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FREE THROW CONTEST CROWNS EIGHT CHAMPIONS

All Saints Council 9709 crowned eight Council Free Throw Champions Sunday, Feb. 26, in the Community Center gym. Some 11 boys and four girls ages 10-14 each shot three warm ups and 15 free throws for record in the competition. Congratulations to the winners: Girls: Olivia Smith (14), Shea Stephenson (12) and Isabel Daumen (10); Boys: Cameron Harris (14), Vince Friedman (13), Nick Brassington (12), Ryan Sullivan (11) and Alexander Roos (10). There were no competitors for the girls competition in the age 11 and 13 categories.

The winners were all eligible for the District Competition, which the Council ran beginning at 3 p.m. Contestants got three warm-ups and then 25 free throws for record. There were 16 girls and 16 boys from District #9 present at the competition representing all four District #9 Councils: Maria Immaculata Council 3390 in Durham, All Saints Council 9709 in Raleigh, St. Thomas More Council 10910 in Chapel Hill and Pope John Paul II Council 10910 in Durham. Representing Council 9709, only Vince Friedman (13) took District honors making him eligible to compete in the State Competition in Burlington March 31; however, runner-ups Nick Brassington (12) and Isabel Daumen (10) will be going to the State Championship as well because the winners will not be able to compete on that day.

Thanks to Brother Knights Dick Bridges,* Mike Evans, Ralph Guenther, Tru Hall,* John Lewandowski,* Frank Menius,* Kent Siefkes, Ron Price, Tim Stevens, Mike Supianoski and Mike Wrzesien* for contributing some 32 hours of volunteer service. Those Knights who stayed the full four hours for both the Council and District competitions are marked with an asterisk (*).



Council 9709 Winners: Back (L-R): Vince Friedman (13), Cameron Harris (14), Olivia Smith (14). Front (L-R): Isabel Daumen (10), Alexander Roos (10), Ryan Sullivan (11), Nick Brassington (12) and Shea Stephenson (12).

COUNCIL OFF TO A GOOD START WITH RAFFLE TICKETS

All Saints Council is off to a good start with selling its assigned quota of 1,000 State Vacation Raffle tickets. Some 47 Knights have stepped up to sell anywhere from five to 100 tickets. To date some 650 have been distributed, and 169 have been sold.

The Council has until April 28 to sell the tickets. Brother Knights who have not yet accepted tickets to sell can contact coordinator Brother Dick Bridges at 806-3816 or by e-mail at rbridges1971@aol.com to arrange to get tickets. Brother Knights who do not wish to or cannot sell tickets are encouraged to purchase one or two from Brother Bridges.

The Council will set up a booth at the Saturday, March 31, Red Cross Blood Drive to sell tickets to Parishioners. Brothers willing to help out at the Blood Drive selling tickets should contact Brother Bridges.

Last year the Council sold 777 tickets, the second most in the State, netting the Council some \$1,942.50.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Greetings Brothers All!

Congratulations to Brothers Mark Boodee and Gabriele Monetti, who took their 3rd Degree on Feb. 18 at Fr. Price Council 2546 in Raleigh. The last two local opportunities to take your 3rd Degree this fraternal year are April 14 in Durham and June 2 in Garner.

Please welcome our newest member, Brother David Green, a transfer from Richmond, Va. We are 16 members short of our fraternal year membership goal with four months remaining. I encourage all Brothers to recruit new members for our next 1st Degree at our April 3 business meeting. Provide names of potential new Knights to Membership Director Tru Hall at 561-436-9566 or truhall@aol.com, and/or invite them to attend either of our March information sessions on March 14, 7:30-8:30 p.m., in Room 402 or March 25, 1-2 p.m., in Room. 403.

If you are looking for an enjoyable evening serving our fellow Parishioners and sharing fellowship with them and your Brother Knights, we have unfilled slots for the remaining four Friday Lenten suppers. If the slots are filled, take the family to Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. at St. Mary of the Angels Chapel and then enjoy a meatless Friday evening meal.

We will need volunteers over the next two months for the Blood Drive on March 31, our LAMB spring campaign, and raffle ticket sales to raise funds for our charitable giving.

Thanks for all your generous works of charity and fraternity. May God bless your spiritual growth with his bountiful graces this Lent.

Vivat Jesus!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

MARCH 2012

- 10 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba Hall Parking Lot
- 20 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 21 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 27 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm
- 31 - Blood Drive, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Clare Hall

APRIL 2012

- 3 - Business Meeting/1st Degree Ceremony, 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
- 24 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

MAY 2012

- 1 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 15 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 16 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 20 - 2nd Degree Ceremony, 2 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 21 - Council-Sponsored Golf Tournament for Catholic Parish Outreach, 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Wil-Mar Golf Club
- 29 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . COUNCIL 9709 PROFILE

According to the Supreme roster of Jan. 10, 2012, the average age of a member of All Saints Council 9709 is 54.90. The majority of the 227 members of the Council were born between 1940-69 with 72 members born between 1960-69, 48 between 1950-59 and 46 between 1940-49. Some 24 members were born between 1930-39, and another 24 between 1970-79. Only four members were born between 1920-29 and eight between 1980-89. As the only Brother born between 1910-19, Brother Verne Ingersoll wins the prize for being the oldest member of the Council. Brother Ingersoll will be 96 March 31, 2012. Brother James Cucurullo remains the youngest member of the Council. Brother Cucurullo turned 24 on Feb. 26, 2012.

Of the Council's 227 members, 58 have taken their 4th Degree. Some 88 are listed on the roster as not having taken their 3rd Degree, and 46 are listed as not having taken their 2nd Degree. Some 35 Brothers are listed as only have taken their 1st Degree.

Brother Tom Cronin has the most years of service as a Knight. He is listed on the roster as having joined the Order on Oct. 1, 1958, which gives him over 53 years of continuous service. Brother Cronin is one of 13 Honorary Life Members in Council 9709. Honorary Life Members have either completed 25 years of continuous service at the age of 70 or have 50 years of continuous service regardless of age. Honorary Life Members are exempt from further dues payments, per capita charges and assessments. The other 12 Honorary Life Members are Brothers Tony Anello, Dick Barton, Tony Evans, Bishop Gossman, Ralph Guenther, Joe Hebert, Verne Ingersoll, Fr. Dan Kenna, Fr. David McBriar, Jerry Powell, Fr. Mark Reamer and John Sasseen. Priests are automatically granted Honorary Life Member status upon joining the Order.

The Council also has three Honorary Members: Brothers Jim Hilton, Vincent Marchello and Frank Sola. Honorary Members are Knights who have been in the Order for 25 years and have reached the age of 65. They pay reduced dues of \$10, and the Council pays reduced per capita charges and assessments to State and Supreme for Honorary Members.

The Council currently has 59 insurance members and five inactive members. Inactive members are those who have left the Order but still possess Knights of Columbus insurance products.

COUNCIL 9709 HONORED AT STATE MIDYEAR MEETING

All Saints Council 9709 was recognized by State for its Council and Youth programs at the State Midyear Meeting held in Washington, N.C., Jan. 28-29. Council 9709 took fourth place under the category of Council and second place for its Youth program. The Council award was for All Saints Council's support of the semi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive, and the Youth award was for the fishing derby the Council sponsored for youth in September 2011.

Awards are presented for programs Councils nominate that have been executed during the period April 1-Sept. 30 for the Midyear Meeting and during the period Oct. 1-March 31 at the State Meeting, which this fraternal year will be held in Asheville May 18-20. Program nominations are submitted under the categories of Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth, Culture of Life (formerly Pro-life) and Membership.

Council 9709 competes at the Division IV level with 40 other Councils in North Carolina with membership over 160. Awards are presented for all four Divisions so smaller Councils compete only among Councils of similar size. Division III Councils have 90-159 members, Division II Councils 51-89 members and Division I Councils 50 or less members. There are 27 Division III, 29 Division II and 31 Division I Councils in North Carolina.

Council 9709 was also recognized as the second largest seller of State Vacation Raffle tickets for the past fraternal year and for collecting the fourth highest total for Operation LAMB during calendar year 2011. The All Saints Council sold some 777 raffle tickets last year and collected a total of \$19,313.09 for the intellectually handicapped. No good deed goes unpunished, however. The Council was assigned 1,000 raffle tickets to sell and a goal of \$19,892 for Operation LAMB this year.

COUNCIL REPORTS RECORD VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2011

All Saints Council reported a total of 9,140 volunteer hours contributed by its members in the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report for calendar year 2011 submitted in January to Supreme. That total easily exceeded the hours reported last year of 8,353, which was the highest ever reported by the Council since its founding in 1988.

The 9,140 volunteer hours can be attributed to 83 Brother Knights from Council 9709 who reported or contributed the hours for the calendar year. Those Brothers reported some 69 visits to the sick and 45 visits to the bereaved. There were 45 blood donors. Knights from Council 9709 participated in nine Habitat for Humanity projects. Of the 9,140 volunteer hours, some 2,476 were contributed to Church activities, 3,095 for Community, 2,139 for Youth, 341 for Habitat for Humanity and 1,089 under the category of Miscellaneous. The Council also reported another 213 hours helping sick and disabled members and their families.

Charitable disbursements were down somewhat for calendar year 2011, primarily because of the timing of the budgeted payments during the fraternal year as well as a smaller budget and smaller surplus going into this fraternal year. The Council only reported some \$5,753 in charitable disbursements for 2011, including \$2,761 for Church, \$1,707 for Community, \$1,100 for Pro-Life and \$185 for Youth. Council 9709 reported a total of \$15,442 in charitable disbursements in 2010, not including Operation LAMB funds, which are maintained separately.

The Council also submitted its Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics in January reporting a total of 507 volunteer hours provided by 61 volunteers at five State-sponsored Special Olympics North Carolina events, including the annual summer aquatics competition in June and the bowling competition in December.



Grand Knight Kent Siefkes (R) accepts the certificate for 2nd Place in the Program Category Youth at the State Midyear Meeting Jan. 28. Photograph by Brother Lew McLeod, State Council Photographer.

CZEJKOWSKIS CHOSEN AS MARCH'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected the Czejkowski family as March's Family of the Month for exemplifying the ideal Catholic family. Brother Joseph and his bride of 23 years Rosemary have been blessed with five wonderful children: son Ryan (age 20 sophomore cheerleader at UNC) and daughters Quinn (age 19 freshman dancer at Elon University), Ellie (age 17 junior swimmer, track star and artist at Cardinal Gibbons High School), Megan (age 14 Special Olympics swimmer) and Judith Coc Bolom (a 19-year-old Guatemalan woman that has been living with them for the past three years while getting her high school education). Joe and Rosemary have lived in Raleigh for 30 plus years, and have been parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi community for 16 years.

Brother Czejkowski joined All Saints Council 9709 in 2009 and is currently a 2nd Degree Knight. Joe is a husband and father and works as an architect at Duke Medical Center in the Facilities Planning Design and Construction Department. He serves as a Eucharistic Minister at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and heads up the St. Francis' Adult volleyball ministry.

Brother Joe and Rosemary participate in other ministries including Marriage Enrichment. The two are also team presenters with Family Honor Inc. a program providing and promoting a family centered Catholic approach to chastity education, doing a variety of presentations throughout the diocese.

Rosemary is a wife, mother, home school teacher and all around superwoman; she also works as a physical therapist in her spare time at Rex Rehabilitation Center. She heads up the Partners in Prayer Ministry at Cardinal Gibbons High School and is very active with the Youth Ministry at the Parish. Rosemary also serves as a Lector.



From left clockwise: Megan, Quinn, Brother Joe, Ryan, Ellie, Rosemary and Judith Coc Bolom (C).

BROTHER JOE AZZOPARDI IS MARCH'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Joe Azzopardi with grandson Carson.

Brother Joe Azzopardi has been selected as March's Knight of the Month for his work in making the Council's Contact List available on the Council website. Brother Joe has been the Council's webmaster since the website went live in November 2007. He also redesigned the website in September 2009.

Brother Joe has been a Knight since August 1983 and has completed his 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Besides maintaining the Council website, he has been a perennial volunteer at Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC) events joining Council members for the annual SONC bowling competition each December and the swimming competition in June. He has also been a volunteer for SONC fund-raising assisting the State Bureau of Investigation and Alcohol Law Enforcement Cop-on-Top events.

He and wife Angela have been married for 35 years. Daughter Lauren, daughter-in-law Jenny and grandson

Carson live in Raleigh. Son Justin died unexpectedly over a year ago when his wife, Jenny, was newly pregnant. In Brother Joe's words, he has no hobbies other than being a grandfather to his one-year-old grandson, Carson.

FOUR TAKE 2ND DEGREE AT ST. FRANCIS FEB. 2

Four Knights from three Councils in the Triangle area took their 2nd Degree Thursday, Feb. 2, in Room 403 of Anthony Hall. Congratulations to Brother Frank Menius, Jr., who represented Council 9709 at the ceremony. There were also one candidate from Maria Immaculata Council 3990 in Durham and two candidates from Our Lady of Lourdes Council 12025 in Raleigh.

Although the 2nd Degree Team was formed to serve primarily District #9, other Councils are always welcome to attend any 2nd Degree Ceremony offered in the state. Council 3990 is one of the four Councils in District #9. Council 12025 is assigned to District #8.

The next 2nd Degree Ceremony will be held May 20, beginning at 2 p.m. in the Founders Room. This will be the first time the team will conduct a 2nd Degree Ceremony at St. Francis in the afternoon. Interested Knights wanting to take their 2nd Degree can contact Team Coordinator Brother Dick Bridges at 919-806-3816 or rbridges1971@aol.com.

The District #9 2nd Degree Team did an afternoon ceremony in January 2011 in Henderson, N.C., for Councils in District #21 at the request of the District #21 Deputy. Seven Knights attended the ceremony, including two from Council 9709.



L-R: Brothers David Damare of Council 12025, Steve Monks of Council 3390, District Deputy Don Williams, Frank Menius, Jr., of Council 9709 and Robert Burns of Council 12025 after the Feb. 2 ceremony.



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WHY I BOUGHT A WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

by Brother James Powers

Because I had significant life insurance (Life and Accidental Death and Disability) through my company's plan, I never felt the need for additional insurance (in spite of the Knights of Columbus' impeccable reputation as an insurer). I began to question my policy at work, however, when I started to read the fine print and discovered many clauses that would prevent payment. For example, the insurer would not pay a claim for death resulting from acts of war or terrorism. Considering that I am on a plane once a week, I wasn't fond of this clause. I began to discuss insurance strategies with my boss, and he also mentioned that he likes to have an insurance policy independent of his employer just in case he becomes unemployed. That way he knows that he is in control of his coverage.

About this same time, I began to also consider alternative strategies to contribute toward my retirement. We have all experienced ups and downs in our 401Ks and IRAs, which as we all know have no guarantees. The fluctuations of the last few decades made me appreciate having a pension through my employer. I became concerned about my pension, though, when I received a letter at work featuring the following subject line: "Why has [the employer] suspended the full lump sum payment option in the [employer] Pension Plan?" I decided to seek a more secure investment product to complement my investment strategy. And that was a good thing. I found out shortly thereafter that my pension payout at retirement age had been reduced.

I met with Tim Kilpatrick, our local KofC Field Agent. After discussions with Tim we agreed that a Whole Life policy would fit the bill. This product would provide life insurance, independent of my employer, from one of the highest rated institutions in the world. It would also provide me with an investment product featuring a guaranteed minimum value. I'm now considering a similar policy for my son.

Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick can help you too. He's always available at 919-880-3463 or by e-mail at Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org.

FIRST LENTEN SUPPER DRAWS 32



L-R: Brothers Tony Evans, Tru Hall, Joe Menius, James Powers, Kent Siefkes, Mike Wrzesien and Nick Szews cooked up the first Lenten supper. Julie Powers (C) also helped.

Brother Knights from All Saints Council 9709 served up 32 plates of spaghetti at the St. Francis Community Center Friday, Feb. 24, from 6:30-9 p.m. This was the first of six Lenten suppers that the Council has agreed to sponsor. Thanks to Brother Knights Tony Evans, Tru Hall, Joe Mesiano, James Powers, Kent Siefkes, Nick Szews and Mike Wrzesien for helping make the event a success.

The Council will sponsor five more Friday Lenten suppers with different Lenten menus over the next five weeks. Interested Knights can sign up to help on the Council website. About eight volunteers to set up, cook, bus tables and clean up are needed. Future meals will be baked potato bar and broccoli soup (March 2), clam chowder and salad (March 9), pizza and salad (March 16), cheese quesadillas and black bean soup (March 23) and veggie lasagna and bruschetta (March 30). The Council is responsible for purchasing the food in advance.

Guests are charged \$6.00 per meal at the door, and the Church reimburses the Council 100 percent of expenses. The Council took in some \$285 for the meal on Feb. 24, which after expenses will leave about \$100 to be applied to the Council's participation in the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Revenues for future meals will support Dignity for Life (March 9), the USO of North Carolina (March 16), Dignity for Life (March 13) and RSVP (March 30).

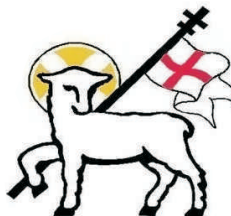
SPRING LAMB DRIVE SIGN-UPS ON COUNCIL WEBSITE

The sign-up sheet for All Saints Council 9709's spring Operation LAMB drive is now available on the Council website. The Council will be soliciting donations to support agencies supporting the intellectually handicapped over the weekends of April 20-22, April 28-29, May 5-6, May 12-13 and July 14-15.

Volunteers are needed to fill some 54 three-hour slots over the weekend of April 21-22. There are four three-hour slots for two shifts scheduled at the Harris Teeter in the Stonehenge Shopping Center at 7400 Creedmoor and six slots for three shifts at the Kroger at Strickland and Creedmoor Roads for Friday, April 20. There are 20 slots for four shifts scheduled at the Brier Creek Walmart as well as 10 more slots for five shifts at the Kroger at Strickland and Creedmoor Roads on Saturday, April 21. Sunday, April 22, Council volunteers will staff six more slots for three shifts at the Kroger at Strickland and Creedmoor Roads, 16 slots for four shifts at the Brier Creek Walmart and six slots for three shifts at the Harris Teeter on Leesville Road.

There are some 74 slots scheduled for the following weekend of April 28-29. There are 20 slots for five shifts at the Brier Creek Walmart, 20 slots for five shifts at the Morrisville Walmart and 10 slots for five shifts at the Kroger at Creedmoor and Lynn Roads Saturday, April 28. Sunday, April 29, there are 16 slots for four shifts at the Brier Creek Walmart, six slots for three shifts at the Morrisville Walmart and six slots for three shifts at the Kroger at Creedmoor and Lynn Roads.

There are 10 slots for five shifts Saturday, May 5, and six slots for three shifts Sunday, May 6, at the Kroger at Creedmoor and Lynn Roads. There are 20 slots for five shifts Saturday, May 12, and six slots for three shifts Sunday, May 13, at the Morrisville Walmart. The spring drive will conclude the weekend of July 14-15 with 10 slots for five shifts Saturday, July 14, and eight slots for four shifts Sunday, July 15 at the Townridge Shopping Center Walmart on Glenwood Avenue.



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