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COUNCIL 9709 SHINES AT STATE MIDYEAR

The North Carolina State Council presented All Saints Council 9709 with the winning entry for Division IV Councils in the Council program category at the State Midyear Meeting in Wilmington on Saturday, Jan. 5. The award was made for the Council's donating some 100 volunteer hours over the past two years for spring lawn and garden maintenance for Brother Jerome Friedman during his bout with cancer.

Division IV Councils are those with 180 members or more. The North Carolina State Council divides up the 128 Councils in the state into four categories. There are 39 Division I Councils with 59 or fewer members, 29 Division II Councils with 60-99 members, 30 Division III Councils with 100-179 members and 30 Division IV Councils. Councils self-nominate for awards in the categories of Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family, Membership and Youth.

Council 9709 also submitted its Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity report Form 1728 at the meeting. The Council reported total charitable donations of \$12,072 for the calendar year. The Council's collection of Operation LAMB funds is accounted for separately, but combined with those funds, the Council's annual contributions to charity were in excess of \$30,700. The Council also reported 7,893 volunteer hours donated by members. The Council also reported 289 visits to the sick, 25 visits to the bereaved, 58 blood donors, work on 10 Habitat for Humanity projects and 291 hours of fraternal service to sick or disabled members and their families.



Grand Knight Shawn Bayle (R) poses with the 1st Place Award Plaque for the "Council" category with State Deputy Greg Kent (C) and other Division IV Grand Knights in Wilmington at the State Midyear Meeting.

COUNCIL/DISTRICT FREE THROW CONTEST SET FOR FEB. 23



Youth Director Brother Mike Wrzesien announced at the Feb. 5 business meeting that the Council Free Throw Contest will be held beginning at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23, in the gym. Some eight to 10 Knights are needed to register contestants, record scores and chase balls. A sign up sheet has been posted on the Council website.

All boys and girls ages 10-14 are eligible to enter. Competition is conducted by age and sex with the 10-11 year olds shooting a smaller basketball from a distance of 12 feet, and the older contestants using a regulation basketball from the foul line. Each contestant is given three practice throws before shooting 15 shots for record. Any ties are resolved with another round.

The District 9 competition will be held immediately following the Council contest, and all winners from the District competition are eligible to compete at the State level. Knights of Columbus medallions will be awarded to the winners of the District competition to boys and girls in each age category. This year's State contest will be hosted by Pope Pius X Council 3498 Saturday, April 6, beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Fairchild Center Gymnasium at 827 South Graham-Hopedale Road in Burlington. The first three places in each category will receive trophies. Council 3498 will provide each contestant with a free lunch consisting of a hot dog, chips and a drink. There will also be a concession stand for spectators selling barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, chips and soft drinks.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

My Brothers,

Call to Action! We are now into the second half of our fraternal year.

First, our major fund raiser of the year, "Late Night Catechism," is coming up on March 16. I challenge the Council to purchase or sell all 350 seats for the first showing so we can add a second matinee performance on March 17. If each Brother comes with a spouse we can achieve this goal alone. Our coffers are nearly bare and the need for funding is higher than ever. Please buy your tickets **NOW** at storefront.kofc9709.org.

Secondly, we need to sell our allotment of State Knights of Columbus raffle tickets. This is the major fund raiser for the State and also provides desperately needed funds to our Council.

Thirdly, we are behind in our membership drive and need to bring in some 16 Brothers before June 30. We also need to add five insurance members. We will host information nights for prospective members and a Fraternal Benefits night to showcase the rich portfolio of insurance products offered by our Order's AAA-rated insurance company.

Finally, consider attending our service opportunities including our Feb 23 CPO service day, our May 17-19 State Convention, and our May 20 CPO golf tournament. Our 2013 LAMB drive starts in March. Sign up on our website!

Brothers, the time is now to rally support for our many great programs. Your Council needs you and our charities need you. I urgently ask your support. Yours In Christ,


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

FEBRUARY 2013

- 19 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Carolina Ale House, 512 Creekside Drive (Brier Creek)
- 20 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 23 - Men's Service Committee, 9 a.m.-1:30 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
- 10 - 2nd Degree Ceremony, 2-4 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Rm
- 16 - Late Nite Catechism Dinner Theater, 5-9 p.m., Clare Hall
- 19 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Capri Restaurant, 6325 Falls of the Neuse Road
- 20 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 26 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

APRIL 2013

- 2 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 16 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Village Grill, 8470 Honeycutt Road
- 17 - Abottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 30 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . COUNCIL 9709 PROFILE

The average age of a member of All Saints Council 9709 has crept up a bit since March 2012, from 54.9 years of age to 55.22. According to the Supreme roster of Jan. 8, 2013, the bulk of the 242 members of the Council were born between 1940-69 with 76 members born between 1960-69, 56 between 1950-59 and 46 between 1940-49. Some 24 members were born between 1930-39, and another 28 between 1970-79. Only four members were born between 1920-29 and seven between 1980-89. As the only Brother born between 1910-19, Brother Verne Ingersoll wins the prize for being the oldest member of the Council. Brother Ingersoll will be 97 March 31, 2013. Brother James Cucurullo remains the youngest member of the Council. Brother Cucurullo will turn 25 on Feb. 26, 2013.

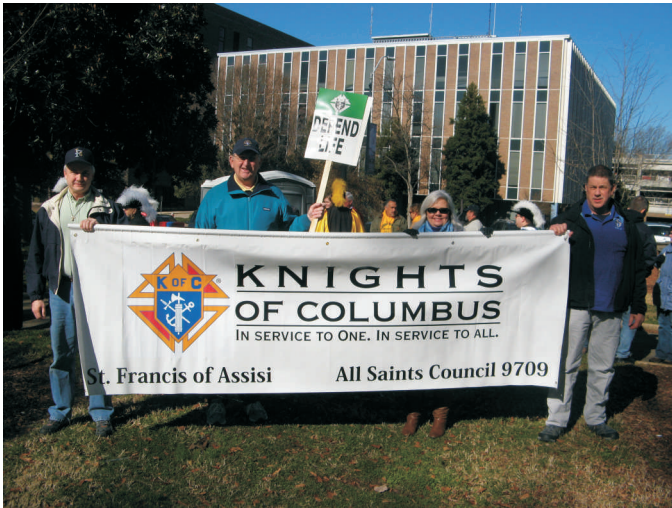
Of the Council's 242 members listed on the January 2013 Supreme website, 60 have taken their 4th Degree. Some 91 are listed on the roster as not having taken their 3rd Degree, and 52 are listed as not having taken their 2nd Degree.

Brother Tom Cronin has the most years of service as a Knight. He is listed on the roster as having joined the Order on Oct. 1, 1958, which gives him over 54 years of continuous service. Brother Cronin is one of 14 Honorary Life Members in Council 9709. Honorary Life Members have either completed 25 years of continuous service at the age of 70 or have 50 years of continuous service regardless of age. Honorary Life Members are exempt from further dues payments, per capita charges and assessments. The other 13 Honorary Life Members are Brothers Tony Anello, Dick Barton, Tony Evans, Bishop Gossman, Ralph Guenther, Joe Hebert, Verne Ingersoll, Fr. Dan Kenna, Bruce Ladrie, Fr. David McBriar, Jerry Powell, Fr. Mark Reamer and John Sasseen. Priests are automatically granted Honorary Life Member status upon joining the Order.

The Council also has four Honorary Members: Brothers Jim Hilton, Vincent Marchello, Frank Sola and Norm Tuomi. Honorary Members are Knights who have been in the Order for 25 years and have reached the age of 65. They pay reduced dues of \$10, and the Council pays reduced per capita charges and assessments to State and Supreme for Honorary Members.

The Council currently has 65 insurance members and five inactive members. Inactive members are those who have left the Order but still possess Knights of Columbus insurance products.

SEVEN FROM COUNCIL 9709 MARCH FOR LIFE IN RALEIGH



L-R: Richard White, Dick Novacek and Donna and Bill Quirk unfurl the Council banner just before the March.

Six Brother Knights and one spouse took part in the 2013 Rally and March for Life in Raleigh Saturday, Jan. 19. The March started in Nash Square and passed the State Legislature Buildings before ending at the grounds of the Raleigh Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Brothers Tom DuPree and Kent Siefkes marched in regalia with the more than 25-man Honor Guard. Brothers Dick Novacek, Bill and Donna Quirk, Richard White and Mike Wrzesien carried a Council banner in the March estimated to have attracted some 2,000 people, including 900 energetic youth, who joined the march after their "Love My Life" youth rally with Bishop Burbidge.

Seven Brothers also attended the National March for Life the following week in Washington, D.C. Brothers Steve Becker, Brian Denison, Tom DuPree, John Gunther (Council 9880), Bill Quirk, Kent Siefkes and Mike Wrzesien traveled to and stayed overnight Thursday at Holy Name College and attended the North Carolina Right to Life Mass Friday at the

Basilica of the National Immaculate Conception in Washington before joining the March.

At Holy Name College, the Council's delegation presented \$500 Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP) checks to Fr. Tony LoGalbo, OFM, Associate Director of Formation for each of the three seminarians currently supported by the Council. Brother John Aherne is in his first year of theology studies at Holy Name, and Brother Mike Reyes is in his second year. The delegation was able to meet John and Mike over dinner Thursday evening, and attended 7 am. prayer service and breakfast with many of the other seminarians at HNC Friday. The third seminarian supported by the Council is Brother Casey Cole, who is in his novitiate year at the Franciscan Interprovincial Novitiate in Burlington, Wisc., and will start his theological studies at HNC next year. He is a graduate of Green Hope High School in Cary, and his family are Parishioners at St. Francis.

The RSVP program was instituted by the Knights of Columbus to support young men studying for the Priesthood. The Order refunds \$100 per \$500 contribution made to a seminarian by a Council. To be eligible for the refund, the Council must also maintain contact with the seminarian(s) throughout the year by visits or mail.

THREE KNIGHTS TAKE DOWN CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

Three Brother Knights representing the Council's Service Committee removed the lights from the Church's Christmas tree and then brought it down safely before moving it outside on Monday, Jan. 14. Brother Knights had strung some 29 strands of Christmas lights on the tree on Dec. 21. The tree, admittedly one of the nicest ones the Church has had in many years, was also one of the largest with its trunk base about 10 inches in diameter.

The three Knights then removed long eight strands of lights and a white star with lights from the blue spruce planted in the courtyard outside Anthony Hall. The tree has been decorated by the Council since 2010 as a Culture of Life initiative 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."

Thanks to Brothers Dick Bridges, Brian Denison and Ralph Guenther, who collectively put in about five volunteer hours worth of work.

The next project for the Council Service Committee will be Saturday, Feb. 23, when members from the Council will assist in the distribution of food at the Catholic Parish Outreach Food Bank. A sign up sheet for the event is on the Council website.



L-R: Brothers Brian Denison, Dick Bridges and Ralph Guenther with tree.

BAUMGARTNERS SELECTED AS FEBRUARY FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Brother Mark and Theresa Baumgartner have been selected as February's Family of the Month for their preparation of the Church for the Christmas season.

Brother Mark joined St. Francis of Assisi in 1999 after relocating from Michigan to work for GlaxoSmithKline. Theresa moved to Raleigh the following year, and they were married by Fr. Dan Kenna at St. Francis in 2000. Daughter Allison is a 6th grader at the Franciscan School. She volunteers as an Altar Server, is a member of the children's choir and recently joined the Music Ministry as a Cantor/Song Leader. She also participates in sports and performing arts activities.

Brother Mark is the Council's Recorder, and he, Theresa and daughter Allison are very involved in Church activities. Brother Mark is a Lector and a member of the Board of Directors for the Justice Theater Project.

Theresa has been the co-chair of the Church Environment and Arts Ministry for three years, which is responsible for all the decorations/flowers/plantings within the Church and gathering space. Although activities are required year-round, the work of this Ministry is most evident for key Church events like Pentecost, Good Friday, Easter, and Christmas. Few people realize that Theresa designs and creates by hand all of the banners in the Church, combining her hobbies of art and sewing. Allison and Brother Mark are part of Theresa's crew providing labor for setup and tear down for all of the holiday Masses and serving as "consultants" and minor contributors to the design and construction of the banners.

In addition, Theresa is a Sacristan (she helped start the ministry several years ago), a Eucharistic Minister, and has been a member of the SFA Liturgy Committee for many years.

Brother Mark and Theresa have served as co-chairs of the Marriage Preparation Ministry for many years.



The Baumgartner Family

BROTHER STEVE BURDETT IS FEBRUARY'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Burdett Family

Council officers have selected Brother Steve Burdett as February's Knight of the Month for heading up the Church's Parking Ministry especially over the Christmas season.

Brother Steve has been a Parishioner at St. Francis since 1998, joining the Church through the RCIA Program in 2000. The Parking Ministry was "adopted" by the Council's Church Committee in 2010, because most of the ministry's members were Knights anyway and they were the ones Brother Steve could reliably depend on. He is also a Cross Bearer at the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Wife Susan has been a first grade teacher at The Franciscan School since it opened in 2000. She is a Eucharistic minister at 9:30 a.m. Mass. Both Brother Steve

and Susan have also served as sponsors for RCIA. They met at North Carolina State University (NCSU) and were married at St. Raphael's in 1984. Daughter Christine is a "super" senior in her fifth year at NCSU working on a double major in Chemical Engineering and Spanish, and son Ryan is a junior at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., majoring in Music Therapy. Both Christine and Ryan have been active in the St. Francis music program as members of the Youth Choir and as Cantors and Song Leaders. Ryan is also active in the Catholic Campus ministries in Boone and plays piano at Masses at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Boone on Sundays.

Brother Steve also enjoys working in the yard, grilling at home and following the NCSU Wolfpack. He and Susan have also been volunteering over the past year to help out with the Francis Feeds Ministry.

COUNCIL GETS 1,200 STATE VACATION RAFFLE TICKETS TO SELL

All Saints Council 9709 received 1,200 State Vacation Raffle tickets at the State Midyear meeting Saturday, Jan. 5. The Council has until mid-April to sell as many as it can.

For each \$5 ticket sold, the Council gets to keep \$2.50, which goes into its general operating fund. This is a major fund raiser for the Council, and All Saints Council 9709 realized some \$1,800 in profit from selling 720 tickets last year.

Brother Knights able to sell tickets to friends, neighbors and/or relatives should contact raffle ticket sales coordinator Brother Dick Bridges to get tickets. As of Feb. 5, some 52 Knights had volunteered to sell 775 tickets, and some 204 tickets have been sold.

The raffle drawing will take place at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham at the annual State Convention. Saturday, May 18. The Grand Prize is a seven-day Alaska cruise for two sailing from Seattle or Vancouver including airfare and \$700 spending money. Second prize is a six-day, seven-night Hawaiian vacation including airfare, hotel and \$500 spending money. Third through seventh prize winners will each receive \$200 cash. Ticket purchasers do not need to be present to win, and all winners will be contacted by the State Council directly. Council 9709 has sold a winning ticket three years in a row. Brother Tom DuPree's daughter won \$200 in the 2010 drawing, Brother Dave Bole's in-laws won the Hawaiian vacation in 2011 and Brother Dennis Kelleher won \$200 in 2012.

The \$5 purchase price of the ticket is not tax-deductible, and winners will need to pay applicable taxes, both federal and state, on the fair-market value of their winnings.

2013 KofC VACATION RAFFLE	
Sponsored by N.C. STATE COUNCIL	
WIN	
First Prize - Alaskan Cruise for 2 + \$700 Cash	
Second Prize - 7 Day Hawaiian Vacation for 2 + \$500 Cash	
Third thru Seventh Prizes - \$200 Cash Each	
DRAWING May 18, 2013	
Donation \$5.00 Not Tax Deductible	
<small>Need not be present to win. Winners responsible for all applicable taxes.</small>	

Ticket purchasers should keep the long stub on the right and fill out the short stub to the left and return it to the seller for the drawing.



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MY EXPERIENCE WITH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

by Mary Kane

My late husband Joe was a Brother in the Knights of Columbus for 53 years when he died in December 2011, and he thoroughly enjoyed belonging to an outstanding Christian fellowship of men.

When our family grew by three lovely daughters, it was time to freshen up our long-range plans for retirement investments, health insurance and life insurance. We sent payments to companies, but if we had questions, you only got the operator, and leaving a message often resulted in no return call.

Fast forward to 1995 when we relocated to North Carolina and joined the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community and its wonderful congregation. Joe met Tim Kilpatrick, who was both a Knight and a Field Agent for the Order's life insurance program. We met with Brother Tim several times and came to know and trust him as a genuine, honest and caring person.

We had Brother Tim completely revamp all our life insurance policies and investments. I actually transferred a 401k plan over to the Knights annuity plan because the Knights of Columbus rate of return was so much better.

By this point Brother Tim had become a good friend as well as our insurance agent. We met periodically to review our insurance and investment plans. Brother Tim was always available to answer questions and explain in as much detail as we needed to understand and be assured what was best for us.

When Joe was called home, Brother Tim was there for me. Because of his attention to detail and professionalism, knowledge and truthful guidance, I was able to make huge changes in my life at that point in time. I was able to retire totally and experience stress-free planning for household and monthly obligations.

I highly recommend Brother Tim Kilpatrick to anyone who wants a competent and caring insurance agent who is always available. Call him at 919-847-3799 (H), 919-880-3463 (C) or e-mail him at

Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org.

CEREMONIALS UPDATE

Of All Saints Council 9709's 242 members listed on the January 2013 Supreme roster, only 60 have taken their 4th Degree. There are some 39 members of the Council who are shown as having taken their 3rd Degree and who could take their 4th Degree. There will be a one-day regional 4th Degree Exemplification in New Bern on Saturday, March 9, and the next major 4th Degree Exemplification will be Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Sheraton Imperial in Durham.

Knights seeking their 4th Degree must complete a Form 4 and submit it to Assembly 778. A check for \$70 made out to "Assembly 778," the completed Form 4 and a signed Exemplification Dress Code Form (available on the State website) must also be turned in to the Assembly by Feb. 26 to attend the Exemplification in New Bern. The deadline for the October Exemplification has not yet been set.

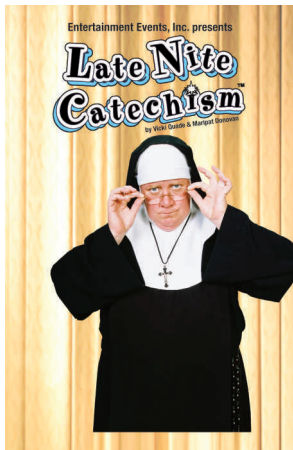
Some 91 Brother Knights listed on Council 9709's Supreme roster have not taken their 3rd Degree. There are at least four more opportunities this fraternal year for them to take the final step to full Knighthood: Saturday, March 2, with Council 7406 in Mooresville; Friday, April 19, with Council 4600 in Rocky Mount; Saturday, April 27, with Council 6451 in Hickory and Saturday, June 1, with Council 3303 in New Bern. Knights wishing to take their 3rd Degree should contact Grand Knight Shawn Bayle directly.

Lastly, there are 52 Knights on the Supreme roster that are listed as not having taken their 2nd Degree. The solution to that situation is simple. Council 9709 holds its next 2nd Degree Ceremony beginning at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 10, in the Anthony Hall Founders Room. Interested Knights should contact either Grand Knight Shawn Bayle or District Deputy #9 Dick Bridges directly.



The emblem of the 4th Degree

COUNCIL TO OFFER *LATE NITE CATECHISM* ST. PAT'S DAY RECEPTION



Late Nite Catechism Coordinator Brother Keith Houchin announced at the Feb. 5 business meeting that the Council had completed plans for an exclusive reception prior to the *Late Nite Catechism* play to be staged St. Patrick's Day, March 16, in the Founders Room. The reception will be limited to the first 130 individuals signing up and feature traditional Irish fare and a cash bar. Cost of admission is \$25 per person. Tickets for the reception can be purchased online at <http://storefront.kofc9709.org> or by calling 919-438-0033.

The reception will be catered by Trali's Irish Pub and feature Irish smoked rolls (pork sausage baked in a flaky pastry and served with hot mustard), Irish smoked salmon garnished with red onions, capers, grain mustard and soda bread, corned beef quesadillas and a "Taste of Erin," a selection of Irish and English cheeses, homemade breads, butters and jams. Each ticket includes one free "green" libation at the bar. Attendees are also invited to return to the Founders Room after the show to meet the actress and continue to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Late Nite Catechism will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in Clare Hall, Saturday, March 16. Tickets are \$40 for "teacher's pet" premium seating or \$30 for general admission. Concessions in Clare Hall open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the play and the reception will also be available in the St. Francis Stewardship Center after all Masses Feb. 23-24, March 2-3 and March 9-10.

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, Los Angeles and Chicago.

This is the Council's major fundraiser for the year, and a volunteer sign up sheet will be posted on the Council website in February. All Brother Knights are encouraged to either purchase tickets to the performance or sign up to volunteer or both.