

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

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## COUNCIL GETS STAR AWARD FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2011-2012

State Advocate Brother John Nussbaum presented the Order's Star Award to All Saints Council 9709 Past Grand Knight Kent Siefkes at the Council's Nov. 6 business meeting. The award covers fraternal year 2011-2012 when Brother Siefkes was Grand Knight.

In order to meet the requirements for the Star Award, a Council must meet or exceed its membership recruiting goal (the Father McGivney Award), its new insurance member goal (the Founders Award) and demonstrate that it has conducted at least four activities each under the categories of Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Culture of Life.

The Star Award is the highest honor a Council can achieve in the Order. Council 9709 last won the Star Award for fraternal year 2010-2011. That year the Council was credited with a Double Star Award because of its unusual success at gaining twice the number of new members as its Supreme-set goal.

In order to achieve Star status for fraternal year 2012-2013, the Council must achieve a Supreme assigned goal for membership of 16 as well as six new insurance members. These numbers, however, increase with member and insurance member losses.



Past Grand Knight Kent Siefkes (L) gets the Star Award from State Advocate John Nussbaum.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Deputy Grand Knight Brian Denison made an appeal to Council members at the Nov. 6 business meeting for help staffing Harvest Moon Saturday, Nov. 17, and decorating the Church for Advent on Dec. 23.

Harvest Moon is the annual fundraiser for the St. Francis Preschool, and the Council has provided the food and the manpower to cook and serve it over the past few years. A crew of 10-15 Brother Knights is needed to cook the chili Friday, Nov. 16, beginning at 5 p.m., and another crew of 15 Knights is needed to serve the food at the event, which runs from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17. Interested Brothers should contact Brother Denison or Youth Director Brother Mike Wrzesien to volunteer.

The Council has also been asked to assemble the Church's Christmas creche and hang lights on the Christmas tree in the Church from 12:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 23. Volunteers should contact Brother Denison or Church Director Brother Steve Becker to volunteer. A date for taking the creche and tree down will be announced in December.

## DUKE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MINISTRY NEEDS GIFT CARDS



The Church's Duke Children's Hospital Ministry has again approached All Saints Council to support its annual Christmas party at the hospital, Dec. 15. Unlike in years past, the Ministry is specifically requesting \$20 gift cards to Target or Walmart. The gift cards are a "one size fits all" approach to dealing with a group of children whose ages and genders will vary right up until the day of the party.

Brother Knights interested in supporting the Ministry should bring their gift cards to the Dec. 4 business meeting or the Council's annual Christmas party Dec. 8 (see enclosed flyer). Gift cards can also be placed in the Council mail box in a sealed envelope addressed to Coordinator Brother Bob Weisenberger by Dec. 12.

**FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

My Brothers:

I remain humbled with the dedication I see in our Council with the number and scope of our activities. As we approach the Holiday season, I reflect on Christ's message to us as children of God and as Knights: "this is the season to share our gifts." Please consider, or reconsider, the many ways we as a Council help those in need this season including: LAMB, Duke Children's Hospital, Veterans (via Wheelchair Games, Wounded Warriors, Coats for Vets), Habitat for Humanity, and Catholic Parish Outreach to name a few.

Also, please consider taking the next Degree in your journey to full Knighthood in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. The ceremonies are most insightful and are generally a small investment of your time for a large return. If you are a full Knight of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, please research joining the Assembly as a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight (principle of Patriotism).

Finally, I urge all Brothers of our Council to attend our Christmas party this year. We are holding it early in the season, Dec. 8. It is a great time to bring the family out to celebrate our Lord's birth as a group of Catholics. Our Family director was able to lower prices. The food is good at the Marriott Crabtree, and the company is great. Please remember to return your RSVP (see attached flyer).

We all have much to be thankful for, and I offer my prayers to you and yours for a Thanksgiving Day filled with family, friends, and peace.

Yours In Christ,


**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**NOVEMBER 2012**

- 17 - Harvest Moon Festival, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Clare Hall
- 20 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Capri Restaurant, 6325 Falls of the Neuse
- 21 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 22 - Thanksgiving Day
- 27 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

**DECEMBER 2012**

- 4 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 5 - 2nd Degree Ceremony, 7 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 8 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba Hall
- 8 - Council Christmas Party, 4 p.m., Marriott Raleigh Crabtree Valley
- 19 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - Christmas Day

**JANUARY 2013**

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 3 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Room  
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- 8 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room  
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- 12 - Raleigh March for Life, 1 p.m., Nash Square
- 15 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Manchester's Grill, 9101 Leesville Road
- 16 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 29 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

**FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD**

The Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, who founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Conn., in 1882, is a unique model for today's Catholic and today's Catholic Priest because of his attention to the social ills and injustices of his day and his collaboration with the laity. He was zealous for the life of union with God through prayer and the Sacraments, and he would have been right at home in today's world. He was then and would be today an eager Apostle for the Gospel of life and a determined foe of the culture of death.

In view of his legacy, the Order of the Knights of Columbus has established The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild to promote the cause for the canonization of its founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. The goal of the Guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory and to seek his intercession before the throne of God. The Guild serves as a clearing house for information about the Venerable Father McGivney, his life and works and any favors attributed to his intercession.

Membership in the Guild is open to anyone who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of the Venerable Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory. All one needs to do is fill out the application and mail it in to become enrolled. There is no charge to enroll, although donations are accepted. Enrollment can also be done via the web by logging on to [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org).

Members of the Guild receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of cause for canonization.

*Adapted from KofC Pamphlet 4046 4/10*

## COUNCIL WELCOMES FOUR NEW KNIGHTS

All Saints Council 9709 inducted four new members into the Order during a 1st Degree Ceremony conducted in conjunction with the Nov. 6 business meeting. Welcome to Brothers Art Fritsch, Jeff Kish, Tom Lindgren and Mike Rock!

Council 9709 has brought in six new members so far this fraternal year against an original quota of 16. Unfortunately, the Council is in the process of processing three withdrawals and five suspensions, which will up that original quota to 24.

In order to achieve Star Council status, the Council will also have to add seven new insurance members. That quota was originally six, but the Council has recorded the loss of one insurance member so far this year. Star Council status is awarded a Council that meets its membership goal (Father McGivney Award), its insurance member goal (Founders Award) and activities goal (Colombian Award).

The next scheduled 1st Degree Ceremony for the Council will be Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2013, in conjunction with a regularly scheduled business meeting.



Grand Knight Shawn Bayle (C) welcomes new Council members Brothers Mike Rock, Jeff Kish, Tom Lindgren and Art Fritsch Nov. 6.

## 2ND DEGREE CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 5

The District 9 2nd Degree Team, made up entirely of Council 9709 members, will hold the next 2nd Degree Ceremony, Wednesday, Dec. 5, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Candidates should report for the ceremony at 7 p.m.

All 1st Degree Knights from All Saints Council 9709 are encouraged to take their next step to full Knighthood by attending this ceremony. Knights interested in attending should contact Brother Dick Bridges via e-mail at [rbridges1971@aol.com](mailto:rbridges1971@aol.com) or by telephone at 919-806-3816 (H) or 919-323-0019 (C).

So far three Knights have indicated that they will attend, so the ceremony is definitely a “go.”

## 2012 LAMB DRIVE TOTALS \$15,004.08

All Saints Council 9709 pulled in some \$3,279.93 in donations over the weekends of Oct. 19-21 and Nov. 2-3, bringing its 2012 calendar year donations total for the intellectually handicapped to \$15,004.08. LAMB Coordinator Brother Tim Stevens announced at the Nov. 6 business meeting that he had secured two more days for collecting donations at the Kroger Store at Creedmoor and Lynn Roads for the weekend of Nov. 10-11. The final LAMB total will be reported in the December 2012 newsletter.

Some 33 Knights, spouses and children filled 44 of the slots for Oct. 19-21 and Nov. 2-3. Thanks to Brothers Joe Azzopardi\*, Allison Baumgartner, Mark Baumgartner, Dick Bridges\*, Tony Evans\*, Ernie Daniels, Brian Denison, Peggy Denison, Don Donaghy\*, Terri Donaghy, Tom DuPree, Jim Falanga, Tony Halterman\*, Jeff Henry, Keith Houchin\*\*, Frank Lewek, John Martin, Joe Noonan, Dick Novacek, Dino Pinelli, Bill Quirk\*, Jeff Rohman, Kent Siefkes\*, Dave Sobczak, Tim Stevens, John Stewart, Norm Tuomi\*, Manfred Varnhold, Dave Vogelpohl\*, Tim Wagner, Bob Weisenberger, Tim Wiwel and Mike Wrzesien for volunteering. Those volunteers serving more than one shift are marked with an asterisk (\*) for each additional shift they worked.

Last year the Council collected some \$19,313.09 in donations, the fourth highest of any Council in the State. The Council received a special award at the 2012 State Convention in May for having the third highest Operation LAMB per capita collection of some \$88 per Council member. State's goal is \$1 million annually and needs a per capita collection from its 15,800 members of \$65 each to reach that goal.

There is still time for individual Knights to make a personal contribution. Contributions of any amount would be appreciated. Simply make a check out to “Operation LAMB Foundation” with “Council 9709” in the memo section and either bring it to the Dec. 4 meeting, drop it in a sealed envelope into the Council's mailbox at Church with “OP LAMB” on the front or mail it to Brother Tim Stevens, 7409 Laketree Drive, Raleigh, NC 27615.

## FRIEDMANS SELECTED AS NOVEMBER'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH



The Friedmans (L-R): Brock, Kathryn, Audrey, Vince, Gretchen and Jerome.

Council Officers have selected the Friedman family as Family of the Month for November for their courage and inspirational resiliency during Brother Jerome's fight with cancer over the past two years. After several stays at WakeMed and a number of rounds of chemotherapy, the family made a joint decision to suspend further treatment, so Jerome could enjoy a better quality of life during his last months.

In Jerome's own words: "No matter what you do in life, nothing prepares you for this kind of experience. But only one thing gets you through it, your faith. My mother said to me, 'I'm praying for a miracle.' I responded to my mother, 'Mom, I think we are witnessing a miracle.' I said once before in an earlier writing, this is not about me, this is about all of us. This has been a collective journey for all of us involved. I could tell you a thousand stories of how I have felt God's presence and hand throughout all of this."

The love and support from Jerome and Kathryn have yielded a family that would make any parent very proud. Their sons Brock (junior at Notre Dame) and Vince (sophomore at Sanderson HS), along with

daughters Gretchen and Audrey (middle and elementary school at TFS) have a strong faith, are very gifted academically and love to play various sports. All of their kids are shining examples of the result of living in a strong Catholic family and having a great Catholic education. Jerome leaves a legacy through his family, friends, and others that he has touched that will last more than just one lifetime.

*by Brother Steve Becker*

## BROTHER MIKE WRZESIEN IS NOVEMBER'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected Brother Mike Wrzesien as Knight of the Month for November 2012. He has served the Council as Warden from 2007-2010, and again for the 2012-2013 fraternal year. Mike has also worked with the youth of the Parish serving as the Youth Director since 2006.

In 2010, Brother Mike became coordinator for the RBC Center (now PNC Arena) fund raising activity, and served as the coordinator for the Durham Bulls in 2008, 2009, and 2012.

Outside of Council activities, Brother Mike and wife Jan serve on the Planning Committee for the Raleigh Walk to Defeat ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease). Brother Mike also serves as a member of the St. Francis Liturgy Committee where he coordinates the lectors.

The Wrzesiens have two children, Chris, a senior at Appalachian State University, and Melissa, a senior at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Brother Mike works as a Project Manager for IBM, supporting business analytics and transformation initiatives.

Brother Mike's father, Dick Wrzesien, has been a Knight for over 40 years at the Cardinal Gibbons Council (2521) in Baltimore, Md., and was the inspiration for Brother Mike joining the Knights.



Jan and Brother Mike Wrzesien

## COUNCIL 9709 TO SUPPORT SONC DEC. 2

All Saints Council 9709 will conduct the awards ceremony for the Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC) singles bowling tournament at the Village Lanes in Durham Sunday, Dec. 2. This is the fourth year in a row that the Council has supported SONC's bowling tournament.

Knights interested in helping with the event should send an e-mail to Council Special Olympics Coordinator Brother Ralph Guenther at [rguenther2@nc.rr.com](mailto:rguenther2@nc.rr.com). At least 10-12 Knights, spouses and young adults ages 16 or older are needed. The Village Lanes Bowling Alley is located at 330 North Hardee Street, Durham, NC 27703, just off of US-70 at the Route 98 (Holloway Street) exit. Typically, the volunteers are required from about 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In the past Council 9709 has supported up to three venues for this event, but when SONC began migrating west into Durham and consolidating its tournament from three venues to two, other District 9 Councils were asked to get involved. Council 3390 has taken responsibility for the Doubles and Team bowling events at Durham AMF Lanes this year. Last year Council 9709 provided training support for members of Council 3390 and 13812, who worked that event.

The number of athletes and teams is expected to be about the same as last year, according to SONC Director Kelly Vaughan. Last year the competition involved some 800 registered athletes from across North Carolina. Some 136 singles bowlers competed at the Village Lanes and 165 athletes (15 five-person teams and 45 doubles) bowled at AMF Durham Lanes.

Council 9709 reports its monetary contributions and volunteer hours to Special Olympics to Supreme on two semi-annual reports during the fraternal year. Council 9709 has typically been one of the staunchest supporters of Special Olympics North Carolina in the area. The Council has also conducted awards ceremonies for the annual swimming competition held at the Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary for many years.



The following article appeared in the Sept. 2012 issue of *Straight Talk*, a KofC publication for the Order's Field Agents, and is addressed directly to them and their responsibility to Brother members of the Order-Ed.

Who are you? Christ has no hands on this earth except those of you his faithful.

You are the modern vessel of the vision of Father McGivney.

You are the financial guardian of family stability.

You protect and serve those who serve.

You keep the doors open.

You keep families together.

You preserve the future.

You keep the farm together.

You save homes from foreclosure.

You save families from bankruptcy.

You hold your Brother and their families accountable.

## REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

By Daniel Schachle  
General Agent  
Tennessee

You protect assets from becoming auctions.

You are the financial engine of the Knights of Columbus.

You help the young keep their dreams and the old keep their dignity.

You bring money to those in need precisely when all others bring a bill.

You allow families to love the disabled.

You turn fear and want into security and hope.

You need urgency.

You are driven by caring for and anticipating the needs of others.

You are an intricate part member of the finest field force in the life insurance industry.

You hold the shield of protection!

Don't ever forget who you are!

(Inspired by "I am Life Insurance" by Marvin Feldman, CLU, ChFC, found in *Advisor Today*, Sept. 2006)

## TRAVELING GAVEL TRAVELS TO CHAPEL HILL



Deputy Grand Knight Brian Dennison (L) presents Council 10910 Grand Knight Matt Raynor with the traveling gavel Oct. 17 in Chapel Hill.

A three-man delegation from Council 9709 journeyed to Chapel Hill on Oct. 17 to deliver the traveling gavel to Paul J. Tragesar Council 10910. Deputy Grand Knight Brother Brian Denison presented the gavel to Council 10910's Grand Knight Matt Raynor. Brothers Dick Bridges and Tom DuPree were also present for the presentation.

The gavel is meant to foster fraternity among Councils in the Order by introducing Knights from one Council to another. The brief ceremony for the transfer of the gavel is scripted, and the visiting delegation is invited to take part in the receiving Council's meeting. There is at least one gavel for each Region, and the goal is to have a gavel travel to and from every Council in the State.

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. The receiving Grand Knight uses the gavel at business meetings until he delivers it to the next recipient Council.

Council 10910 delivered the gavel to St. Luke the Evangelist Council 12455 from District 8 in Raleigh Nov. 7 at Council 12455's business meeting.

## CALLING ALL ADVERTISERS!

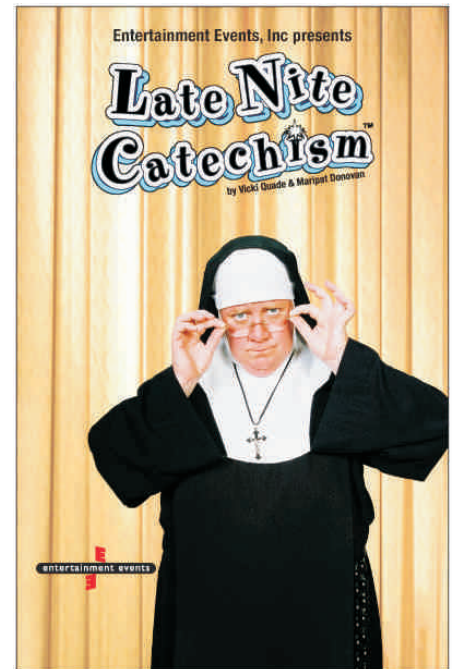
All Saints Council 9709 will be hosting a production of *Late Nite Catechism* in Clare Hall on Saturday, March 16. The Council is selling advertising for the program, and any Brother who can assist in selling or buying advertising is asked to pitch in.

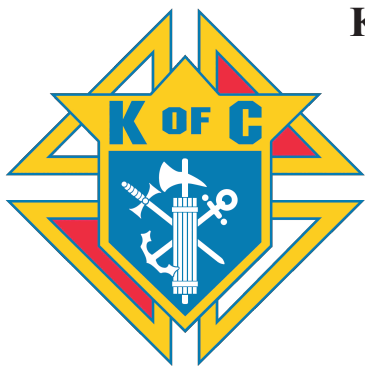
*Late Nite Catechism* is a hilarious interactive comedy that has played to over 10 million audience members at over 40,000 performances in over 250 cities around the world. It has earned many awards, including the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award, and is currently playing in New York, Seattle, San Francisco, St. Louis, Vancouver, Scottsdale, New Orleans, Lost Angeles and Chicago.

A professionally produced show like *Late Nite Catechism* deserves a quality program. The program will have a professional color cover and feature an assortment of color and black and white advertisements strategically wrapping the production credits and bios.

Ad sizes and prices are as follows: Premier-sponsor full page (8.5" x 5.5") color ad for the inside front and back covers, page one and last page, only four available, \$150 each; full color page ad, \$125 each; full page black and white ad, \$100; half page (4.25" x 2.75") color ad, \$75; half page black and white ad, \$50; quarter page (2.125" x 1.375") color ad, \$40 and quarter page black and white ad, \$30. The quarter page ads can involve nothing more than a business card. Payment is due up front with the artwork with checks made out to "KofC Council 9709."

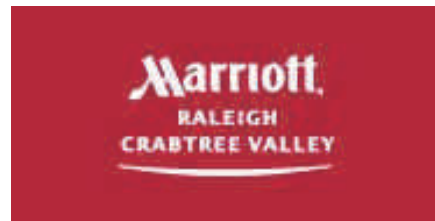
Artwork/images can be provided on hard copy or in any electronic graphics format, including high resolution graphics. Electronic images must be a minimum resolution of 300 dpi (dots per inch). Images can be sent by e-mail directly to coordinator Brother Dick Bridges at [rbridges1971@aol.com](mailto:rbridges1971@aol.com) or provided on common media like a CD/DVD or flash drive.





**Knights of Columbus All Saints Council 9709  
2012 Christmas Dinner**

**Marriott Raleigh Crabtree Valley  
4500 Marriott Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27612  
919-781-7000**



**Saturday, December 8, 2012  
4 p.m. - 9 p.m.**



View of the "Valley" area of the Marriott's Crabtree Grill dining room.

**DINNER MENU**

**STARTERS**

(1) Chef's Soup of the Day, (2) Garden Salad (*Gluten Free*) or (3) Classic Caesar Salad

**ENTREES**

(1) Roasted Chicken Breast (*Gluten Free*), (2) Grilled Pork Chop or (3) Fettuccini Alfredo

**DESSERTS**

(1) Rice Pudding (*Gluten Free*),  
(2) Pecan Pie or (3) Black Forest Cake

**BEVERAGES**

Iced Water, Iced Tea, Coffee or Herbal Tea

Come join your Brother Knights, spouses and families at the Marriott Raleigh Crabtree Valley for an early Christmas celebration. Enjoy the atmosphere of one of Raleigh's exclusive hotel and convention centers and Council 9709's own customary hospitality. Reservations and advance payment required. Adult meals are \$26. Meals for children six and up will cost \$10 and include a choice of three entrees: a grilled cheese sandwich, chicken tenders or a cheeseburger. All children's meals come with French fries, a fruit plate appetizer, dessert and drink. Meals for children five and under are free. They will receive a fruit cup, macaroni and cheese and a scoop of ice cream

Unlike in past years, Council members are asked to bring \$20 Target or Walmart gift cards rather than wrapped gifts for the Duke Children's Hospital Ministry to either the Tuesday, Dec. 4, business meeting or the Dec. 8 Christmas party. Gift cards can also be placed in the Council mail box in a sealed envelope addressed to Coordinator Brother Bob Weisenberger by Dec. 12.

Checks for the dinner should be made out to "KofC Council 9709" and sent directly to Brother Bob Weisenberger, 11800 Shavenrock Place, Raleigh, NC 27613.

**Deadline for reservations is Dec. 5, 2012**

See Choices Under **DINNER MENU** Above (Please provide each child's name, age and meal selection on reverse.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Salad (1) (2) (3) Entree (1) (2) (3) Dessert(1) (2) (3) 1 x \$26.00

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Salad (1) (2) (3) Entree (1) (2) (3) Dessert(1) (2) (3) 1 x \$26.00

Children (6 and up) Grilled Cheese \_\_\_\_\_ Tenders \_\_\_\_\_ Cheeseburger \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ x \$10.00

Children (5 and under) Fruit Cup, Macaroni and Cheese and Ice Cream \_\_\_ (FREE)

Any special dietary requirements? \_\_\_\_\_ Total Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Detach and mail this stub to Bob Weisenberger, 11800 Shavenrock Place, Raleigh, NC 27613