



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

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## BLOOD DRIVE DRAWS 140 UNITS

Some 146 Parishioners from St. Francis of Assisi donated some 142 units of blood Saturday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in Clare Hall. This was the first of two semi-annual blood drives All Saints Council hosts each calendar year.

At least 27 Knights and spouses participated in the blood drive, either in support of it or in volunteering to donate blood. Thanks to Brothers Mark Baumgartner\*\*, Shawn Bayle, Dick Bridges, Steve Becker\*\*, Derrick Cole, Jerry Cucurullo, Tony Evans\*, Brian\* and Peggy\* Dennison, Don and Terri Donaghy, Tom\* and Elaine DuPree, Lillian Glorius, Ralph Guenther, Charlotte Hassan\*, John Moster, Dick Novacek, James Powers\*, Ron Price\*, Jeff\* and Pat Rohman, Kent Siefkes, Mike Supianoski\*, Hadon\* and Carol Ware and Mike Wrzesien\*\*. Those individuals marked with an asterisk (\*) signed up to give blood, and those marked with a double asterisk donated double red cells, a procedure whereby two pints of red cells are extracted from the blood plasma, which is then returned to the donor.



Brother Steve Becker donated double red cells at the March 31 blood drive.

Some 16 7th graders from The Franciscan School (TFS) also volunteered to help with the drive. Will Stevens, son of Brother Tim Stevens and a teacher at TFS, served as the supervisor for the group.

Brothers Dick Bridges and Ralph Guenther collected some \$34.42 for Operation LAMB at the drive. They also sold a total of 21 State Vacation Raffle tickets and took the names and addresses of three potential new Knights.

## COUNCIL SUBMITS AWARD NOMINATIONS TO STATE

All Saints Council 9709 has nominated Brother James Powers as its candidate for North Carolina State Knight of the Year, Brother Jerry Powell as Golden Knight of the Year, Brother Tom and Elaine DuPree as Family of the Year and Brother Gabriele Monetti as Rookie of the Year. The award nominations were submitted March 31, and the state winners will be announced at the May 18-20 North Carolina State annual convention in Asheville, N.C.

As part of the run up to the annual Knights of Columbus North Carolina State Convention, each Council in the state gets to nominate a Knight of the Year, a Golden Knight of the Year, a Family of the Year and a Rookie of the Year. Each Council is also encouraged to submit its top program activities for awards consideration under the categories of Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth, Culture of Life and Membership. Councils compete in four divisions for the program awards. Council 9709 competes at the Division IV level for the larger Councils in the state with more than 160 members.

All Saints Council nominated its Lenten Suppers program under the category of Church, its participation in Special Olympics North Carolina under Community, its conduct of 2nd Degree ceremonies under Council, its monthly Social Gatherings program under family, its support of Harvest Moon under Youth and its support of the annual Benefit for Life Gala under Culture of Life.

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Greetings Brothers All!

Please join me in congratulating our nominees for Knight of the Year, Golden Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, and Rookie of the Year (see page 1 article). Reviewing all our Council's activities of the fraternal year to date gives me great appreciation of the impressive charitable work generously performed by so many of our Brother Knights in All Saints Council 9709, as well as the leadership of the officers and program directors. It is certainly a great honor to serve as your Grand Knight.

I'd also like to tip my hat to Hadon Ware, our State Chancellor East, who was recently recognized by Assembly 778 for his outstanding service as Assembly Color Corps Commander (see page 6 article). SK Hadon was the GK of 9709 when I joined the Knights in 2004, and I recollect strong impressions of Hadon's tireless and selfless leadership by example, and his frequent mantra of joining the Knights as "The Experience of a Lifetime!"

Upcoming Council opportunities in need of volunteers the next two months include our LAMB spring campaign (see page 5), and our new gig working 22 Durham Bulls games this season to raise funds for next year's charitable giving. Brother Mike Wrzesien is leading the Bulls effort. Look soon to the Council web site for sign-ups!

Thanks for all your generous works of charity and fraternity. May God bless your spiritual growth this Holy Week as we enter into the Paschal Mystery and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Vivat Jesus!

*Kent*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**APRIL 2012**

- 14 - 3rd Degree, Council 13812, Durham
- 17 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Carolina Ale House, Brier Creek
- 18 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 20-22, 28-29 - Operation LAMB, See Website for Sign Ups
- 21 - 4th Degree Exemplification, noon, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Hall, 234 Church Street, Waynesville, N.C.
- 24 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

**MAY 2012**

- 1 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 5-6, 12-13 - Operation LAMB, See Website for Sign Ups
- 15 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 16 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 18-20 - 2012 State Convention, Crowne Plaza Resort, Asheville
- 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

**JUNE 2012**

- 2 - 3rd Degree, Council 11266, Garner
- 2-3 - Special Olympics North Carolina Swimming Competition, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Triangle Aquatics Center, Cary
- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 9 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba Hall
- 19 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 20 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 26 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . OPERATION LAMB**

Operation LAMB is the single largest charitable activity conducted by the Knights of Columbus. Brother Knights in yellow aprons have been soliciting donations from passers by and doling out Tootsie Rolls all across the nation since 1974. Since its inception, the Operation LAMB program in North Carolina has raised over \$20 million for the intellectually disabled in the state. Thanks to the generosity of the state's residents, North Carolina Knights have been raising almost \$1 million annually since 2008.

Brother Knights of Council 9709 solicit donations outside of grocery stores in the northwest Raleigh area. Eighty-five percent of what a Council collects is distributed to local charities. The remaining 15 percent is sent to the State Council where it is distributed to organizations supporting the intellectually handicapped in areas of North Carolina where no local Knights of Columbus Councils exist.

Last year Council 9709 collected \$19,313.09. All Saints added its collection for 2010 to the coffers of Father Price Council 2546, St. Raphael Council 9880, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 12025, St. Luke the Evangelist Council 12455 and Rev. Joseph McNamara Council 14422 of N.C. State University for distribution to local organizations in Raleigh. Charitable organizations apply for funds from the local Knights of Columbus Councils through a panel with members of each Council represented.

A total of \$42,700.04 was distributed to the Arc of Wake County, the Autism Society Wake County Chapter, the Bill Scott Endowment Fund, Community Partnerships, the Frankie Lemmon School and Development Center, two Special Education teachers at Harris Creek Elementary School and three teachers at Hiburndale Drive Academy, Hilltop Home, Learning Together, Inc.; Special Olympics Wake County, the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities, the Triangle Downs Syndrome Network and Wake Enterprises.

Operation LAMB derives its name from Christ's words in Matthew 25:48: "as you did it to one of the [L]east [A]mong [M]y [B]rethren, you did it to me."

## COUNCIL PRESENTS NEW HAND TRUCK TO USO OF NORTH CAROLINA



L-R: Brother Ralph Guenther, USO of NC Durham Center Assistant Director Patricia DeZetter, Grand Knight Kent Siefkes and USO of NC Director Durham Center Connie Inggs pose with the new hand truck.

All Saints Council 9709 Grand Knight Kent Siefkes and USO of North Carolina Program Director Ralph Guenther presented a new heavy duty aluminum hand truck to the USO of NC at RDU Airport Thursday, March 8. This hand truck has two configurations: one upright and one a flat bed giving it up to 1,000 lbs of carrying capacity.

The USO of NC was in desperate need of this new hand truck. All their supplies must be transported from various delivery locations, and asking volunteers to carry those supplies by hand to/from the USO of NC facility is simply not feasible. This new truck will be particularly important to move large quantities of bottled water around the airport and to other locations.

The Council had voted funds for the hand truck at the Feb. 7 business meeting, and Brother Guenther purchased and assembled the hand truck at his home prior to the presentation. Total cost of the hand truck was \$304.94. The Council had budgeted \$600 for this fraternal year in support of the USO of NC. All Saints Council also designed and purchased decals with Kof C and USO of NC logos to affix to large items donated to the USO of NC for publicity and recruiting purposes. The hand truck has two of these decals, one of which can be seen in the accompanying picture. Brother Guenther also was going to affix one of the decals to the refrigerator the Council donated to the USO of NC in August 2010; however, the USO of NC had already purchased and affixed a brass plaque on it honoring the Council.

The USO of NC served over 400,000 service members and their families last year at centers in Charlotte, Jacksonville, Fort Bragg and Raleigh. USO of NC also maintains satellite offices at New Bern Airport and Seymour Johnson Volunteer Base Liaison in the Goldsboro area out of the RDU Airport Center.

USO Coordinator Ralph Guenther has also identified a need for a van for the USO to transport food and equipment to the USO's outlying locations in Charlotte, Jacksonville, Fort Bragg and Raleigh. The Council is close to fulfilling this USO requirement courtesy of one of its generous members. A formal announcement and details of this donation will be made in May.

## COUNCIL TO GET UP TO \$1,912.50 FROM RAFFLE TICKET SALES

All Saints Council 9709 is on track to realize at least \$1,912.50 in net profit from selling State Vacation Raffle Tickets. To date some 51 Knights have accepted 765 tickets to sell, and they have sold 412 of them as of March 31. The Council gets to keep \$2.50 for each \$5 ticket sold. Special thanks go to top sellers Brothers Dick Bridges (83), Dave Vogelpohl (42), Tom DuPree (40), Ralph Guenther (38), Shawn Bayle (35), George Corvin (30), Dino Pinelli (25) Mike Cotter (20), Tony Evans (20), Dennis Kelleher (20), Ray Martin (20), Mike Murray (20) and Bob Weisenberger (20).

All ticket stubs and cash as well as any unsold tickets need to be turned in to Brother Dick Bridges by April 22. Knights in possession of tickets can give cash and stubs and any unsold tickets directly to Brother Bridges, put a sealed envelope with checks and stubs and unsold tickets with his name on it in the Council mailbox or mail them to him at 9606 Clubvalley Way, Raleigh, NC 27617.

Council members sold some 21 tickets at the March 31 Red Cross Blood Drive, and the Council still hopes to sell more tickets at a Council-sponsored pancake breakfast in April. Last year the Council sold 777 tickets, the second most of any Council in the State. This year the Council's sales quota was upped to 1,000 tickets.

## DENISONS SELECTED AS APRIL'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected new Church Program Director Brother Brian Denison and his wife Peggy as family of the month for April 2012 for their quick and timely involvement with Council activities. Brother Denison replaced Brother Troy Chaput as Church Program Director after Brother Chaput took a new job outside the Raleigh area. He and Peggy joined All Saints Council early in 2012 and have become regular participants in a host of Council activities.

Brother Denison first joined the Order some 25 years ago in Sacramento, Calif., where he was stationed with the U.S. Coast Guard, although he did not in his words really become actively engaged with the Knights until he moved to Elizabeth City, N.C., 20 years ago and reactivated his membership. Brother Denison became a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knight and was the Council's Deputy Grand Knight at the Elizabeth City Council before moving to Raleigh. Brother Denison was on active duty with the Coast Guard for 20 years and worked in aircraft maintenance support as a civilian for another 15 years until wife Peggy retired from the Coast Guard and they decided to relocate to Raleigh. The Denisons met in Hawaii and were stationed in Alaska, California, Michigan and finally North Carolina before retirement.

Daughter Erika was born in Hawaii and is married to another new Council member, Brother Frank Menius. The Denisons share a house with the Menius family with Peggy now engaged full time with their two grandchildren. Son Luke was born in Michigan.



Brother Brian Denison and wife Peggy

## BROTHER TIM STEVENS IS APRIL'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Tim Stevens and his wife Cheryl

Council officers have selected Brother Tim Stevens as April's Knight of the Month for his service over the past two years as the Council's Operation LAMB Director. Brother Tim also currently serves as the Council's Council Program Director. He joined the Knights in 2006 and took his 3rd Degree in June 2008. Outside of Council activities, Brother Tim serves the Parish Men's Ministry by helping to organize and plan the annual Men's Ministry Retreat.

Brother Tim works as a quality engineer in the Telecom industry with Tekelec in Morrisville. He and wife Cheryl moved to Raleigh from Atlanta in 1992 and have been Parishioners at St. Francis ever since. Cheryl is a fifth grade teacher and founding faculty member at The Franciscan School (TFS).

They have two children, Caroline and William. Will is a middle school teacher at The Franciscan School (TFS) and both are graduates of Cardinal Gibbons High School. Caroline was married at St. Francis in February and resides in Durham with her husband Brennen, a former U.S. Army Sgt. and veteran of two tours in Iraq.

Brother Tim enjoys outdoor activities including hiking, running, and is a member of VIN road biking team.

Brother Tim originates from southern Minnesota and got his Mechanical Engineering degree from Southwest Minnesota State College. Cheryl hails from Pittsburgh, Pa., and earned a Bachelor of Science degree

from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. A job transfer to Minnesota is how she met and married Tim in 1982. The Stevens will be celebrating their 30th anniversary this year.

## OPERATION LAMB NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

All 10 slots at the Stonehenge Harris Teeter and the Kroger at Strickland and Creedmoor have been filled for the first day of Council 9709's calendar year 2012 Operation LAMB drive, Friday, April 20. On Saturday, April 21, there are still two three-hour slots from 3-6 p.m. available at the Brier Creek Walmart as well as six one and one-half hour slots in the evening from either 6-7:30 p.m. or 7:30-9 p.m. There are also two three-hour and two one and one-half hour slots available as well at the Kroger at Strickland and Creedmoor that day. For Sunday, April 22, there are still three three-hour slots open at the Kroger at Strickland and Creedmoor, four three-hour and three one and one-half hour slots at the Brier Creek Walmart and five three-hour slots at the Leesville Harris Teeter.

"I am pleased that so many of the slots have filled up this early," said LAMB Director Brother Tim Stevens. "I am also hoping that more Knights will volunteer for the one and one-half hour slots we've made available this time."

Some 25 individual Knights and one spouse have signed up for Operation LAMB over the weekends of April 20-22, April 28-29 and May 5-6 so far. They have filled 54 of the 114 slots available for April 20-22. Only 24 of the 78 slots available for April 28-29 have been spoken for so far, while Brother Knights have committed to only seven of the 16 slots available May 5-6. The Council's Operation LAMB drive will also run over the weekends of May 12-13 and July 14-15. The sign up roster is on the Council website under "Event Sign Ups."

Last calendar year the Council collected some \$19,313.09, which while well below the 2010 total collection of \$27,570.37, ranked fourth in the state. Council 9709's State-assigned goal this year is \$19,892 or three percent higher than the previous year.



# LAMB

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## WHY I BOUGHT A KofC TERM LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

by Brother Keith Houchin

Not too long ago, my wife and I began to shop around for life insurance independent of the term life insurance I had at work. To say that we were not looking forward to it would be an understatement; however, the importance of continuous life insurance regardless of employment status was not lost on us. We met with several agents representing companies with great reputations, but in the end we were just not comfortable with any of them.

With all of the "fun" we had experienced and no resolution immediately in sight we decided to put our search on hold. That was about the time that I joined the Knights of Columbus and met Field Agent Brother Tim Kilpatrick.

At first, I was hesitant to reach out to Brother Tim to discuss what options the Knights had to offer; however, I am glad I came to my senses, because working with Brother Tim has been a truly pleasant experience for both me and my wife! He is extremely knowledgeable and easy to work with, which was important to my family. The options that were available to us were flexible and straightforward and did not require us to Google the terms in order to understand what was just presented. That coupled with the Order's values, charitable work, and overall mission only reinforced the fact that the Knights of Columbus was the right choice for us.

For the time being, we opted for a term life insurance policy, although we may switch that out at some point. That's another reason why we went with the Knights, the flexibility to change our policies in the future.

So, my recommendation is that if you are in the market for life insurance, give Brother Tim Kilpatrick a call. He's always available at 919-880-3463 or by e-mail at [Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org](mailto:Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org). My experience with him was very positive, and I trust yours will be as well.

## BROTHER HADON WARE RECOGNIZED BY ASSEMBLY 778

Brother Hadon Ware was recognized by Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778 at the Assembly's annual Valentine's Day Dinner as "Sir Knight of the Month" for his eight years of service as Assembly Color Corps Commander.

"Sir Knight Hadon was very proud as he should be, a well earned honor, always available, providing extra regalia to every event and trying to please everyone who requested the service of the Bishop McGuinness Assembly's Color Guard," said Faithful Navigator Dick Schaezner in thanking Brother Ware for his service.

This is the first time that the Assembly has recognized a "Sir Knight of the Month" in many years. Brother Hadon Ware received a plaque in honor of his special selection.

Brother Hadon Ware served as Grand Knight of All Saints Council 9709 for two fraternal years from July 2005 to June 2007. He also served as Faithful Navigator of the Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778 for two years, District Deputy for North Carolina District #9 for four years, Regional District #2 Deputy for two years and began serving as State Chancellor East this fraternal year.



L-R: Faithful Navigator Dick Schaezner poses with SK Hadon Ware and SK Tom DuPree after the plaque presentation to Brother Ware.

## COUNCIL TO HOST GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR CPO



Council 9709 is hosting a charity golf tournament Monday, May 21, beginning at 1 p.m., at the Wil-Mar Golf Club, 2300 Old Milburnie Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27604, with all proceeds going to the Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) food pantry. The CPO food pantry provides food assistance to the working poor, elderly, sick, disabled and any in need regardless of age, ethnicity, gender or religious beliefs.



Sign in for the Captain's Choice tournament will begin at 11:30 a.m., and all players will tee off in a shotgun start at 1 p.m. There will be prizes for first, second and third places as well as longest drive and closest to the pin. There will also be raffles, giveaways, "Mulligan" tickets for purchase as well as a dinner following the round. The cost is \$65 per individual player or \$240 for a foursome. The entry price includes the dinner, two beverage tickets and one "Mulligan" ticket. Golfers signing in as individuals will be paired with other golfers into foursomes. To enter the tournament or to pledge prizes or other assistance, complete the flyer enclosed with this newsletter.

Brothers James Powers ([japowers@mac.com](mailto:japowers@mac.com) or 919-637-2115) and Nick Szews ([nickszews@gmail.com](mailto:nickszews@gmail.com)) are organizing the tournament. For those who do not golf, there are ample opportunities to volunteer to assist Brothers Powers and Szews in running this tournament.

For fiscal year 2011, Catholic Parish Outreach employed one full-time and one part-time staff person and 1,300 volunteers to distribute 2.5 million pounds of groceries to residents of Wake, Franklin and Johnston counties. Because of the loss of a \$90,000 federal grant and higher client numbers, CPO has had to cut its food purchases by 20 percent. Families now receive five days of food rather than seven, even as the number of families needing assistance is on the rise. A tax-deductible donation of \$25 feeds a family for a week.