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COUNCIL MARCHES FOR LIFE IN RALEIGH AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

Six Knights from Council 9709 were among several thousand people who took to the streets of Raleigh Saturday, Jan. 14, for the annual North Carolina Right to Life Rally and March. Some 25 Knights from all over the state formed the color and honor guards for the March and led march participants from Nash Square past the State Legislature on Jones Street before returning to the Sacred Heart Cathedral grounds for some refreshments. Brother Tom DuPree marched in regalia with the Honor Guard. Fr. David McBriar, Council Chaplain, and Brothers Dick Bridges, Dick Novacek, Kent Siefkes, Dave Vogelpohl and Mike Wrzesien marched with the main body.

Bishop Michael Burbidge began the rally with the invocation and was particularly enthusiastic after coming from the youth rally held on the Sacred Heart Cathedral grounds prior to the rally in Nash Square. Some 690 youth attended that rally. The

number of young people at the rally and in the march underscored featured speaker National Right to Life Committee President Carol Tobias' comment that "the Pro-Life movement is getting younger while the other side is not." The other featured speakers at the rally included the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Students for Life Director Christina Geradts and North Carolina State University Students for Life Director Teresa Pincus, further proof that young people in growing numbers favor the right to life.

Grand Knight Kent Siefkes and Brother Tom DuPree also traveled to Washington, D.C., Jan. 22-23, for the National Right to Life March and to visit and attend evening and morning prayer services with the seminarians supported by the Council's Refund Support Vocations Program. They departed from the St. Francis parking lot at noon, Sunday, Jan. 22, for Holy Name College in Silver Spring, Md., to visit with the seminarians. Overnight lodging, dinner and breakfast was included free at the College. Brothers DuPree and Siefkes were part of the Honor Guard with nine other Sir Nights for the North Carolina Mass for Life at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception before the 39th annual National March for Life on the Capitol Mall. Brothers DuPree and Siefkes also had a quick one-on-one with N.C. Senator Richard Burr at the March.

All Saints Council is currently sponsoring three seminarians, and the annual trip to Washington, D.C., serves as a venue for presenting the seminarians with their annual \$500 stipend checks. Brothers Stephen DeWitt and Daniel Horan received their checks during the delegation's visit to Holy Name College. Brother Phil List, the third seminarian supported by All Saints Council, will receive his check by mail at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, N.Y., where he is studying to become a Priest.



Brothers Dick Novacek, Dave Vogelpohl and Kent Siefkes carried the large Council banner during the march in Raleigh.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Greetings Brothers All!

Congratulations to Brothers Jim Falanga, Keith Houchin, Mike Pfauth and Bob Weisenberger, who took their 3rd Degree on Jan. 13 in Cary (article on Page 6). We have at least two more Brothers planning to take their 3rd Degree on Feb. 18.

Thanks to the efforts of our web master Joe Azzopardi, the long-awaited Contact List is now securely available online. If you would like access, please make a request to me at vksiefkes@aol.com or 846-9016 and I'll provide you online access instructions or a hard copy if necessary.

I would encourage everyone to attend a Cathedral Campaign reception when you receive your invitation or attend a subsequent reception later. Brother Shawn Bayle and I are both excited to be on the St. Francis Campaign Committee of this historic project. Regardless of your opinion of the merits of the Cathedral, you should attend one of these information sessions to hear the whole story and then decide for yourself – it will be time well spent. This is a joint Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)/Cathedral campaign. Not a dollar of the St. Francis campaign funds go to the Cathedral until our Parish BAA goal is fully met.

Finally, I would encourage every Brother to sign up at www.catholicvoicenc.org (JOIN US). This is the primary vehicle by which Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Jugis provide the faithful of North Carolina the nonpartisan Catholic viewpoint on important legislative matters to help us inform our conscience and take action if we are moved to do so. As Knights, this is one way we can live out the second principle of our order – Unity.

Vivat Jesus!


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

FEBRUARY 2012

- 11 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 9499, Clemmons
- 15 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 18 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 2546, Raleigh
- 21 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., California Pizza Kitchen, Triangle Town Center
- 22 - Ash Wednesday
- 26 - District Free Throw Championship, Community Center
- 28 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

MARCH 2012

- 6 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 10 - 3rd Degree Ceremony, Council 7406, Mooresville
- 10 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba
- 20 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Capri Restaurant, 6325 Falls of the Neuse Road
- 21 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 27 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

APRIL 2012

- 3 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 14 - 3rd Degree, Council 13812, Durham
- 17 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 18 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 21 - 3rd Degree, Council 1074, Wilmington
- 24 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . RSVP PROGRAM

Through the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), Councils, Assemblies and Squires Circles “adopt” one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support. RSVP money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for tuition and books, car insurance and maintenance, travel during vacations, emergency expenditures and other living expenses. Knights provide more than financial support, though. Members write letters to students, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the Order and, most importantly, pray for vocations.

Last year, financial help from 2,697 Councils, Assemblies and Circles to future Priests, Sisters and Brothers, exceeded \$2.8 million. Since 1981 the Order has provided more than \$49.9 million in aid through RSVP, helping more than 80,000 men and women follow their vocations.

Qualifying Councils and Assemblies receive a \$100 refund for every \$500 donated, up to a limit of \$2,000 donated to an individual, while the refund for Squires is \$20 for every \$100 donated. In the Philippines and Mexico, Councils and Assemblies receive the equivalent in local currency of \$50 for every \$250 donated.

Other vocations-related projects conducted by Supreme include: support for the missions of the national colleges for priestly training in Rome: the North American College, the Pontifical Canadian College and the Pontifical Mexican College; support for the American College in Louvain, Belgium; publication of the full-page color advertisements on the back cover of each issue of Columbia magazine that each month features pictures and a vocation narrative of a person who has chosen to answer God's call to the priesthood or religious life; funding to the Bishops' Conference of Cuba for a seminary there; assistance for the construction of a house of discernment for women religious in Brazil; financial help with renovations for the Polish Pontifical Institute in Rome, and for new construction of a seminary in Tlalpan, Mexico; financial support for an international meeting of Priests convened in Rome by the Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy; and a contribution to the U.S.-based Institute for Priestly Formation and Institute on Religious Life. *Source: Supreme Website*

STATE TASKS COUNCIL TO SELL 1,000 VACATION RAFFLE TICKETS

No 15901	NAME _____	2012 KC VACATION RAFFLE Sponsored by N.C. STATE COUNCIL WIN First Prize - Alaskan Cruise for 2 + \$700 Cash Second Prize - 7 Day Hawaiian Vacation for 2 + \$500 Cash Third thru Seventh Prizes - \$200 Cash Each DRAWING May 19, 2012 Donation \$5.00 Not Tax Deductible <small>Need not be present to win. Winners responsible for all applicable taxes.</small>	No 15901
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	COUNCIL # _____		

The North Carolina State Council has assigned All Saints Council 9709 a quota of 1,000 vacation raffle tickets to sell by April 28, 2012, an increase of 200 over fraternal year 2010-2011. The Council gets to keep \$2.50 from every \$5 ticket sold, something that could be very beneficial for Council 9709 this year. State uses the other \$2.50 from each ticket to cover its annual operating expenses.

“Selling as many tickets as we can will really help the Council this year,” said Grand Knight Kent Siefkes. “Since we have been unable to work at the RBC Center this season, these raffle tickets will provide the major income for the Council's General Fund this year.”

The Council's two other main sources of revenue are already committed to other causes. The Council earmarks the proceeds from its annual barbecue to Catholic education, and LAMB funds are maintained in a separate State account for distribution to agencies supporting the intellectually handicapped.

Council 9709 sold some 777 tickets last fraternal year, earning some \$1,942.50 for the General Fund.

Brother Knights able to sell tickets to friends, neighbors and/or relatives should contact raffle ticket sales coordinator Brother Dick Bridges directly at 806-3816 or rbridges1971@aol.com to get tickets. The Council deadline for selling tickets is April 15, after which all unsold tickets, stubs and cash should be turned in to Brother Bridges.

The raffle drawing will take place in Asheville on Saturday, May 19, at the annual North Carolina Knights of Columbus Convention. The Grand Prize is a seven-day Alaska cruise for two sailing from either Seattle or Vancouver including airfare and \$700 cash. Second prize is a six-day, seven-night vacation in Honolulu, Hawaii, for two including airfare, hotel, transfers to/from the airport and the hotel, a Polynesian Cultural Center dinner/show, a sightseeing tour and \$500 cash. Third through seventh prize winners each receive \$200 cash. Ticket purchasers do not need to be present to win, and all winners will be contacted by the State Council directly. Last year's Grand Prize winner was David Deferie of Asheville, and second prize went to Dave Seifert from Raleigh. Brother Dave Bole sold the winning second prize ticket to his daughter's father-in-law last year.

The \$5 purchase price of the ticket is not tax deductible, and winners will need to pay applicable taxes, both federal and state, on the fair-market value of their winnings.

WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN

Seven Knights and one spouse spent a little over an hour taking down the Church's 12-foot tall Christmas tree Tuesday, Jan. 10, wrapping up 25 strings of lights and dragging the tree out the side door of the Church. The group also cleaned up afterwards. Thanks to Brothers Mark and Theresa Baumgartner, Steve Becker, Dick Bridges, Troy Chaput, Joe Mesiano, Kent Siefkes and Bob Weisenberger.

Brother Donaghy headed up a group of Knights who took down and stored the Church's creche earlier the same day. Thanks to Brothers Brian Denison, Donaghy and Dave Vogelpohl for donating an hour of their time.

Brother Tom DuPree led another group that day in removing the lights from the tree in the Church courtyard near Anthony Hall. Thanks to Brothers DuPree, Jeff Rohman and Mike Supianoski. The task took about an hour.

The Council typically is called on to help out with the decoration of the Church for the Christmas season, but no good deed goes unpunished. What goes up must come down.



L-R: Brothers Joe Mesiano, Kent Siefkes, Bob Weisenberger and Troy Chaput prepare to drag the Church Christmas tree outside.

ADOKIS ARE FEBRUARY'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected the Adoki Family as February's Family of the Month for Brother Akuro's service to the Council and wife Mary's wonderful music program at the Council's annual Christmas party in December.

Brother Akuro Adoki and wife Mary have been happily married for 26 years and blessed with three beautiful children: son Tonye and daughters Belema and Furo. They also have two grandchildren, seven-year-old Matthew and seven-month-old Audriana Rose.

Brother Akuro joined the Knights eleven years ago as a member of Council 5052 in Farmers Branch, Texas, and transferred his membership to Council 9709 in 2003. He is also a 4th Degree Sir Knight and member of Assembly 778.

The Adokis transferred from Texas to North Carolina in 2003 where Brother Akuro continued working with Kodak Service and Support as a Regional Field Scheduling Manager. He is currently employed by Sears Holdings Corporation as a Regional Route Manager for the Home Services Division.

Brother Akuro serves as a Lector at the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass and actively participates in various Knights of Columbus activities. He currently serves as the Council's Church Director and is a member of the District #9 2nd Degree Team.

Mary is very active in the Music Ministry at the Parish. She serves as a Cantor, sings with the Sunday 5:30 p.m. Praise Band, with the Church's Resurrection Choir and as Cantor at funerals and weddings and other liturgies as needed. Mary also is a team member of the Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group at St. Francis. In support of this ministry, Mary performs quarterly "Reminisce and Sing Along Programs" for those served by the Alzheimer/Dementia Ministry. Prior to relocating to North Carolina, Mary sang with the Dallas Opera for nine seasons. Mary is self-employed as a Singer/Entertainer with most of her time devoted to her Music and Memories Program at skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, rehabilitation and retirement centers throughout the Triangle.

The Adokis are also members of the St. Francis chapter of African-American Ministry and Evangelization Network (AAMEN).



L-R: Tonye, Belema, Furo, Mary and Brother Akuro Adoki with granddaughter Audriana. Not pictured: grandson Matthew.

BROTHER JOHN MOSTER IS FEBRUARY'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother John Moster was exemplified to the 4th Degree in January 2010.

Council officers have selected Brother John Moster as February's Knight of the Month. Brother John is a 4th Degree Sir Knight and the Council's Community Director and has coordinated the Council's participation in the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway for the past four years. Brother John also served one year as the Council's Outside Guard for fraternal year 2010-11.

Brother John and wife Jeanne moved to North Carolina in 1998 and joined St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community in the summer of 2000. He became a Eucharistic Minister (EM) shortly after joining St. Francis and later became an EM coordinator. Besides continuing to participate in that Ministry, he has also volunteered for the RCIA program and sponsored two individuals into the Catholic faith.

Brother John also volunteers as an event coach for the Science Olympiad at Cardinal Gibbons High School, coaching many teams that went on to the regional and state competitions, including one team that took first place in the state competition in 2009.

In addition to working full time as an Application Engineer at IBM, he handles all the finance and accounting duties for his parents' farm corporation. He also builds and configures computers to meet a wide variety of special needs on request.

BROTHER DUPREE NAMED MALE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Brother Tom DuPree of All Saints Council 9709 was named 2011 Knight of Columbus Veterans Affairs/Veterans Services (VAVS) Male Volunteer of the Year by Brother George Hanna, Senior Vice President, Fraternal Services. The memorandum announcing the selection was signed Dec 15, 2011, on behalf of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Officers and the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus.

The memorandum details Brother DuPree's accomplishments as the VAVS Representative at the Durham Veterans Administration Medical Center for the past two years. Specifically, he is credited with more than doubling the number of regularly scheduled Knight volunteers and raising over \$21,000 in support of VAMC Recreational Therapy programs, including the National Wheelchair Games over the past three years and the donation of over 100 new coats for needy and homeless Veterans in response to Durham VAMC's "Operation Cold Front."

Brother DuPree is a Past Grand Knight of Council 9709 (2008-2010) and has served as Faithful Navigator of Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778. Besides working as the VAVS Representative for the eastern region of North Carolina, he is also the State LAMB Council Relations Director for the Eastern Region.



Brother Tom DuPree



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ADDRESS AT THE JAN. 28-29 N.C. MIDYEAR CONFERENCE

Brother Chris Mahoney
General Agent, East North Carolina

"Out of more than 1,500 life insurance companies in North America, only five insurers have earned the highest possible rating from both A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's, and we are one of those five. But even more importantly, we have earned that top AAA rating from Standard & Poor's for 19 consecutive years. And we've earned the top A++ rating from A.M. Best for 36 consecutive years.

"We earn our top ratings in good times and bad because the Knights of Columbus Insurance program is run by Brother Knights for Brother Knights. In this year's report renewing our top rating, A.M. Best cited our 'proven conservative investment management practices, high credit quality fixed income portfolio and sound asset liability management' as among the reasons for our continued strength. And they recognized what they termed our 'exceptional level of risk-adjusted capitalization' for setting us apart.

"What does this mean? It simply means that we don't venture into high-risk investments; the bonds that make up the vast majority of our portfolio must meet very high standards; and we maintain a very substantial safety cushion to make sure we'll be able to meet our obligations to you.,

"Our life insurance in force has doubled over the past decade, hitting \$80 billion on April 21, 2010. This tremendous growth has raised our standing among the largest companies in America. In 2011 we climbed 29 spots on the Fortune 1000 list of America's largest companies. We now have an overall rank of 900.

"Such an increase is not surprising given our economic performance. Over the past five years, the life insurance industry as a whole has seen a 6.8 percent decrease in sales. But during that same time, Knights of Columbus Life Insurance sales have grown by 20.7 percent. We succeed despite the poor economy for many reasons. But central to our success is our commitment to ethical business practices and sound, sustainable and ethical investing.

"When Knights buy our insurance, more than 96 percent keep it, secure in the knowledge that it's the best place to be. Our lapse rate last year was just 3.6 percent, less than half the industry average of 7.3 percent.

"The most important measure of financial strength is an insurance company's surplus ratio, the size of the cushion we maintain to make sure that our obligations to our policy holders are covered. Our surplus ratio last year was 12.6 percent, well above the industry average of 11 percent."

Council 9709's Field Agent is Brother Tim Kilpatrick, who is always available at 919-880-3463 or via e-mail at Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org.

FOUR TAKE THEIR 3RD DEGREE IN CARY

Four members of All Saints Council 9709 were exemplified at a 3rd Degree Ceremony hosted by Msgr. Michael A. Carey Council 6650 at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Cary, N.C., Friday, Jan. 13. Congratulations to Brothers Jim Falanga, Keith Houchin, Mike Pfauth and Bob Weisenberger!

This was the first time a North Carolina 3rd Degree was not held on a Saturday. It attracted some 33 candidates, the largest 3rd Degree exemplification this fraternal year.

The 3rd Degree Team featured Past State Deputy John Gouldie as the Conferring Officer, Brother Tony Anello as Presenter of the Fraternal Charge, Brother Rick Scherer as District Deputy, Brother Chris Losack as Warden and Brothers John Gunther and Kent Siefkes as Aides. State officers in attendance included current State Deputy Greg Kent, State Secretary Jack Murray and State Warden Dan Lange.

The next scheduled 3rd Degree Ceremony will be Saturday, Feb. 11, in Clemmons. There is also one Saturday, Feb. 18, hosted by Fr. Price Council 2546 in Raleigh. As of Jan. 10, 2012, Supreme records show some 88 members of All Saints Council 9709 as not having taken their 3rd Degree.



L-R: Grand Knight Kent Siefkes, State Deputy Greg Kent and Brothers Bob Weisenberger, Mike Pfauth, Ken Houchin, Jim Falanga and Tony Anello.

COUNCIL AND DISTRICT FREE THROWN CONTEST SET FOR FEB. 26



All Saints Council 9709 will hold its annual Youth Basketball Free Throw Championship Sunday, Feb. 26, in the Community Center gymnasium from 1-2:30 p.m. The Council is also hosting the District #9 Free Throw Championship in the gym beginning at 3 p.m. All boys and girls in the community ages 10-14 are invited to participate.

Contestants will compete by age and gender. Youth ages 10-11 will use a women's regulation-sized basketball and shoot from the 12-foot line. Girls ages 12-14 will use a woman's regulation-sized basketball and shoot from the regulation foul line 15 feet from the basket. Boys ages 12-14 will use a regulation-sized basketball and shoot from the regulation foul line. Each contestant will get three warm-up free throws followed by 15 consecutive free throw attempts for record. Competition will continue until there is a winner in each age group by gender.

Coordinator Brother Mike Wrzesien is looking for 8-10 volunteers to help with the event. There is a sign-up list at <http://www1.mysignup.com/allsaintscouncilbasketball2012> for any

[Knight interested in helping out.](#)

"This is really a lot of fun, both for the participants as well as the volunteers," said Brother Wrzesien. "We need registrars, score keepers and ball chasers."

The State Free Throw Contest will be hosted by Pius X Council 3498 at the Fairchild Center Gymnasium, 827 S. Graham-Hopedale Road in Burlington. Competition will begin at 12:30 p.m. The top three contestants in each of age groups by gender will receive trophies.

According to Supreme, some 130,000 sharpshooters competed in 3,000 local contests last year.