



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

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## COUNCIL RECOGNIZED AT 2012 STATE CONVENTION

All Saints Council 9709 received recognition from State officers at the annual North Carolina Knights of Columbus State Council Convention in Asheville at the annual Awards Luncheon Saturday, May 19. Several individual members of Council 9709 were also recognized at the convention as well.

The Council received an award for having the third highest Operation LAMB per capita contribution of some \$88 per member by State LAMB Chairman Richard White. Brother White noted that in order to achieve a State goal of \$1 million in donations for a given year that the State's 15,800 members need to pull in some \$65 each. Council 9709's per capita collection was the third highest in the State.

The Council also received an award at the "Charity" level for its activities for the fraternal year. The award was based upon the semi-annual District Deputy Report that counts the number of activities a Council engages in under the categories of Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth, Culture of Life and Membership. The award was issued to Councils that achieved certain minimum numbers per category, and awards were issued at the Fraternity, Unity and Charity levels, with "Charity" being the highest level.

All Saints Council 9709 also received a plaque for its contributions to Room at the Inn, the facility for young pregnant women who choose to have their babies and are supported by that organization financially, morally and spiritually for the first two years of the baby's life. Council 9709 pledged \$10,000 over five years in 2010.

Council 9709's newsletter took third place in the Duane Russell newsletter competition for the third year in a row. Newsletter Editor Dick Bridges was on hand in his capacity as District Warden #9 to accept the award with Grand Knight Kent Siefkes (see photo).

Council 9709's Field Agent Timothy Kilpatrick was recognized at the convention for having achieved 215.63 percent of his 2011 quota for insurance product sales. Brother Kilpatrick sold more than \$12.87 million in face value of insurance products in 2011 putting him in the top three percent of agents nationwide.

State Chancellor East Hadon Ware was recognized by State officers at the convention for achieving Star District status for fraternal year 2009-2010. A Star District is one in which all Councils in the District attain Star status by achieving the requirements for the Father McGivney Award for membership, the Founders Award for new insurance members and the Colombian Award for activities. Brother Ware was serving as District Deputy #9 for Councils 3390 (Durham), 9709 (Raleigh), 10910 (Chapel Hill) and 13812 (Durham) at the time.

Brother Dennis Kelleher's name was on one of the five \$200 winning State Vacation Raffle tickets drawn at the Saturday, May 19, banquet. Council 9709's sale of 720 tickets was just behind the third place selling Council that sold 754.



Brother Dick Bridges and Grand Knight Kent Siefkes (left) accept the 3rd place plaque for the Duane Russell Newsletter competition from State Deputy Greg Kent (center) at the 2012 N.C. State Convention in Asheville.

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Greetings Brothers All!

I'd like to congratulate our four newest 2nd Degree Knights: Derrick Cole, Mike Cronin, Ron Price and Dave Roos. We have advanced nine new 2nd Degree Knights to our Council this fraternal year.

As I write my last "From the Grand Knight" article, I'd like to thank all of the officers and program directors for their leadership, dedication and service to the Council this fraternal year, and for all our Brothers who through their prayers, support and actions truly lived out our Order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I know as Grand Knight I was humbled and honored to serve Brothers who are so generous with their time, talent, and treasure in serving others. Thank you again for the opportunity.

I would like to congratulate incoming Grand Knight Shawn Bayle and all the officers and program directors for our next fraternal year. I am sure they will do a fantastic job, and I look forward to my continued involvement with the Council as I begin my three-year term as a Trustee.

May God bless each of you with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Vivat Jesus!


**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**JUNE 2012**

- 9 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba Hall
- 14 - Flag Day
- 17 - Father's Day
- 20 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 24 - Officers Installation Ceremony and Reception, 6:30 p.m., Church and Founders Room
- 26 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

**JULY 2012**

- 3 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 4 - Independence Day
- 14-15 - Operation LAMB, See Website for Sign Ups
- 14 - Council Picnic, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Location TBD
- 18 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 31 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

**AUGUST 2012**

- 7 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 15 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 21 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 28 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . DUES**

The Financial Secretary will be sending out dues notices via e-mail to members of All Saints Council 9709 on June 15. If necessary, follow-up notices will be sent out to members by mail if there is no response to the e-mail request. Please bring your dues checks to the July 3 business meeting and save both the Council and yourself the cost of postage.

Brother Knights of Council 9709 pay annual dues of \$28, an amount that has not increased in years. Of that money some \$11.50 is dedicated to fixed costs mandated by the Supreme and State Councils. The Supreme Council assesses every Council \$1.75 per member twice annually in July and January to meet operating expenses of the Supreme Council. The State Council bills North Carolina Councils \$3 per member in September and February to cover its operating expenses. In addition, each Council is assessed \$.50 per member twice annually in October and April by the Supreme Council for the Catholic Advertising Fund, which is used to pay for ads in general interest publications in the United States and Canada that help to bring many non-Catholics into the Church. Lastly, the Council is assessed \$1 per member per year by the Supreme Council for liability insurance.

The Council has 13 Honorary Life Members, who are not assessed dues. Honorary Life Members have been members of the Order for 50 consecutive years or who have been members for 25 consecutive years and are 70 years old. Priests are automatically treated as Honorary Life Members. The Council also has four Honorary Members who pay dues at a rate of \$10 annually. Honorary Members have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years and are under 70 years of age. The Council also has five inactive members, who are non-dues paying members who no longer participate in the Council but still have Knights of Columbus insurance policies in force.

Council 9709's 210 full and partial dues-paying members provide a revenue stream of about \$6,000 to the Council, of which about \$2,500 is already allocated to fixed costs mandated by the Supreme and State Councils. That leaves about \$3,500 for discretionary use by the Council.

And don't forget to add \$3.65 to your dues check for the Penny Per Day Per Knight Program! While that contribution is entirely voluntary, the needs for the money across North Carolina have never been greater.

## COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2012-13

Attendees at the June 5 business meeting elected new officers to serve the Council during fraternal year 2012-13. Congratulations to incoming Grand Knight Shawn Bayle, Deputy Grand Knight Brian Denison, Chancellor Tony Evans, Recorder Mark Baumgartner, Treasurer Dave Bole, Advocate Tru Hall, Warden Mike Wrzesien, Inside Guard James Powers and Outside Guard Jim Falanga.

Soon to be Past Grand Knight Kent Siefkes was also elected as Three-Year Trustee. Brothers Dick Bridges and Tom DuPree will continue their three-year terms as Trustees. Incoming Grand Knight Shawn Bayle announced that the appointments of Father David McBriar as Council Chaplain, Brother Dennis Kelleher as Financial Secretary and Brother Gabriele Monetti as Lecturer would continue.

The new officers will be installed at a ceremony to be held after Sunday evening Mass, June 24, in the Church. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the Founders Room, and all Council members and their families are invited to attend.

Brother Bayle and Financial Secretary Brother Dennis Kelleher presented a \$22,060 budget for the upcoming fraternal year. The budget is predicated on taking in some \$15,400 in revenue. The Council is looking to get some \$2,500 from the Durham Bulls beer sales, \$4,000 from hosting a major show in Claire Hall, \$1,800 for a dinner theater venture, \$1,500 for an art auction, \$1,700 from the sale of State Vacation Raffle tickets, \$1,100 from a golf tournament and \$1,700 from other projects. The money will be used to support disbursements of \$2,000 to Room at the Inn, \$1,500 to the Benefit for Life Gala fund raiser, \$2,500 for upgrading the Claire Hall kitchen, \$1,500 to the North Carolina USO and Veterans support as well as a number of other initiatives. The budget includes \$6,000 in "pass-through" items such as the State Vacation Raffle Ticket sales, Council Christmas dinner and the sale of Council shirts and hats. A motion was made and seconded to table the budget vote until the July meeting in accordance with the Council's By Laws.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT SCORES \$2,000 FOR CPO



Brother Nick Szews (to the right of the flag pole) briefs golfers on the rules of the tournament prior to them teeing off.

The first ever golf tournament run and supported by members of All Saints Council 9709 earned some \$2,000 in profit, all of which has been donated to the Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) Food Pantry. Special thanks go to Brothers James Powers and Nick Szews, who organized the event, as well as about a dozen Brother Knights who participated in the tournament held Monday, May 21, at the Wil-Mar Golf Club off Milburnie Road in Raleigh.

"CPO strives to provide food assistance to the people of our community. This includes the working poor, elderly, sick, disabled, and those who might have just hit a rough patch. CPO serves all who need food assistance, regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, or beliefs. Over the last few years, the Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) Food Pantry has experienced decreasing funding levels from individual donors, vendors, local

government, and the Federal government (largely due to a weakened economy). The funds raised from this event will feed approximately 500 people for a week," Brother Powers said.

Some 64 golfers participated in a Captain's Choice format. The winning score was 57 or 14 under par.

Thanks go to the corporate sponsors of the event who furnished donations, prizes and food: Sammy's Tap & Grill, Askeland Chiropractic & Acupuncture, Dino's Capri Restaurant, Village Grill, Papara Ristorante Italiano, Carolina Ale House, Brier Creek Country Club, NCSU Lonnie Poole Golf Course, Wildwood Green Golf Course, Eaton, Spanky's Restaurant & Bar, Squid's Restaurant & Oyster Bar, 411 West Italian Cafe, 518 Italian Cafe, Chapel Hill Restaurant Group, Mez Contemporary Mexican Restaurant and Mobile Impact.

## ROOS FAMILY SELECTED AS JUNE'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected the Roos family as Family of the Month for June 2012 for their participation in a number of Council activities, most recently the spring Operation LAMB drive, since Brother Dave joined the Order in October 2011. Brother Dave also just completed his 2nd Degree on Sunday, May 20.

Brother Dave, son Alexander and daughter Allie pulled a joint shift for Operation LAMB Saturday, April 21, at the Brier Creek Walmart. According to Brother Dave, the time was “fun for the kids and a great experience.” Brother Dave and Alexander also worked at the Special Olympics North Carolina State Bowling Tournament this past December.

The whole family has also been driving parishioners to Church as part of the “Mass Transit” ministry for the last 15 years, and they also have helped serve meals for the homeless in Moore Square in Raleigh and at the Ronald McDonald House in Durham.

Brother Dave and his wife Julie of 13 years have been blessed with two children: Alexander (11 years old and in fourth grade at The Franciscan School) and Allie (five years old and a rising kindergartener). Alexander was born in Russia and joined the family when he was three years old. He enjoys playing basketball, football and any kind of sport. Allie was born in China and completed the family when she was nine months old. She loves to dance and sing.

Dave, a true Pittsburgh Steeler fan, moved to Raleigh in 1988 after graduating from Penn State with an Industrial Engineers degree. IBM has kept Dave busy for 27 years and still counting. Julie graduated from The University of Dayton, but is a Michigander by birth, moved down from Chicago in 1996 and truly misses the winters. Julie has been working in property management for the last 20 years.



The Roos family:  
Julie, Alexander, Dave and Allie.

## BROTHER TRU HALL IS JUNE'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Tru Hall accepts his certificate as Knight of the Month from Deputy Grand Knight Shawn Bayle at the June 5 business meeting.

Council officers have selected Brother Tru Hall as Knight of the Month for June for his faithful service as Council Advocate and Membership Director the past two years.

Brother Tru has been a Knight since December 2004 and came to All Saints Council 9709 as a transfer from Michael J. Benvenuti Council 8419 in Wellington, Fla., where he served for two years as Grand Knight. He is also a 4th Degree Sir Knight. Brother Tru came to Raleigh to accept a promotion with CARQUEST Auto Parts.

Brother Tru is a Vietnam veteran, having served in the U.S. Army from 1966-69. After his military stint, he attended the University of Maryland, graduating with a degree in Business Administration in 1973.

Brother Tru has been active in Youth activities, especially the annual Basketball Free Throw contest, and participates in a variety of other Council activities. He and wife Beth have four children and eight grandchildren, who remain a major focal point in their lives. Brother Tru enjoys playing golf, basketball and tennis and looks forward to continuing remaining active in the Council and continuing to grow in his faith at St. Francis.

## DISTRICT #9 2ND DEGREE TEAM ADVANCES SEVEN

District #9's 2nd Degree Team took seven Knights from three Councils and two Districts on the second step in their journey to full Knighthood at an afternoon ceremony conducted Sunday, May 20, in the St. Francis Founders Room. The Team is made up entirely of Brother Knights from All Saints Council 9709.

Congratulations to Brother Knights Derrick Cole, Mike Cronin, Ron Price and David Roos, all from Council 9709! Congratulations as well to Brother Knights Ted Carr and Ron Probst from Council 12017 in Wilmington, who made the trip to Raleigh to take their 2nd Degree. Brother Knight Mark Gilbert from Council 13812 also took his degree. Councils 9709 and 13812 are in District #9; Council 12017 is in District #1.

The ceremony was conducted on a Sunday afternoon to accommodate Brother Knights wishing to take their 2nd Degree who have been unable to make a weekday evening ceremony. The District #9 Team will be conducting quarterly 2nd Degree Ceremonies during fraternal year 21012-13 beginning in September. There is also a 2nd Degree planned for 2 p.m., Saturday, June 23, at St. Francis for members of District #21. Council 9709 members are welcome to attend. Contact Grand Knight Kent Siefkes directly to reserve a spot.



L-R: Brothers Ron Price, David Roos, Mark Gilbert, Derrick Cole, Michael Cronin, Ron Probst and Ted Carr took their 2nd Degree Sunday, May 20, in the Founders Room at St. Francis of Assisi.



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Questions? Contact Council Field Agent Brother Tim Kilpatrick at 919-847-3799 (H), 919-880-3463 (C) or via e-mail at [Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org](mailto:Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org).

## COUNCIL ADDS 89 NAMES TO MEMORIAL DAY ROLLS

St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners added some 89 names of veterans to Council 9709's Memorial Day Mass Roll this year bringing to a total of 413 the number of veterans listed on the document.

Council Chaplain Father David McBriar celebrated the Memorial Day Mass at 9 a.m., Monday, May 28, in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel. Some 104 parishioners attended the Mass. Grand Knight Kent Siefkes read the new names aloud just prior to the Mass. As has been customary, the Roll with all 413 names was present at the Mass in honor of the veterans.

Thanks to Brother Jeff Rohman who first organized the event in 2005 and has faithfully continued it over seven years. Thanks as well to Brothers Tim Stevens and Mike Supianoski, who served as greeters at the door; Brother Weisenberger who served as Lector, Brother Don Donaghy as Sacristan, Brothers Tom DuPree, Ralph Guenther and Bill Nowak as Eucharistic Ministers; Brother Rich Szulewski who performed Cantor duties and Brother Jim Wahl who provided music and sang as well. And thanks lastly to the nine Brothers and spouses who staffed the table in the Stewardship Room over the weekends of May 5-6 and 12-13 to allow Parishioners the opportunity to enroll their veterans for the Mass. The Council will take credit for some 35 volunteer hours for the work associated with preparing for and executing the Mass.

The Mass was initially held on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, and in 2005 there were only eight names on the Roll. In 2009 the Mass was moved to Memorial Day at the suggestion of Father Mark Reamer, and that year some 115 veterans were enrolled by their loved ones, the highest of any year that the Mass has been celebrated.



Grand Knight Kent Siefkes read the names of the 91 veterans added to the Memorial Day Mass Roll.

## COUNCIL ADDS \$2,706.33 TO OPERATION LAMB TOTAL IN MAY

Some 18 Brother Knights from All Saints Council 9709 collected a total of \$2,706.33 in donations over the first two weekends in May for Operation LAMB. The Council collected some \$6,853.17 in April, bringing the total for the 2012 spring drive so far to \$9,559.50.

Nine Brother Knights volunteered for 16 slots over the weekend of May 5-6 at the Kroger store at Creedmoor and Lynn Roads. Thanks to Brother Ralph Guenther who signed up for a shift each day. Eight Brother Knights and one spouse signed up for 26 slots over the weekend of May 12-13 at the Morrisville Walmart. Thanks to Brothers Dick Bridges, Ralph Guenther and Dave Vogelpohl who signed up for a shift each day.

The Council will be collecting donations at the Walmart on Glenwood Avenue over the weekend of July 14-15 to finish the spring drive. There are 18 slots for that weekend, and four are currently unfilled. Dates for the fall drive have not yet been finalized, although plans are for the fall drive to run one weekend in September, two weekends in October and one in November.

Council 9709 collected some \$19,303.09 for Operation LAMB in 2011, which ranked fourth in the State for donations collected. The Council's goal for this calendar year is \$19,892, a three percent increase over 2011.

Statewide last year's Operation LAMB only brought in some \$750,000, State Operation LAMB Director Richard White reported at the recent State Convention in Asheville. Prior to the economic downturn, the State collection pushed upwards of \$900,000, and ultimately the State goal is to collect \$1 million in donations annually.



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."