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JANUARY IS MARCH FOR LIFE MONTH

All Saints Council 9709 will participate in a number of pro-life events in January, and all members are encouraged to attend as many of these events as they can.

The Diocese will sponsor three major events Saturday, Jan. 19. There will be a Diocesan Mass for Life beginning at 8 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge. Fourth Degree Knights are encouraged to wear their regalia and participate in the Honor Guard. The Mass will be followed by the 14th Annual Prayer Breakfast for Life at the North Raleigh Hilton beginning at 9:30 a.m. To register for the breakfast, interested Knights can call 1-800-392-6275 or go online at <http://ncrtl.org/prayer-breakfast-for-life>, where they can get more information on the Prayer Breakfast and Rally, including speaker biographies.

The highlight of the day will be the Rally and March for Life beginning at 1 p.m. in Nash Square in downtown Raleigh (Hargett and McDowell Streets). Bishop Burbidge will speak at the Rally. 4th Degree Knights in regalia will lead the march to the State Capital, and all other members of Council 9709 are encouraged to march with the Council banner.

The following weekend, a contingent from All Saints Council 9709 will travel to Washington, D.C., for the North Carolina Mass for Life beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception where Bishop Burbidge will celebrate Mass and Charlotte Diocese's Bishop Peter Jugis will be the homilist. The Brothers will then participate in the 40th Annual National March for Life on the Capitol Mall beginning at 1 p.m. Council attendees will stay overnight at Holy Name College where they will also have the opportunity to meet with two of the three seminarians being supported by the Council's participation in the Refund Vocations Support Program (RSVP). Each of the seminarians will receive a check from the Council for \$500 to assist with living expenses during the course of their studies. Brother Knights interested in making the trip to Washington, D.C., should contact Council Culture of Life Director Kent Siefkes directly at 919-846-9016 or via e-mail at vksiefkes@aol.com.

SERVICE COMMITTEE ERECTS CHURCH CRECHE AND DECORATES TREE

Eight members of All Saints Council 9709 turned out Tuesday, Dec. 18, to erect the Church's Christmas creche and on Friday, Dec. 21, to string lights on the Christmas tree in the Church as well as string garland around the entrances to the Church and on the creche itself.

Thanks to Brothers Mark Baumgartner, Dick Bridges, Brian Denison, Don Donaghy, Tony Evans, Jim Falanga, Ralph Guenther and Mike Wrzesien who donated two-three hours each on at least one of the days. Council Service Committee Coordinator Brian Denison was there for both days.

Thanks as well to Brothers Tom DuPree, Jeff Rohman, Mike Supianoski and John Wagner, who decorated the tree in the courtyard outside of Anthony Hall. The Council decided to decorate this tree as a Culture of Life initiative in 2010 because of its connection with the born and unborn. Underneath the tree is a small plaque that reads: "In loving memory of all children now with our Lord. The Family of Kate Cherny."



L-R: Brothers Jim Falanga, Brian Denison, Tony Evans and Don Donaghy bask in the aftermath of a job well done. Brother Ralph Guenther also helped with the creche.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

My Brothers,

We have entered a New Year and I am excited for the future!

Reflecting on the first half of our fraternal year, we can be proud of what we accomplished. We concluded a successful Durham Bulls season, added support for WIHN breakfasts, ran the Francis Fest barbecue, participated in CPO activities, fed migrant workers, supported the USO, decorated the Church for Christmas, ran the TFS spelling bee, added social time to business meetings and so much more. In sum my Brothers, we delivered over \$31,000 to charity and volunteered nearly 8,000 hours of service in 2012. Wow!

The second half of our fraternal year holds some of our largest events including our first Parish-wide Late Nite Catechism Play Fundraiser, our annual Charity/CPO golf tournament, and one or more Council "special" socials. We also are in the home stretch of our membership drive and, frankly, given our goal, much needs to be done!

The need is great, yet our ability to satisfy that need is also great. I challenge all who have the opportunity to help us achieve our mission as Knights and Catholics. Ask a friend to join the Knights; join us at as many meetings and socials as you can; help us regain the fundraising status we have proven we can achieve; investigate insurance and financial products from the Knights; pull an extra LAMB shift (or two); volunteer for a committee leadership role; visit a Brother in distress, and/or call an Officer to see where the need is greatest. The list goes on.

Most of all I wish you a healthy and fun year where your personal priorities align so closely with those of Christ that His peace fills your soul with joy.

Yours In Christ,


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

JANUARY 2013

- 15 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Manchester's Grill, 9101 Leesville Road
- 16 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 19 - Raleigh March for Life, 1 p.m., Nash Square
- 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 29 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

FEBRUARY 2013

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 pm., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 13 - Ash Wednesday
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 18 - Presidents' Day
- 19 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Carolina Ale House, 512 Creekside Drive (Brier Creek)
- 20 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 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

MARCH 2013

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 9 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba Hall Parking Lot
- 10 - 2nd Degree Ceremony, 2-4 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Rm
- 16 - Late Nite Catechism Dinner Theater, 5-9 p.m., Clare Hall
- 20 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 26 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . VOLUNTEER TAX DEDUCTIONS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) allows individuals performing volunteer work to deduct some amounts paid in providing services to a qualified charitable organization. A deduction must be unreimbursed, directly connected with the services provided and incurred only because of the services given 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 expense 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(s) 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.



COUNCIL CROWNS TFS SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

All Saints Council Youth Director Brother Mike Wrzesien presented Kirsten Keleher a Merriam-Webster dictionary for winning The Franciscan School's (TFS) 2013 spelling bee, held in the school library, Wednesday, Dec. 12. Kirsten is a seventh grader at TFS, and she also won a one-year online subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica and a free semester of an online world language course from Middlebury University Interactive Languages. She is now eligible to compete at the regional level to be held at McKimmon Convention Center at North Carolina State University Feb. 23 for a chance to advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee competition in Washington, D.C.

TFS conducted the preliminary rounds for the spelling bee by class for 3rd through 8th graders, and the top two finishers in each grade advanced to the final. Congratulations to 3rd graders James Marshall and Wyatt Weber, 4th graders Livia Loverser and Grace Diamond, 5th graders J.J. Malach and Carson

Potts, 6th graders Isabel Daumen and Angelica Rock, 7th graders Kirsten Keleher and Carter Reilly and 8th graders Brooke Connolly and Nathan Schwede for making it to the final round. Fourth grader Grace Diamond was runner up at the bee, and she also won a free semester of an online world language course from Middlebury University Interactive Languages. All participants received a certificate of participation from TFS.

Words were selected from the list provided by Scripps National Spelling Bee. Each round of the competition involved each contestant receiving a word to spell, starting with the youngest in alphabetical order. Words used in 3rd grade competition were used first, and after each round, the next words selected increased in difficulty. If a contestant misspelled his or her word, he/she was asked to remain seated in the competition area. Once only one contestant remained, he/she was given one more word for the championship round. The final contestant had to spell that word correctly to win. This year's competition lasted 16 rounds.

Thanks to Brother Dick Bridges, who did duty as the pronouncer, Brother Mike Wrzesien, who was recorder for the bee, and Brothers Tony Evans, Ralph Guenther and James Powers, who worked as judges for the competition. Deputy Grand Knight Brian Denison also represented the Council at the bee.

This is the second time the Council has supported a TFS spelling bee. The last time the Council sponsored the event was in 2011. No competition was held in 2012.

COUNCIL LOOKING FOR NEW FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Brother Dennis Kelleher, All Saints Council 9709's current Financial Secretary, has informed Council officers that he has decided to step down as Financial Secretary after his current appointment ends in June 2013.

Any Brother Knight interested in serving as Financial Secretary should contact Grand Knight Shawn Bayle or Deputy Grand Knight Brian Denison directly. A financial background is desirable, but not a requirement.

The candidate for Financial Secretary must submit an application to the Supreme Knight (Form 101) with his qualifications. The Grand Knight with the endorsement of the Trustees can then appoint the candidate (Form 103) to the position.

Brother Kelleher will serve as Financial Secretary until a new Financial Secretary is approved by Supreme and formally appointed by the Council's Grand Knight. He will be available to mentor the new Financial Secretary. Training is also available from State upon request.



Youth Director Mike Wrzesien presents a Merriam-Webster dictionary to bee winner Kirsten Keleher with TFS bee coordinator Linda Sullivan, a sixth grade language arts teacher at TFS.

BROTHER BRIAN AND PEGGY DENISON FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Council officers have selected Deputy Grand Knight Brother Brian Denison and wife Peggy as January's Family of the Month for their faithful service to the Council this past year.

Brother Brian has been a Knight since 1990 when he joined the Knights in Sacramento, Calif. He came to All Saints Council 9709 as a transfer from Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council 7547 in Elizabeth City, N.C., where he served as Deputy Grand Knight.

Brother Brian met his wife Peggy in Hawaii on his first enlistment in the Coast Guard in 1977, and they were married that same year. After retiring from the U.S. Coast Guard after 20 years of active duty in 1995, he worked another 15 years as a civilian for the Coast Guard. After retiring from that job the Denisons moved to Raleigh in October 2010 to join their daughter Erika and son-in-law Frank Menius, a member of Council 9709, and three grandchildren in their new home.

Brother Brian is a 4th Degree Knight and has been involved in most of the Knights activities including pancake breakfasts, the Harvest Moon Festival, Lenten Suppers, WIHN, LAMB along with his wife, Francis Fest, Durham Bulls games concession sales, and USO events.

Brother Brian takes Karate at a local Martial Arts studio and looks forward to continue to remain active in the Council and growing in his faith at St. Francis.



Peggy and Brother Brian Denison

BROTHER BILL QUIRK IS JANUARY'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



L-R: (On sofa) Jennifer, Brother Bill, Donna and Michael, (on carpet) Katherine and Sarah Quirk.

Council officers have selected Brother Bill Quirk as Knight of the Month for January 2013. He joined the Knights in September 2012 and has become very active in many of the Council functions including the Francis Fest barbecue, Operation LAMB and Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network breakfasts hosted at St Francis.

Brother Bill recently retired after a 36-year career with BMW of North America and also served as a volunteer firefighter in New Jersey since 1975. His brother-in-law, Richard White, has been a Knight for several years and was the motivation behind Brother Bill joining the Knights to do something productive with his newly discovered free time.

Brother Bill's wife Donna is a former social worker, scout leader and youth catechist. She is currently involved in the CanCope (cancer support) Ministry, the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Friday morning Women's Bible Study group at St. Francis.

The Quirks, parishioners at St. Francis since 2007, have four children; Michael, working in Colorado; Sarah, a senior at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro; Jennifer, a junior at North Carolina State University and Katherine, who is studying at Wake Technical Community College.

COUNCIL CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS DEC. 8

Some 44 Brother Knights and their families, including Council Chaplain Fr. David McBriar, celebrated an early Christmas Saturday, Dec. 8, and the Raleigh Crabtree Valley Marriott Hotel.

Fr. McBriar gave the blessing before dinner, and guests feasted on roast chicken, grilled pork or fettuccini Alfredo followed by pecan pie or Black Forest cake. Rather than have a formal entertainment period after dinner, guests just socialized and enjoyed each other's company.

Brother Knights responded generously to the Council's appeal to donate \$20 gift cards for Target or Walmart for the Duke Children's Hospital Ministry at either the Council business meeting Dec. 4 or the Christmas party. Some 24 gift cards, including some for \$25, were collected. Last year Brother Knights donated 15 wrapped gifts and 15 gift cards. The Ministry specifically asked for gift cards this year. This is the sixth year in a row that the Council has supported the Duke Children's Ministry in conjunction with its annual Christmas party.

Special thanks goes to Brother Bob Weisenberger, Family Director, who coordinated the Christmas party this year and collected and delivered the gift cards to the Duke Children's Hospital Ministry.



Fr. David McBriar at the head table with Grand Knight Shawn Bayle.



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WHY I BECAME A FIELD AGENT

by Field Agent Timothy Kilpatrick

My father, who was a Field Agent with the Knights of Columbus for over 20 years, was the one who first suggested I become a Field Agent. At that time, however, I was not interested and went to work for Coca-Cola after graduating from NCSU in 1993.

In 2000 my mother passed away unexpectedly. The response from the Knights of Columbus was overwhelming. At this time I came to realize what my father had been doing for all these years. When I arrived for my mother's wake, a man was standing on the steps of the funeral home and said: "You must be Tim." This Brother Knight went on to tell me that he lived in Providence, R.I., but had driven through the night to come be by my father's side. It was quite moving to hear him speak with passion about what my father had done for him and how much that meant to him. There were many more such stories from other people at that time about what my father had done for others in their time of need. After my mother's passing, everything became much clearer as to why my parents thought I would be a good Field Agent.

Interestingly, my mother had always told me when I was in college that I would eventually become a Field Agent. I should have listened. She said I would marry my wife Alisa the first time she met her, and Alisa and I were just getting to know each other at that point. My father and mother knew me better than anyone and realized well before I did that I have always wanted to help others and work for an organization like the Knights of Columbus. I had always respected my father's diligence in helping others, and my final decision to become a Field Agent suddenly became easy, and I left Coca-Cola after six years. Nowadays I hope to fulfill the obligation Father McGivney set out to provide for all Catholic families. I see my chief purpose with the Knights of Columbus as rendering financial aid to the members, survivors and beneficiaries of Brother Knights in their times of need. Most Knights do not pay much attention to the Order's benefits program when they join, but they should. Whether you become an insurance member or not, I promise as your Field Agent to be there for you.

You can contact me any time at 919-847-3799 (H), 919-880-3463 (C) or at Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org.

14 CLEAN UP LEESVILLE ROAD DEC. 15



Some 12 Brother Knights and two daughters of one Knight picked up 12 bags of trash and four bags of recyclables Saturday, Dec. 15, along Leesville Road from the Citgo Station to the Wake County line. All Saints Council 9709 has been conducting quarterly trash pick ups along this route for the past 11 years.

For calendar year 2012, the Council picked up a total of 38 orange bags of trash and 14 blue bags of recyclables along that route. Some 21 Brother Knights, spouses and children over 12 years of age donated a total of about 48 volunteer hours for the quarterly pick ups in 2012.

A special thanks goes to Brother John Moster, who coordinates the activity for the Council. Thanks as well to the following Knights who participated in the trash pick ups for 2012: Brothers Shawn Bayle, Mark Boodee, Jerry Cucurullo, Dick Bridges, Brian Denison, Tim Dyer, Don Donaghy***, Mike Evans, Tony Evans, Ralph Guenther**, Tru Hall, Keith Houchin*, Fred Johnson, Jeff Kish, Larry Mathiot, John Moster**, Ron Price***, Mike Supianoski***, Tim Wagner and daughters Mary and Kathleen, Bob Weisenberger* and Mike Wrzesien. Brothers marked with an asterisk(s) (*) participated in more than one trash pick up.

In 2010 the Council received "10 Year" service decals to mount on the signs at the ends of the trash pick up route. The Council will get "15 Year" service decals in 2015.

Created in 1988, the N.C. Department of Transportation's (NCDOT's) Adopt-A-Highway program is a volunteer-driven, clean up organization committed to reducing roadside litter and keeping North Carolina's highways clean. Adopt-A-Highway volunteers have saved taxpayers approximately \$4 million annually in roadside clean up costs. North Carolina has one of the largest anti-litter programs in the nation with 6,000 participating groups and 120,000 volunteers statewide. These volunteers have adopted 12,000 miles of state-maintained roadsides, according to the NCDOT website.

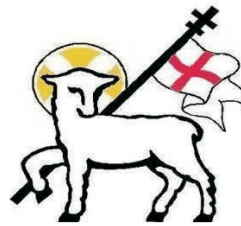
COUNCIL COLLECTS \$18,640.59 FOR OPERATION LAMB IN 2012

Brother Ralph Guenther collected \$74 for Operation LAMB Friday, Dec. 28, outside the ABC Store in the Stonehenge Shopping Center. That amount plus year-end personal donations from 18 Council members of \$1,880 brings the Council's collection for the intellectually handicapped for calendar year 2012 to a total of \$18,640.59. The Council's State-set goal for 2012 was \$19,892. For 2011 the Council collected a total of \$19,313.09 in donations, the fourth highest of any Council in North Carolina.

LAMB Coordinator Brother Tim Stevens thanked the 49 Knights and 12 family members and friends of the Council who worked at least one shift this year at the Jan. 8 business meeting.

Some 85 percent of the Council's collection will be distributed locally to agencies within Raleigh that serve the intellectually handicapped. The remaining 15 percent will be distributed by the State Council to agencies operating in areas of North Carolina where no local Knights of Columbus Council exists.

All Saints Council 9709 will consolidate its collection with those of six other Councils in the Raleigh area: Fr. Thomas F. Price Council 2546, St. Raphael the Archangel Council 9880, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 12025, St. Luke the Evangelist Council 12455, Rev. Joseph McNamara, OMI Council 14422 (N. C. State University) and Msgr. James Keaney Council 15551 (St. Joseph's Catholic Church). Agencies that have been invited to provide proposals for funding include: The Arc of Wake County, Frankie Lemmon School, Hilltop Home, Learning Together, Tammy Lynn Center, Triangle Down Syndrome Network, Wake County Chapter, Autism Society of North Carolina; Wake Enterprises, Inc., and special needs teachers at Harris Creek, Hillburn Drive and Lead Mine Elementary Schools. The decision as to how much a particular agency receives is made by a committee made up of representatives of each of the Councils based upon needs expressed by the agencies. The final donations to those agencies and any other bonafide applicants will be made in the February-March 2013 time frame.



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