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FRANCIS FEST SUCCEEDS DESPITE WEATHER

Despite some abnormally cool and wet weather, Parishioners turned out in force Sunday, Oct. 7, to feast on barbecue pork and chicken and join in a variety of Church-hosted events.

This year the Council was only responsible for serving the food for the barbecue. The Council has budgeted some \$2,000 in anticipated revenue for its participation, all of which money will be dedicated to the Council's Catholic Education Fund.

All the activities outside of the serving area in Jacoba Hall were handled by Church ministries or Church ministries supported by Knights. One of the major activities handled by Knight volunteers was the Habitat for Humanity area just outside of Clare Hall. Knight volunteers assisted interested Parishioners in framing walls for a home in the August Crossing neighborhood just off Poole Road in Raleigh. This is the third year walls have been assembled on St. Francis grounds to be used in the construction of Habitat for Humanity homes around Raleigh.

"We raised walls, we raised awareness, we raised the willingness to get involved. This was a most successful day," said Brother Ray Martin, who coordinated the activity for the Church with a number of Knight volunteers.

Thanks to Brothers Akuro Adoki, Gene Astorino, Joe Azzopardi, Mark Baumgartner, Shawn and MaryBeth Bayle, Peter Brzezinski, Steve Burdett, Tom Carlson, Pat and Chris Cherry, Mike, Partick and Delaney Darrow; Brian and Peggy Denison, Tom DuPree, Tony Evans, John Gbruoski, Ralph Guenther, Keith and Amanda Houchin, Dennis Kelleher, Gabriele Monetti, Dick Novacek, Dan Pratt, Bill Quirk, Jeff Rohman, Dave Roos, Kent Siefkes, Tim Stevens, Mike Supianowski, Tim Wagner and Bob Weisenberger who all signed up online to help.



L-R: Brothers Ralph Guenther, Ray Martin and Tony Evans helped build walls for Habitat for Humanity at the Oct. 7 Francis Fest.

DISTRICT #9 2ND DEGREE TEAM ADVANCES FIVE

The District #9 2nd Degree team conducted a ceremony Tuesday, Oct. 9, for five Knights, two from Council 3390 and three from Council 9709. Congratulations to Brothers Fr. Matt Monnig and Robert Woelfel from Council 3390 in Durham and Brothers Ernie Daniels, Bill Quirk and Tim Wiwel from Council 9709! Council 3390 is a District #9 Council.

All members of the District #9 2nd Degree team are members of All Saints Council 9709.

Recognizing the need to offer 1st Degree Knights the opportunity to take their 2nd Degree at the earliest opportunity, All Saints Council 9709 volunteered to form a 2nd Degree Team for District #9 to support District #9 Councils as well as other Councils and Districts in and around northern Raleigh. Some 18 members of Council 9709 came forward to fill the roles in the ceremony, and after practicing during the summer of 2010, the team was certified by the State Ceremonials Chairman on Sept. 2, 2010.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

My Brothers,

In reflecting on the meaning of being a Knight of Columbus, we are first and foremost Brothers, in Fraternity, supporting each other in times of need and joy and to join together socially building friendships. The founding of the Knights to support the needs of the families of departed Brothers is the basis of this notion. Charity, our first principle, "begins at home."

Being Catholic men, we naturally extend this loving support to members of our Community, first to our Parishes, then to other Catholics, then to the larger Community of God's children. This has given rise to our Order's service programs that have donated millions of volunteer hours and over \$1.4 billion over the past 10 years. This is a heritage to be proud of.

I remind myself the sequence above is important. I urge you to get to know your Brothers, to grow in membership by inviting your friends to join, and to progress through all Degrees of the Order. This month, I especially want to congratulate Brother Tom Carlson on becoming a full Knight in the 3rd Degree.

Taking the time to get to know one another yields dividends you cannot anticipate today. Standing together in Unity means taking time to support and get to know each other. I know life these days is hectic and many don't have the time to attend meetings and events. I urge you to keep as active as you can as your time invested today pays back many times more in friendships, fun, and support.

Yours In Christ,


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

OCTOBER 2012

- 16 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Milton's Pizza, 8853 Six Forks Road
- 17 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 19-21 - Operation LAMB, See Website for Sign Ups
- 21 (T) - Council and District Soccer Challenge, 1 p.m., TFS Athletic Field
- 30 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

NOVEMBER 2012

- 1 - All Saints Day
- 2 - All Souls Day
- 2-3 Operation LAMB, See Website for Sign Ups
- 6 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Rm
- 20 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 21 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 22 - Thanksgiving
- 27 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

DECEMBER 2012

- 3 - 2nd Degree Ceremony, 7 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 4 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 18 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- 19 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 25 - Christmas Day
- TBD - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . VOLUNTEER TAX DEDUCTIONS

The Internal Revenue Service allows individuals performing volunteer work to deduct some amounts paid in giving services to a qualified charitable organization that are unreimbursed, directly connected with the services incurred only because of the services you gave and not personal, living or family-related expenses. Volunteer work performed in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus qualifies under the IRS definition.

Specifically, you can deduct unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses such as the cost of gas and oil that are directly related to the use of your vehicle in giving services to a charitable organization. You cannot deduct general repair or maintenance expenses, depreciation, registration fees or the costs of tires or insurance. If you do not wish to keep track of actual expenses incurred, you can claim a deduction of \$.14 per mile that you use your vehicle for volunteer work or commute back and forth to the site at which the volunteer work is performed. You can also deduct parking fees and tolls whether you claim actual expenses or the standard mileage rate.

You cannot deduct actual expenses or mileage incurred from driving back and forth to meetings or seminars that do not involve direct volunteer service to a qualified charitable organization. As an example, you cannot deduct actual expenses or the mileage you incur from going to a regular Council business meeting, but you can deduct those expenses or the mileage if you drive to the Church parking lot to participate in the Council's quarterly Adopt-A-Highway trash pick ups.

You must keep a written record of your vehicle expenses or mileage driven. That record will be accepted by the Internal Revenue Service provided it has the name(s) of the organization(s) for which you worked and the date each time you used your vehicle for a charitable purpose.

The deduction is entered as a cash donation on Line 16 of Schedule A on your tax return.



TRAVELING GAVEL COMES TO ALL SAINTS COUNCIL



Council 13812 Grand Knight Ray Anderson (L) presents the traveling gavel to Grand Knight Shawn Bayle at the Oct. 2 business meeting.

Pope John Paul II Council 13812's Grand Knight Ray Anderson delivered the "traveling gavel" to All Saints Council 9709 at its regular business meeting Tuesday, Oct. 2. Council 9709 will deliver the gavel to Paul J. Trageser Council 10910 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church on Wednesday, Oct. 17. The gavel will have made the circuit among all four District #9 Councils during the first quarter of this fraternal year and will next move to a to-be-determined Council in District #8.

The gavel is meant to foster fraternity among Councils in the Order. The Grand Knight is asked to take the gavel along with a small delegation from his Council to another Council where he presents it to his counterpart. That Grand Knight uses the gavel at business meetings until he delivers it to the next recipient Council.

KROGER CANCELS SEPT. 15-16 OPERATION LAMB SHIFTS

Council Operation LAMB Director Brother Tim Stevens contacted all who had signed up to work Operation LAMB over the weekend of Sept. 15-16 to let them know that the shifts had been canceled by Kroger corporate directive.

"Apparently, another organization working at a Kroger store caused this action," said Brother Stevens in an e-mail to Council officers. "We are very disappointed about this and the ramifications for our fall LAMB collection."

Brother Stevens filed an appeal with Regional Kroger Operations Manager David Kees Monday, Sept. 17, who replied that the decision as to whether an organization is allowed to solicit charitable donations outside a store is the purview of the individual store manager. Brother Stevens confirmed with the store managers of the Kroger stores at 6300 and 8345 Creedmoor Road that the Knights would be welcome the weekends of Sept. 22-23 and Oct. 19-21.

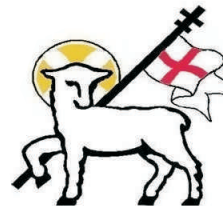
Thanks to Brothers Steve Becker and daughters Allison and Tori; Don and Terri Donaghy, Tony Halterman, John Moster Mike Wrzesien, who worked Sept. 22-23. No one had signed up for nine slots of the 16 available by Sept. 20. Two shifts of the 16 were not staffed at all.

There are still shifts available at the Stonehenge Market Harris Teeter at 7400 Creedmoor Road Oct. 19-20, the Morrisville Walmart at 1101 Shiloh Glenn Drive Oct. 19-20 and the Leesville Town Center Harris Teeter at 13210 Strickland Road Nov. 2-3. Volunteers are encouraged to go to the Council website to sign up. There are still vacant slots available for these dates, and filling all of them has now become even more important.

So far this year, All Saints Council 9709 has collected a total of \$11,894.35 toward a State-assigned goal of \$19,892. The collection over the weekend of Sept. 22-23 was \$807.40. Typically, a shift collects about \$125-175 in donations over a three-hour period. Kroger's action will cause the Council to miss taking in an estimated \$1,000-1,400 for the eight shifts canceled Sept. 15-16.

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.

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."



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Helping People with
Intellectual Disabilities since 1974

WHITES ARE OCTOBER'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected the White family as October's Family of the Month for exemplifying the ideal of a Catholic family. The Whites have been married for 24 years and have nine children (ages 24-20). The couple moved to Raleigh from Minnesota in 2005 and found a Parish home at St. Francis as well as a wonderful school for their children at The Franciscan School.

Brother Richard joined the Knights of Columbus in 1998 and is currently a 3rd Degree Knight. He has participated in Operation LAMB and several blood drives with his children and is involved with the Parish Migrant Ministry, Men's Ministry and WIHN. Brother Richard is also very involved with the Youth Ministry program in the Parish and recently chaperoned a five-day youth mission trip to Atlanta. He is currently working for University of Pennsylvania Health System.

After a 20-year career in the U.S. Air Force (active duty and reserves), Karla is enjoying her "free" time by participating in many Church ministries including Eucharistic Minister to Magnolia Glen, Youth Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Mercy Camp, WIHN and the Women's Bible Study group.

The White family enjoys the time they spend together as a family, taking trips to the mountains, the beach, a nearby park to play football or rooting for the Vikings! "Whatever events lie ahead, a vacation, a mission trip, or a busy schedule, nothing in this family begins without God," says Karla.



The White Family: Back Row (L-R): Brother Richard, Karla, Nicholas, Andrew, Daniel and Alex. Front Row (L-R): Julianna, James, David, Sammy and Madeline.

BROTHER MIKE SUPIANOSKI IS OCTOBER'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Mike Supianoski

Council officers have selected Brother Mike Supianoski as Knight of the Month for October 2012. This is the third time Brother Mike has been singled out from the membership for his numerous contributions to the Council. Brother Mike worked a total of nine games at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park (DBAP), more than any other Knight but one. His previous Knight of the Month awards in February 2011 and February 2010 were for working record numbers of shifts at the RBC Center when the Council was working that venue.

Brother Mike originally became a Knight in Marianna, Fla., in the late 1990s but allowed his membership to lapse after suffering a brain aneurism, which left him in a coma for 17 days in June 2000. Wife Joyce assisted him with his ensuing disability until she contracted lupus and died in March 2009. Brother Mike then moved to Raleigh to be closer to his sister, Shirley Edwards, and her husband Bill.

After joining All Saints Council, Brother Mike took his 3rd Degree. Besides working at the DBAP, Brother Mike is a regular at Operation LAMB, the annual barbecue, trash pick up, pancake breakfasts and anything else the Council does.

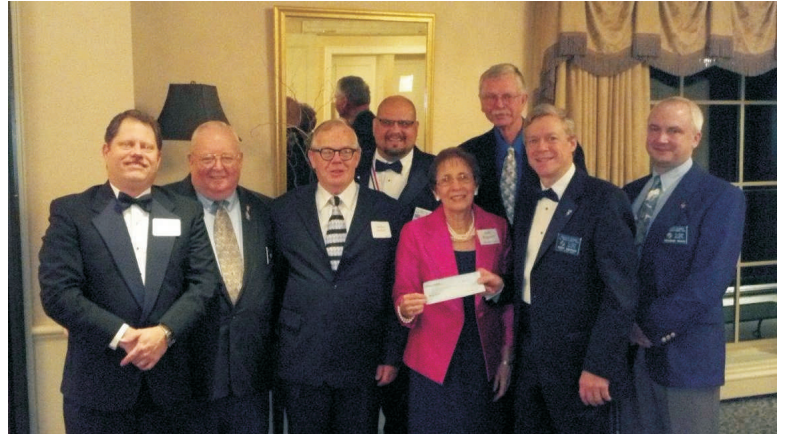
He is also on the District #9 2nd Degree team.

COUNCIL PRESENTS CHECK FOR \$1,000 TO BIRTHCHOICE

A delegation of some 17 Knights and their spouses from All Saints Council 9709 attended the 10th annual Benefit for Life Gala at Northridge Country Club, Friday, Oct. 5. The Council sponsored two tables at the event, which raises money for four Ministries in the Diocese of Raleigh: Birthchoice, The Gabriel Project, Family Honor and Project Rachel.

Council Culture of Life Director Brother Kent Siefkes presented a check for \$1,000 to Birthchoice Director Betty Rogosich at the gala. All Saints Council 9709 has contributed checks ranging in amount from \$500 to \$1,500 over the past several years to this worthy cause. Last year's check was for \$1,000.

Birthchoice, which celebrated its 40th anniversary this year, offers onsite, unlimited ultrasound to women who visit for help and guidance. The Gabriel Project provides assistance to Birthchoice clients and other agency clients by monitoring mothers before and after their children are born. Family Honor is a national Catholic non-profit organization that offers a family-centered approach to chastity education. Project Rachel is a post-abortive healing ministry that provides confidential assistance to women, men and all who have experienced the pain of abortion.



L-R: Grand Knight Shawn Bayle, Tom DuPree, Manfred Varnhold, an unidentified 4th Degree Knight (rear), Birthchoice Director Betty Rogosich, Deputy Grand Knight Brian Denison (rear), Kent Siefkes and Richard White during the check presentation.



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SWISS ARMY KNIFE POLICY

by Michael O'Rourke
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September was "Life Insurance Awareness Month," and I thought it would be helpful to share some information from financial experts that have no association with the Order to reinforce the value of insurance.

"A whole life insurance policy is the Swiss Army knife of the insurance world," says Anthony Domino, a field representative for Guardian Life Insurance and president of Associated Benefit Consultants. "And maybe you don't think you need the corkscrew and the scissors, and you just need a penknife. But then again ... you find yourself in a situation where you do need a corkscrew after all."

While term life insurance is more popular, whole life insurance is enjoying a resurgence in demand. A whole life policy can act as a buffer against estate taxes and probate costs and provides a death benefit along with a living cash benefit. In addition, a whole life policy allows someone at the time of retirement to remain insured while spending the other assets they've accumulated or pursuing a more aggressive investment strategy for those assets.

To illustrate the difference between the two kinds of policies, Chris Blunt, chief operating officer of life and annuity products at New York Life Insurance, likens term life to an adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM). "People buy ARMs because they seem cheap in the beginning, which is the same reason people buy term insurance," he says. "But whole life can actually end up being the better value in the long run, because whole life gives a cash value, which could be tapped as an alternative to the three- to six-month living expenses most financial advisers tell people to keep in a money market fund." Blunt also notes that the whole life policy's cash value could be used as an extension of another source of "emergency" funds, including that money market account. "If you get laid off, you need to have created a financial plan that helps you withstand those unanticipated blows," he says.

I hope you enjoyed the second opinion, (I copied this article from [BusinessWeek](#)). Give Brother Timothy Kilpatrick a call to find out how you can add a whole life policy to your investment portfolio. He's always available 919-847-3799 (H), 919-880-3463 (C) or via e-mail at Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org.

DBAP REVENUE EXCEEDS BUDGET EXPECTATIONS

Durham Bulls Athletic Park (DBAP) Coordinator Brother Mike Wrzesien reported at the Oct. 2 business meeting that the Council had received a total of \$2,795.67 as a result of working a concession stand for 22 games this season. All Saints Council 9709 received a total of \$2,087.01 directly from Center Plate, the concessionaire for DBAP, as well as another \$708.66 in tips. Council officers had estimated revenue of \$2,500 in the annual budget.

Thanks to all who worked one or more games: Brothers Frank Adamek, Mark Baumgartner, Steve Becker (3), Dick Bridges, Tom Byrnes (2), Pat Cherry, Mike Darrow (2), Brian Denison (6), Tom DuPree (6), Mike Evans (2), Tony Evans (5), Jim Falanga, Ralph Guenther (8), Tru Hall, John Martin (2), John Moster, Dick Novacek, James Powers (2), Kent Siefkes (2), Tim Stevens, Mike Supianoski (9) and Mike Wrzesien (9). A special thanks to spouses Elaine DuPree (3) and Virginia Siefkes who also volunteered for the Council.

The highest pay out was for Thursday, May 17, when Council volunteers poured over \$6,000 in beer sales earning a paycheck of \$299.34 and hauling in \$123 in tips.



L-R: Brothers Tony Evans, Mike Supianoski and Brian Denison just before the gate opened for the Saturday, August 18 game. Brother Mike Wrzesien also worked this game and took the picture.

COUNCIL FEEDS 180 AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY



L-R: Lauren Frizell, Kris Rizzo, Elaine DuPree, Mary Kane and Sabine Bridges just before the serving line opened.

Some 19 Brother Knights, spouses and relatives from two Councils donated, transported and/or served a meal to an estimated 180 parishioners at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Louisburg after the 1 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday, Sept. 9.

The Church serves a large Hispanic population, including a large number of legal migrant workers in the employ of local farmers. The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community Migrant Ministry transports the workers to and from Mass each Sunday from June through September and arranges for a meal after Mass once during each of those summer months. This is the fifth year that the Council has sponsored the September meal for the Migrant Ministry.

Of special note, Mary Kane and daughters Kris Rizzo and Lauren Frizell donated food items and traveled to Louisburg to serve the meal in honor of what would have been Mary and Brother Joe Kane's 52nd wedding anniversary on Sept. 10. Brother Joe passed Dec. 8, 2011.

Thanks also to Brothers Akuro Adoki, Mark Baumgartner, Steve Becker, Dick and Sabine Bridges, Tom Carlson, Mike Darrow, Brian Denison, Tom and Elaine DuPree, Tony Evans, Kent and Virginia Siefkes and Mike Supianoski for volunteering to donate food and other items and/or travel to Louisburg to serve the meal.

Thanks as well to Brother Jay Illingworth and wife Mary Lou from Fr. James D. Campbell Council 13511, which is associated with Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, for donating items and helping on site. Council 13511 was established in 2004 and consists of only 12-15 members.