee and refreshment for all the attending adults. They help out in many ad hoc functions (Church and the Knights) whenever needed as a team or individually.

"By joining the Knights," Don said, "we were able to expand our volunteer time and talents to helping others in our community."

Terri and Don have worked together on many Council projects such as LAMB, the semi-annual blood drive, USO donut runs, Special Olympics and the RBC Center. Don is a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree team for District #9. They attend as many Council social functions as they can, and enjoy the Knight's Fraternity.



Brother Don and Terri

## BROTHER STEVE BURDETT CHOSEN AS KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Steve Burdett

Council officers have selected Brother Steve Burdett as December's Knight of the Month for taking the lead at the barbecue grills for the Church and Council at the Francis Fest on Sunday, Oct. 2. Brother Steve and three other Knights cooked up 800 hamburgers and 800 hot dogs to help the Church celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. This is the second year in a row that Brother Steve has been selected as Knight of the Month for his work at the Francis Fest.

Brother Steve has been a Parishioner at St. Francis since 1998, joining the Church through the RCIA Program in 2000. He heads up the Parking Ministry, which was "adopted" by the Council's Church Committee in 2010. He is also a Cross Bearer at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. He has helped organize and coordinate past Parish picnics and was asked again this year by the Church staff to head up the cooking crew at the Francis Fest.

Wife Susan has been a first grade teacher at The Franciscan School since it opened in 2000. She is a Eucharistic minister at 9:30 a.m. Mass. Both Brother Steve and Susan have also served as sponsors for RCIA. They met at North Carolina State University (NCSU) and were married at St. Raphael's in 1984. Daughter Christine is a senior at NCSU working on a double major in Chemical Engineering and Spanish, and son Ryan is a sophomore at Appalachian State University majoring in Music Therapy. Both Christine and Ryan have been active in the St. Francis music program as members of the

Youth Choir and as Cantors and Song Leaders.

Brother Steve also enjoys working in the yard, grilling at home and following the NCSU Wolfpack.

## COUNCIL HOLDS FIRST EVER MEMORIAL MASS

All Saints Council 9709 held its first ever Memorial Mass for its deceased members Friday, Nov. 18, in the St. Mary of the Angels Chapel. Some 80 parishioners and Brother Knights and their wives were in attendance. Council Chaplain Fr. David McBriar presided at the Mass, tailoring his homily to the Knights. He was very complimentary about all that the Council does for the St. Francis of Assisi community. "It is fair to say that at least 50 percent of all the activities of this Parish are initiated, driven or supported by the Knights," he said. Grand Knight Kent Siefkes read the Memorial Roll of the 14 members of the Council who have died since the All Saints Council was founded on Jan. 6, 1988.

Honored at the Memorial Mass were deceased Brothers Paul F. Hoffman (4/10/94), Wilbur P. Matthews (1/8/01), Anthony J. Pansini (7/6/01), Kenneth J. Steltz (11/28/02), Richard H. Milroy (12/28/02), Frank T. Sancineto (12/5/03), Joseph F. Alman (11/18/04), Victor J. Parlanti (6/29/07), Patrick F. McCulloch (5/3/09), Ronald G. Hassan, Sr. (4/27/10), David R. Nackashi (8/15/10), Robert A. Tremblay (1/7/11), Joseph R. Salem (6/28/11) and Kenneth J. Walsh (10/15/11). Any Brother Knight knowing of a deceased Brother who should be added to this list for next year's Memorial Mass should contact Grand Knight Kent Siefkes or Church Director Troy Chaput.

Brothers from Council 9709 participated in the service at all levels. Brother Troy Chaput, the Council's Church Director, organized the entire Mass and composed the Prayers of the Faithful. Brother Rich Szulewski served as Cantor, Brother Jim Wahl provided the music, Brother Dick Bridges served as Lector, Brother Kent Siefkes read the Prayers of the Faithful, and Brothers Don Donaghy, Tom DuPree and Ralph Guenther served as Eucharistic Ministers.

Under Article VIII of the Council's By Laws specify that the Council will hold a Mass in November each year "for the repose of the souls of deceased members." This is the first time, however, that the Council has observed that provision of the By Laws.



St. Mary of the Angels Chapel



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**I ALREADY HAVE LIFE INSURANCE  
AT WORK**

By Timothy G. Kilpatrick, FICF, CSA

Many jobs offer some form of group term life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he does not need to discuss personally-owned life insurance with a professional agent. That would be a mistake. Group life insurance remains in effect so long as you are a member of the "group," and term life insurance may only be good for the time you are with the firm that offers the benefit.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, in the absence of a detailed needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge), any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, and sometimes eliminated, when you retire.

Especially today there is the very real possibility that you could change employers or lose your job, reducing or even eliminating your benefits. In either case you could, one day, find yourself without any coverage for you or your family. If your health has changed in the meantime, you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

While group life insurance can be a useful supplement to your overall insurance program, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand.

I'm at 919-880-3463 or [Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org](mailto:Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org). Call me. Let's talk.

## COUNCIL CONTACT LIST TO BE AVAILABLE JAN. 9

Ever want to contact a Brother Knight and not have his telephone number or e-mail readily available? Soon you will be able to access a secure Contact List with that information on the Council website. Attendees at the Nov. 8 business meeting approved the creation of an “opt out” Contact List for this purpose.

On or after Jan. 9, Council members wishing to have the Contact List password may send a request directly to Grand Knight Kent Siefkes via e-mail at [uksiefkes@aol.com](mailto:uksiefkes@aol.com) or by telephone 846-9016. The Grand Knight will provide the access password providing the requestor agrees to abide by the following terms of usage: (1) The Contact List is to be used only for Council business, social activities or emergency contact purposes; (2) The Contact List may not be shared with anyone who is not a member of Council 9709 or a surviving widow of a former member of Council 9709; and (3) The access password for the Contact List is not to be shared with anyone without the express permission of the Grand Knight. The Contact List should never be used for solicitation, commercial business or political purposes.

Brother Knights not having access to the internet can obtain a paper copy of the Contact List through the Grand Knight, who has also assumed responsibility for keeping the list current.

Brother Knights wishing not to have their names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses on the Contact List have until Dec. 28 to “opt out” of having all or some of their information posted. To “opt out” Brother Knights should contact Grand Knight Kent Siefkes directly via e-mail at [uksiefkes@aol.com](mailto:uksiefkes@aol.com) or by telephone 846-9016.

The concept of developing, publishing and distributing a Contact List began at the September business meeting at the request of Brother John Izzo, who expressed frustration at not being able to contact a Brother Knight on Council business. Council officers have worked with Supreme to develop a solution to the request, and the Contact List posted on a discrete portion of the Council website and protected by password was deemed the best solution after discussion among the officers and consultation with the Council’s members at the November and December business meetings.

## BOY SCOUTS RETIRE 79 U.S. FLAGS NOV. 8



Some 40 members of Boy Scout Troop 352 retired 79 worn U.S. flags at Council 9709's Nov. 8 business meeting. The Scouts demonstrated the proper protocol for retiring worn flags during the short ceremony. Life Scout Peter Oertel led the ceremony, with Life Scout Luke Taylor and Star Scout Adam Noonan serving as narrators for the ceremony.

Cotton flags were first disassembled and the red and white stripes and blue fields with stars are consumed by fire in stages. Flags made of synthetic material are recycled as burning them gives off gases potentially harmful to the atmosphere.

As the separate parts of the flags were consumed by fire, the narrators noted that the seven red stripes of the flag stand for seven of the original 13 colonies as well as symbolize the hardiness, valor and blood sacrifice of the country's forefathers. The six white stripes symbolize six of the original colonies as well as the purity and innocence of the civilians who fought the British for their independence. The blue field symbolizes the perseverance of the forefathers to create a nation and their vigilance in maintaining that nation with freedom and

justice for all. The stars symbolize the heavens and the divine goal to which man has strived throughout the ages.

The Scouts posted a Color Guard at the beginning of the ceremony and led the assemblage in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Brother Knights joined the Scouts in singing “America the Beautiful,” after which the colors were retired.

All Saints Council is the sponsoring organization for Boy Scout Troop 352, and the words “Knights of Columbus 9709” are emblazoned on the bottom third of the Troop's flag. Council 9709 has supported more than 35 Scouts in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout over the nearly 15 years of the Troop's existence.

Brother Jeff Rohman coordinated the ceremony for the Council and at the meeting thanked the Knights who staffed the table in the Stewardship Room to collect worn flags from parishioners in September.