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12 PRESENT AWARDS TO SPECIAL OLYMPIANS DEC. 2

Some 12 Knights and spouses representing Council 9709 presented awards to 148 bowlers at the Special Olympics of North Carolina singles competition at the Village Lanes in Durham Sunday, Dec. 2.

Thanks to Brothers Dick and Sabine Bridges, Tom and Elaine DuPree, Tony Evans, Jack Fallon, Ralph and Edie Guenther, Dennis, Joann and daughter Colleen Kelleher and Mike Supianoski. Brother Dick Bridges served as Master of Ceremonies at the competition. All other representatives worked the awards ceremonies.

Councils 3390 and 13812 presented awards to 50 doubles teams, seven five-person teams and six ramp bowlers at AMF Durham Lanes competition. Council 9709 trained Councils 3390 and 13812 in District 9 last year to get more Councils involved as the competition sites have been moved out of Raleigh. Council 9709 used to present awards at multiple locations when the eastern competition was held in Raleigh. This year SONC sponsored the annual SONC bowling competition in North Carolina at Durham (eastern), Greensboro (central) and Newton (western).

Council 9709 also traditionally does the awards ceremonies for the SONC Swimming Competition each June at the Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary. Knights wanting to get involved with working with Special Olympics should contact Council Coordinator Ralph Guenther directly.



L-R: (Back Row) Brothers Dick Bridges, Elaine DuPree, Sabine Bridges, Edie and Ralph Guenther, Tony Evans, Jack Fallon, Tom DuPree, (Front Row) Dennis, Joann and Colleen Kelleher and Mike Supianoski at the 2012 SONC Bowling Tournament at the Village Lanes in Durham.

2ND DEGREE TEAM ADVANCES SEVEN DEC. 5

District 9's 2nd Degree Team, made up entirely of Knights from All Saints Council 9709, advanced seven Brother Knights to the 2nd Degree at a ceremony at St. Francis Wednesday, Dec. 5. Five of those new 2nd Degree Knights were from Council 9709. Congratulations to Brothers Frank Adamek, Leon Cooke, Dan Costa, Jeff Kish and Kevin Lavin!

The team also advanced two Knights from other Councils. Brother William Jones from Pope John Paul II Council 13812 from St. Matthew Catholic Church in Durham, a District 9 Council, also took his degree along with Brother Brandan Tice of Fr. Parker-Woods Council 9365 from St. James Catholic Church in Henderson, a District 21 Council.

This is the second 2nd Degree Ceremony held this fraternal year by the District 9 Team. So far this year, the team has advanced 12 Knights from four Councils in two Districts to their 2nd Degree.

The next regularly scheduled 2nd Degree Ceremony is set for 2-4 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 2013, in the Founders Room in Anthony Hall at St. Francis. Knights interested in taking their 2nd Degree should contact Grand Knight Shawn Bayle or Team Coordinator Brother Dick Bridges directly.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

My Brothers:

As we enter the Advent season, I reflect on the Christmas message of rebirth. We celebrate every year our Lord's coming, and this can give each of us a chance to review our lives and prepare them for rebirth. In the Spirit of love, we offer family and friends a rekindled relationship and renew our commitment to live the principles of our Faith.

So too with the Knights. Use this time of year to reconsider your activities with the Knights. Think of new ways you can serve, and investigate the many programs we have in flight. Propose new ones. Talk with your officers for guidance; consider stepping up to a program or Council leadership role. Try out attending a business meeting if you have not for a while. Ask a friend to join you as a Knight.

For me, this is a time of profound gratitude; to our Lord, to all those around me, and to our Knights and their families. May the peace of this Holy season fill your hearts and minds and bring you a reawakening of strength and direction in the New Year.

Yours In Christ,


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

DECEMBER 2012

- 15 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba Hall
NOTE DATE CHANGE
- 19 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 21 - Creche Set Up, noon-5 p.m., Church
NOTE DATE CHANGE

JANUARY 2013

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

FEBRUARY 2013

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 pm., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 19 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Carolina Ale House, 512 Creekside Drive (Brier Creek)
- 20 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 23 - Men's Service Committee, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Catholic Parish Outreach Food Bank, 2013 North Raleigh Blvd.
- 26 - Planning Meeting, 7 :30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . WEARING NAME TAGS

Once you become a Knight, you are issued a name tag identifying you by name as well as the Council to which you belong. You should wear your name tag to all meetings and at all other activities to publicize the Order, your Council and the work being done by Knights. Wearing your name tag while pulling an Operation LAMB shift, for example, underlines the official nature of your presence in front of a store to potential donors.

Wearing your Knights name tag to Church is also strongly encouraged by the Order. When fellow Parishioners see you, they see you as someone who is a Knight and is proud of that fact. By introducing yourself to others at the beginning of Mass, you are also indirectly offering those fellow Parishioners the opportunity to think about joining the Order. Wearing your name tag in Church is a powerful recruiting tool.

But, what if you are serving as a Lector or a Eucharistic Minister at Mass? Those ministries have name tags. You are a Knight. Knights have name tags. Which one do you wear?

The Parish policy is that anyone serving in a ministry of the Church wear the Parish name tag associated with that ministry, and that name tag only, while serving the Parish. In the event a ministry does not have name tags, e.g., cantors and song leaders, no name tag should be worn. This policy is for all liturgical ministers, not simply Knights, although Knights are welcome--in fact, encouraged--to wear their name tags in Church while not serving a ministry.

Pastor Fr. Mark has conveyed his sincere appreciation on numerous occasions for all the work the Council does to foster community within the Parish and build the Body of Christ within St. Francis.

"I continue to be grateful to the Knights for their leadership within the Parish and also through their pastoral care and fraternal compassion for those in need within the Knights and our Parish," said Fr. Mark, who as a Priest is an Honorary Life Member of the Order, has been a Knight for over 20 years and has attained the 4th Degree.

COUNCIL INDUCTS THREE INTO THE ORDER



New Brothers Newton Grant from Council 10910, Robert Caulfield from Council 9709 and Thomas Newton from Council 10910 pose in front of Council 9709's banner after the 1st Degree Ceremony.

Council 9709 inducted three new members into the Order at a 1st Degree Ceremony conducted just prior to the Tuesday, Dec. 4. business meeting. Congratulations to new Brothers Robert Caulfield, who joined Council 9709, and Brothers Newton Grant and Thomas Newton, who participated in the Degree from Council 10910 in Chapel Hill!

Brother Caulfield brings to a total of seven the number of new members brought into the Council this fraternal year. All Saints Council 9709 still needs another 16 new members to be eligible for Star Council Status. The Council had an original goal of 16 new members; however, the Council has processed three withdrawals and four suspensions so far this year, which ups that original goal by seven.

Star Council status is awarded to Councils that achieve their membership (Father McGivney Award), insurance (Founders Award) and activity (Colombian Award) goals for the fraternal year. The Council's new insurance member goal was six at the start of the fraternal year, but the loss of one insurance member

has increased that goal to seven. So far this fraternal year, the Council has added one new insurance member. All Saints Council 9709 has never had a problem meeting the requirements for the Colombian Award.

COUNCIL COOKS FOR HARVEST MOON

All Saints Council 9709 purchased, prepared and served chili, macaroni and cheese and hot dogs at the St. Francis of Assisi Preschool's Harvest Moon Festival Saturday, Nov. 17, for an estimated 600-700 attendees. Seven Knights prepared the chili Friday, Nov. 16, and 12 Knights served the food over two shifts Saturday.

This is the fifth year running that the Council has provided the food for Harvest Moon, which is the annual fundraiser for the Preschool. Money raised at the event goes toward assisting parents with tuition as well as funding extracurricular activities and new programs.

The Council's Catholic Education Fund funded the purchase of the food and associated supplies. The total cost to the Council was \$293.36, according to Youth Director and

Council Coordinator Brother Mike Wrzesien. Brother Tom DuPree delivered two containers of leftover chili, one of macaroni and cheese and about two dozen left over hot dogs to the RDU USO after the event.

Thanks to Brothers Tony Evans, Keith Houchin, James Powers, Bill Quirk, Tim Stevens, Mike Supianoski and Mike Wrzesien, who cooked the chili Friday evening. Thanks as well to Brothers Dick Bridges, Steve Burdett, Brian Denison, Tom DuPree, Tony Evans, Joe Megna, Dick Novacek, Bill Quirk, Dave Roos, Kent Siefkes, Mike Supianoski and Mike Wrzesien, who served the food Saturday.



(L-R) Brother Knights Joe Megna, Dick Novacek, Mike Supianoski, Steve Burdett, Mike Wrzesien, Tony Evans, Dave Roos, Brian Denison and Dick Bridges on the serving line just prior to the start of Harvest Moon Festival.

HOUCHINS CHOSEN AS FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected Brother Keith Houchin and wife Amanda as December's Family of the Month. Brother Keith joined All Saints Council a scant year ago and has jumped right into a host of Council activities. Brother Keith ran this year's Knights' barbecue during Francis Fest and has also volunteered his services to Operation LAMB, the American Red Cross Blood Drives, Harvest Moon, Special Olympics of North Carolina, the Council-sponsored Lenten Suppers and will be coordinating the Council's production of the "Late Nite Catechism" play this coming March.

Brother Keith volunteered to serve as the Council's Director for Community activities for fraternal year 2012-13 and was also recently elected to serve as Council Advocate.

Outside of Council activities, Brother Keith works as a business consultant, specializing in human resource process improvement and recruiting. He is a proud graduate of Appalachian State University.

Wife Amanda is a kindergarten teacher in Wake County and volunteers her time outside of class to work as a youth soccer coach.

Brother Keith moved with his family to Raleigh in 1984, but he is a Midwesterner at heart, having spent his early years growing up in Chicago, Ill. His parents, Dennis and Laura, and sister Alison, also live in Raleigh and are in the process of transferring to St. Francis.



Amanda and Brother Keith Houchin

BROTHER TIM WAGNER IS DECEMBER'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Wagner Family: L-R: Joanie (9), Sally, Brother Tim, Charlie (11), Mary (15) and Kathleen Wagner (15)

Council officers have selected Brother Tim Wagner as Knight of the Month for December 2012 for bringing his entire family out for an Operation LAMB shift over the weekend of Nov. 10-11.

"When Tim volunteers for Project LAMB, it's always a family affair as his wife, Sally and four children, Mary, Kathleen, Charlie and Joanie 'man the cans' as well. The cuteness factor usually pays off, and besides, he just can't see doing this without the whole gang. It's a real learning experience for the whole family," says wife Sally.

Tim and family have been active in FIRE (Family Intergenerational Religious Education) at St. Francis for eight years and also participate in Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network in various ways. Tim wishes he had more time for other activities, but is kept busy with his job as a Customer Quality Manager for Research in Motion.

Brother Tim has been a Knight since he was recruited when he was stationed at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota. He was also involved at St. Thomas More Parish in Lynchburg, Va., prior to joining All Saints Council 9709 at St. Francis.

Besides Operation LAMB, Brother Tim Wagner has helped out with Adopt-a-Highway trash pick up and the Francis Fest barbecue at the Habitat for Humanity demonstration site.

COUNCIL 9709 DONATES 40 TURKEYS TO ST. FRANCIS DRIVE

At least 23 Brother Knights from All Saints Council 9709 donated a total of 40 turkeys to the recent St. Francis of Assisi Thanksgiving Turkey Drive conducted the week before Thanksgiving. The 40 turkeys represent a total of nearly 22 percent of the 186 turkeys donated by St. Francis Parishioners this year.

In an e-mail to members of the St. Francis Justice and Peace Coalition, Coordinator Frank Lesko reported that 104 of the turkeys had been donated to the Interfaith Food Shuttle, 60 to Passage Home, 20 to Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, one to support circles and one to a family being supported by the Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network. He also noted that this year's donations far exceeded last year's collection of some 42 turkeys and \$240 in cash donations.

Thanks to Brothers Dick Barton, Shawn Bayle, Steve Becker, Dick Bridges, Steve Burdett, Michael Darrow, Don Donaghy, Tom DuPree, Tim Dyer, Mike Evans, Tony Evans, Gene Gordon, John Gbruoski, Dennis Kelleher, John Moster, Bill Quirk, Kent Siefkes, Mike Supianoski, Dave Vogelpohl, Tim Wagner, Bob Weisenberger, Walt Winiewicz and Mike Wrzesien. A special thanks to Brothers Darrow, Kelleher, Siefkes and Weisenberger who each donated two turkeys, Brother Becker who donated four and Brother DuPree who donated 10 turkeys and coordinated the Council's participation in the drive.

The next opportunity for Council members to get involved with serving the hungry will be Saturday, Feb. 23, when about 12 Knights will be needed to work a shift at the Catholic Parish Outreach Food Bank. Interested Knights should contact Deputy Grand Knight Brian Denison directly.



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WHY I BOUGHT KofC LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

by Brother Gabriele Monetti

There are a few things most of us dread doing: going to the dentist, negotiating the price of a new car, going back to work after a long weekend, and, yes, buying life insurance. The same questions swirl in everybody's mind: What kind of life insurance should I get? Just for myself or for my spouse as well? Do I even need it? Once those questions have been answered, the next set starts floating to the top: How much do I need? Who should be the beneficiary? What if I change my mind a year from now?

When my wife Dani and I decided it was time to consider long-term care insurance, all those questions were at the forefront. In particular, the possibility of buying too much or too little was very real. We engaged two insurance organizations, Knights of Columbus Insurance being one of them. The experience was dramatically different. The "other" company approached it as a "sales job:" 90 minutes of mind-numbing statistics describing how important long-term care insurance coverage is, a pitch on the prominent position of the company in the insurance business, the lengthy paperwork.

When Council Field Agent Brother Tim Kilpatrick walked into our house, it was like welcoming an old friend. There was very little "selling," just a Brother helping a Brother making a decision that will have a major impact on our quality of life down the road. It was an easy decision, made in a serene atmosphere, in full confidence that the outcome was going to be beneficial to us.

We ended up subscribing to long term care insurance for both of us, as well as a whole life insurance policy for our son, Matteo. Being a Knight is a privilege; having access to world class insurance products and friends like Tim is a blessing!

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

COUNCIL SERVES BREAKFAST TO ST. FRANCIS WIHN GUESTS



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Three Knights from Council 9709 served a hot breakfast to six adults and six children Saturday morning, Nov. 17, in Clare Hall under the Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network (WIHN) program. Thanks to Brothers Brian Denison, Tony Evans and Bill Quirk, who cooked the breakfast as well as Erika Menius (Brother Denison's daughter and wife of Brother Frank Menius) who donated the food as well as helped with the cooking duties. This is the second time the Council has volunteered to host a breakfast for WIHN guests at St. Francis. The Council has committed to supporting the Church's WIHN Ministry in this fashion on a quarterly basis.

Under the WIHN Church Participation Program, WIHN coordinates sponsorship of homeless families for one-week periods three to four times a year among some 34 participating

Churches in the Raleigh area. Church volunteers prepare overnight accommodation, coordinate donations of food, drive the WIHN van, serve meals and plan or lead evening activities when they host the guests.

WIHN provides shelter, meals, case management and educational services to homeless families in addition to promoting action and awareness in the community regarding homelessness. WIHN also started a Transitional Housing Program in February 2011 that provides 12 units of housing for homeless families for a period of up to one year. Transitional housing gives guest families a higher chance of remaining independent through intensive care management services and stable housing.

For more information on WIHN, interested Knights can visit the organization's website at <http://wihn.org>.

COUNCIL TO MAKE FINAL LAMB PUSH DEC. 28

All Saints Council 9709 will make one final push to collect funds for Operation LAMB Friday and Saturday, Dec. 28-29, in front of the ABC Store at 7336 Creedmoor Road in the Stonehenge Shopping Center. The Council will work Friday, Dec. 28, from 5-9 p.m., and Saturday, Dec 29, from 3-9 p.m. Knights wishing to volunteer to work a shift for one or more hours should contact LAMB Coordinator Brother Tim Stevens directly at 919-455-6662. There will be no sign up sheet on the website for this special collection.

All Saints Council 9709 collected another \$1,624.51 for the intellectually handicapped over the weekend of Nov. 10-11 at the Kroger store at Creedmoor and Lynn Roads. Attendees at The Franciscan Preschool's annual Harvest Moon Festival Nov. 17 also deposited \$10 for Operation LAMB into cans placed on tables at the event, and there have been two personal donations from Brother Knights so far. Monies received so far in November up the total collection for calendar year 2012 for Operation LAMB to \$16,751.59.

Thanks to Brothers Shawn Bayle, Dick Bridges*, Brian Denison, Tom and Elaine DuPree, Tony Evans, John Moster, Dave Phillipps, Bill Quirk, Kent Siefkes, Mike Supianoski, Dave Vogelpohl, Bob Weisenberger, Richard White and sons and Mike Wrzesien. Knights names marked with an asterisk (*) worked an extra shift.

As a correction to the November Operation LAMB article in the Council newsletter, Brother Peter Brzezinski and daughter Sophia worked a shift at the Kroger store at Strickland and Creedmoor Roads. Their names were inadvertently left off the list of Brothers who participated.

There is also 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 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.



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