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COUNCIL FINDS VAN FOR USO OF NORTH CAROLINA

Thanks to the generosity of Brother Jim Falanga, All Saints Council 9709 was able to satisfy a key need of the USO of North Carolina. Brother Falanga donated his 1995 Ford Aerostar van with 79,000 miles on it to North Carolina USO Director Connie Inggs in the Airport Administration Parking Lot of the RDU International Airport on Thursday, May 24.

"I'd like to thank personally Jim Falanga as well as acknowledge the efforts to satisfy this need of the USO of North Carolina by Knights of Columbus Council 9709," said Connie Inggs. "We will be able to provide more effectively for our men and women in uniform serving in North Carolina as a result of your dedication and generosity."

Brother Ralph Guenther, USO coordinator for the Council, identified the USO's need for the van earlier this year, and preparations were underway to appeal to other Councils in the Raleigh area and beyond for cash donations to purchase a used van.

The USO of North Carolina served over 400,000 service members and their families last year at centers in Charlotte, Jacksonville, Fort Bragg and Raleigh. The USO also maintains satellite offices at the New Bern Airport and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. The USO had been using volunteers' vehicles to transport food, drinks and equipment to these outlying locations, but this arrangement was unfair and untenable in the longterm.

Besides helping the USO of North Carolina and his Council, Brother Falanga will also get a tax deduction on his income tax return for 2012 for having donated the van.



L-R: Brother Jim Falanga presents hands the title to his van to North Carolina USO Director Connie Inggs, Thursday, May 24.

COUNCIL APPROVES \$22,960 BUDGET FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2012-13

Attendees at the July 3 business meeting approved the Council's \$22,960 budget for fraternal year 2012-13. The budget is structured differently than last fraternal year's budget, and the \$22,960 figure does not include some \$6,000 in pass through items such as monies received and disbursed for the Christmas party. The biggest change is the Council's having to adjust anticipated income due to the loss of the revenue stream from the RBC Center in past years. Last fraternal year's budget was approved for \$38,510, and the year prior to that it was \$41,330.

"Although this budget appears to be less than previous years' budgets, it still represents the Council's commitment to the Order's guiding principle of charity in all its endeavors," said new Grand Knight Shawn Bayle. "Council officers were also very conservative in their estimates of anticipated revenue, so we may be able to do considerably more given the right circumstances, particularly with success in the new fundraising activities planned for next year."

The budget fully funds Council continuing commitments to Room at the Inn (\$2,000), RSVP (\$1,500) and the Benefit for Life Gala (\$1,500). It also includes a line item of \$2,500 to support the renovation the kitchen in Clare Hall.

Primary sources of revenue include the concession stand at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park (\$2,500), an Art Auction (\$1,500), a golf outing (\$2,000), a dinner theater project (\$1,800) and hosting the Chicago-based Catholic play "Late Night Catechism" (\$4,000).

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Dear Brothers:

We are embarking on a set of new fundraising activities that we hope will bring substantial revenue to our budget. Please review them and sign-up at the August Organizational Meeting. We will continue most old programs and add some new ones including "service days" to provide manpower to identified causes like Catholic Parish Outreach, Habitat for Humanity and Parish facilities maintenance. We will work to upgrade Parish kitchens to support increased community activities.

I also look forward to increasing our fraternal unity through shorter business meetings with refreshments, new social venues, and some special fraternal events like nights at the Canes. Your officers will do their best to keep you informed and solicit your opinions and to do so with concise and rapid reporting.

Our Order gives us the structure and opportunity to use our gifts to live and act as our Lord Jesus requested. Let's use our gifts together, as a fraternity of men and their families, building our unity, providing for those less fortunate and having a lot of fun along the way.

Brothers, I am humbled by your confidence, and I look forward to working together with you for a great year of service and fraternity.

Vivat Jesus!


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

JULY 2012

- 14-15 - Operation LAMB, See Website for Sign Ups
- 14 - Council Picnic, 11 a.m., Fr. Price Council 2546 Compound
- 18 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 23 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

AUGUST 2012

- 7 - Organizational 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

SEPTEMBER 2012

- 4 - Business Meeting/1st Degree Ceremony, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 9 - Migrant Ministry Dinner, 12:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Rosary, Louisburg
- 15-16 - Operation LAMB, See Website for Sign Ups
- 18 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 19 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 22-23 - Operation LAMB, See Website for Sign Ups
- 24 - Blood Drive, 10 a.m., Clare Hall
- 25 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . PPDPK

Financial Secretary Dennis Kelleher sent out annual dues notices via e-mail 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. If you have not already done so, please bring your dues checks to the August business meeting and save both the Council and yourself the cost of postage. And, don't forget to think about a voluntary contribution of \$3.65 on top of the \$28 in dues to cover the State's Penny-Per-Day-Per-Knight program!

Your dues notice will include a line for a voluntary \$3.65 contribution to this fund. This past fraternal year, All Saints Council sent some \$800 to State for this fund, up from the \$611 sent for fraternal year 2010-11. If all members of the Council would contribute this year, the Council would again be sending about \$800.

As of June 30, some 36 Council members had responded to the initial e-mail request for dues. Effective July 1, Council members can also pay their dues via credit card online. The link to the Council "storefront" is

on the Council website.

At the May 1999 State Convention, delegates passed a resolution establishing a Catholic Charities Fund that would be supported by a voluntary "penny per day per Knight" donation from every Knight in North Carolina. Contributions are used by the State's two Bishops to support Parishes in need, especially during natural or man-made disasters. Monies collected are intended to be used in the year they are collected under the premise that there is always a need somewhere in North Carolina. Delegates to the 1999 Convention felt that it was more practical to establish an existing fund to support the Bishops than appeal for assistance to all Councils on an as-needed basis.

Since the program's inception, the State Council has also made contributions internationally at the Bishops' request. For example, the State made a \$500 contribution in support of Haiti in the wake of the earthquake that ravaged that nation in January 2010.

COUNCIL PRESENTS 1,300 AWARDS AT SONC SWIMMING EVENT

Some 16 Brother Knights, spouses and young adults from All Saints Council 9709 presented over 1,300 awards to participants at the Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC) State Swimming Competition over the weekend of June 2-3. Council 9709 has supported the annual swimming competition at the Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary for the past four years.

Some 16 individuals worked Saturday, June 2, and 13 on Sunday, June 3. In all, there were a total of 30 events held over the weekend involving some 349 heats run during the course of the two-day competition. Thanks to Brothers Mark Baumgartner, Jerry Cucurullo, Ralph Guenther, Michael Darrow, Mike Hoover, Keith Houchin, Fred Johnson, John Moster, Dick Novacek and Jeff Szymendera as well as Edie Dickinson, Elaine DuPree, Delaney Darrow and Patrick Darrow from Council 9709. Thanks as well to Brother Joe Mesa from Council 6650 in Cary and daughter Danielle, who also pitched in on Saturday.

Thanks to Brothers Ken Bridges, Tom DuPree, Ralph Guenther*, Keith Houchin*, Fred Johnson*, Jeff Rohman, Mike Supianoski and Mike Wrzesien who worked the Sunday competition as well as Carew, Jordan and Kelsey Bridges; Edie Dickinson*, Amanda Houchin. The names of the four individuals who worked both days are marked with an asterisk.

SONC Council Coordinator Brother Ralph Guenther estimates that participants donated some 255 volunteer hours to this effort.

Council 9709 also supports local Wake County Special Olympics events as well as the SONC State Bowling Competition in December each year. Knights who have worked the events usually return the next year. The general feeling is one of true charity in recognizing these dedicated, albeit intellectually handicapped, athletes for their accomplishments in front of their parents, families and peers. Knights interested in getting involved with Special Olympics North Carolina should contact Brother Ralph Guenther directly.



Saturday's SONC Awards Team: First Row L-R: Danielle Mesa, Brothers John Moster, Mark Baumgartner, Mike Hoover, Fred Johnson, Dick Novacek, Jerry Cucurullo. Second Row L-R: Brother Jeff Szymendera, Edie Dickinson, Elaine DuPree, Brothers Ralph Guenther, Joe Mesa, Keith Houchin. Not shown: Brother Michael Darrow, Delaney Darrow, Patrick Darrow.

COUNCIL DELIVERS GOLF TOURNAMENT CHECK TO CPO



Brother James Powers presents CPO Food Pantry Director Terry Foley a check for \$2,081.07 as Grand Knight Kent Siefkes (left) and (right) Brothers Nick Szews, Catholic Charities Director Rick Miller-Haraway and Deputy Grand Knight Shawn Bayle look on.

A delegation from All Saints Council 9709 presented a check for \$2,081.07 to the Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) Food Pantry Thursday, June 14. The check represents the net profit made from the golf tournament held Monday, May 21, at the Wil-Mar Golf Club in Raleigh.

"Thank you so much for the wonderful gift. This will provide a week's worth of groceries to 84 families," said Terry Foley, director of the CPO Food Pantry.

Following the check presentation, Ms. Foley and Catholic Charities Director Rick Miller-Haraway gave Council representatives a tour of the CPO facilities, which include educational programs such as reading, writing, English as a Second Language and GED courses as well as food warehousing and distribution.

Brothers James Powers and Nick Szews have already booked the next Council-sponsored golf tournament for May 20, 2013. The event will be hosted once again at the Wil-Mar Golf Club again, and proceeds will benefit the CPO Food Pantry.

SIEFKES FAMILY SELECTED AS JULY'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected Past Grand Knight Kent Siefkes' family as July's Family of the Month. Brother Kent has been a Knight since December 2004, has attained his 4th Degree and has been very active in the Council since joining, having just completed his term as Grand Knight and beginning his three-year term as Trustee. He serves as the Council's Culture-of-Life Director and is also a member of the Council's 1st and 2nd Degree Ceremonial Teams and of PSD John Gouldie's 3rd Degree Ceremonial team. At St. Francis he is a lector, and is active in the Men's Ministry. Outside of the Council and St. Francis, he is a member of the Diocesan Pro-Life Office Theology of the Body Advisory Committee and Chairman of the Board of the Raleigh affiliate of Family Honor.

Wife Virginia is a Eucharistic minister, a member of the Stephen's Ministry Leadership team, and a member of the St.

Francis women's Friday morning Bible study. She is president of the Fine Arts Boosters and a volunteer at St. David's School. Virginia is also a member of the local Dogwood Chapter of the National Charity League with daughter Jessica (a mother/daughter philanthropy/service organization), as well as Vice Chairman of the Raleigh affiliate of Family Honor.

Daughter Marissa, 24, recently completed teaching first grade at an all-girls Charter school in Washington, D.C., and will be working at Achievement First Charter School in Brooklyn, N.Y., beginning in the fall. Jessica is a rising senior at St. David's High School, where she is active in the fine arts, and is planning to pursue acting in college the following year. She enjoys ministering as a psalmist/song leader at St. Francis.



Marissa, Brother Kent, Virginia and Jessica Siefkes

BROTHER JIM FALANGA IS JULY'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Jim Falanga

Council officers have selected Brother Jim Falanga as Knight of the Month for July for his service to the community, in particular to Catholic Parish Outreach and the USO.

Brother Jim started as a Knight in October 2010 at All Saints Council 9709. He is also a 3rd Degree Knight and was recently elected as Outside Guard for fraternal year 2012-13. Brother Jim came to Raleigh in July 2010 to be closer to friends, family and grandchildren as well as to enjoy warmer winters while continuing working in his own company, SoftCrafters Inc, as a computer systems consultant specializing in the Biotech industry.

Brother Jim was very active in his previous Parish helping to operate a three-Parish food closet, supporting the local homeless shelter, and when his son was younger, supporting the local Boy Scout troop, including many years on the Council.

He and wife Nancy have three children and two grandchildren, plus his mother who lives with them, all of whom remain a major focal point in their lives. Brother Jim enjoys playing golf when he gets the chance, travel, local culture and looks forward to continuing to remain active in the Council and growing in his faith at St. Francis.

54 ATTEND OFFICERS INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Some 54 Brothers, spouses and family members attended the Council's annual Officers Installation Ceremony after Mass Saturday, June 23, in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel. Chaplain Fr. David McBriar participated in the ceremony with District Deputy Don Williams presiding.

After the ceremony guests were treated to an Italian dinner from Brother Dino's Capri Restaurant, followed by an awards presentation led by outgoing Grand Knight Kent Siefkes and incoming Grand Knight Shawn Bayle.

The Officers Installation Ceremony is traditionally held in late June or early July to welcome the new officers and salute the old officers at the end of their terms. The District Deputy is responsible for conducting the ceremony, which is held in public so that spouses and family members may attend. Spouses present are asked to present the jewels of office to their husbands as part of the ceremony.

Congratulations to new Grand Knight Shawn Bayle and all the new officers for fraternal year 2012-2013!



Fraternal year 2012-2013 officers and family members pose for a photo following the Officers Installation Ceremony in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel.



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GUARANTEED FUTURE INSURABILITY - In the unfortunate event that your child develops a medical condition, he or she would not be forced to pay higher premiums or become uninsurable in the future.

LOCK IN LOWER PREMIUMS - Buying a permanent policy on your child allows you to buy more coverage at a much lower cost and keep the same premium for life.

START THEM ON THE PATH TO SAVING - A permanent life insurance policy includes a savings element that builds accessible cash value over time. The policy's cash value can be borrowed against for any purpose while maintaining full protection.

SHOW THE IMPORTANCE - By having life insurance on your child, you are showing him or her the importance of taking care of loved ones as well as demonstrating a tangible means to that end.

HELP PLAN FOR THE FUTURE - Some day your child is going to go off to college, buy a car, get married and buy a home. All of these major life decisions involve some debt. A life insurance policy can help secure a loan with a bank or be cashed in to provide a down payment.

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All Saints Council 9709's Field Agent is Brother Tim Kilpatrick, who is always available at 919-847-3799 (H), 919-880-3463 (C) or via e-mail at Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org.

COUNCIL WELCOMES FOUR NEW MEMBERS AND PERHAPS A STAR

All Saints Council 9709 welcomed four new members to its ranks at a special meeting and 1st Degree Ceremony conducted June 27, just prior to the end of fraternal year 2011-12. Based upon some extraordinary circumstances, the four new members may be enough for the Council to win the Father McGivney Award for membership and Star Council status for the fraternal year.

Welcome to new Knights Frank Adamek, Steve Bloomquist, Ernie Daniels and Bill Turner! The four bring to a total of 16 new Knights entering the Order from Council 9709 this year. Because of a processing delay by Supreme regarding suspensions reported by the Council, All Saints Council 9709 has recruited enough new Knights to meet its assigned goal for the year.

Star Council status is determined by a Council meeting the requirements for the Father Michael J. McGivney Award for membership, the Founders Award for new insurance members and the Colombian Award for activities. Council 9709 had seven new insurance members this year against a goal of six, and the Council has never had a problem meeting minimum requirements for activities.

Final determination for Star Council status will be made by Supreme in August 2012.



L-R: Steve Bloomquist, Frank Adamek, Bill Turner and Ernie Daniels joined Council 9709 June 27.

COUNCIL CLEANS UP LEESVILLE ROAD FOR ANOTHER YEAR



Eight Brother Knights picked up nine bags of trash and three bags of recyclables Saturday morning, June 9, to complete another fraternal year of participation in North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) Adopt-A-Highway Program. The Council has been picking up trash along the stretch of Leesville Road from the Citgo Station to the Durham County line since January 2001.

For fraternal year 2011-2012, some 16 Council members picked up a total of 29 orange bags of trash and 11 blue bags of recyclables during the quarterly pick ups in September 2011, December 2011, March 2012 and June 2012. Special thanks go to Council Coordinator Brother John Moster and Brother Mike Supianoski who worked each of the four quarterly pick ups. Thanks as well to Brothers Shawn Bayle, Dick Bridges*, Jerry Cucurullo, Don Donaghy*, Tom DuPree, Mike Evans, Ralph Guenther**, Tru Hall*, Fred Johnson, Larry Mathiot, Mike Pfauth, Ron Price* and Kent Siefkes. Brother Knights' names marked with an asterisk (*) worked two of the quarterly pick ups and those with two asterisks (**) worked three.

Brother Moster estimates that some 58 volunteer hours were donated by the 16 Brother Knights who participated in the program. Depending on the number of individuals working a particular pick up, it takes an average of about two hours to collect the debris along Leesville Road.

All Saints Council 9709 completed 10 years of service in the Adopt-A-Highway Program as of Jan. 1, 2011, and the signs marking the limits of the Council's responsibility on Leesville Road now sport 10-year decals marking that milestone.

According to the NCDOT website, the department's Adopt-A-Highway is the second largest anti-litter organization in the nation, with more than 6,000 groups having adopted more than 13,000 miles of state-maintained roads. NCDOT estimates that these groups have saved the State more than \$30 million in clean up costs since the program's inception.