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COUNCIL 9709 1ST DEGREE TEAM WINS STATE COMPETITION

All Saints Council 9709's 1st Degree Team won the State 1st Degree Team Competition held Saturday, April 20, at Father Price Council 2546's compound. The All Saints team, representing Region 2, beat out the Regional winners from Region 3, Council 3498 from Burlington, and Region 6, Council 15250 from Fort Bragg. While there are six Regions in the State of North Carolina, only Regions 2, 3 and 6 sent teams to the competition.

Council 9709's 1st Degree Team will conduct a 1st Degree Ceremony as part of the annual State Convention in Durham over the weekend of May 17-19.

District 9 and Council 9709 hosted the Region 2 competition Monday, April 15, in the Founders Room at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Regional District Deputy 2 Tom Smith declared the All Saints team the winner over the team from St. Catherine of Sienna Council 11234. Council 11234 hails from Wake Forest and District 8. Region 2 has a total of eight Districts including Districts 5, 6, 8, 9, 19, 21, 22 and 28.

Congratulations to team members Brothers Tony Anello, Jerry Cucurullo, Mike Darrow, Tony Domino, Tim Dyer, Dave Phillips and Kent Siefkes! Alternates Peter Oertel and Dave Vogelpohl are also members of the team.



L-R: Brothers Tim Dyer, Jerry Cucurullo, Dave Phillips, Tony Anello, Tony Domino and Mike Darrow after the Regional competition April 15.

COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS FOR FY 2013-2014

Council members attending the May 7 business meeting voted in by acclamation a slate of officers for fraternal year 2013-2014. The new officers will assume their duties on July 1, 2013.

The new officers are: Grand Knight Brother Brian Denison, Deputy Grand Knight Brother Ernie Daniels, Chancellor Brother Mike Wrzesien, Warden Brother Jim Falanga, Recorder Brother Steve Becker, Treasurer Brother Bob Weisenberger, Advocate Brother Keith Houchin, Inside Guard Brother James Powers, Outside Guard Brother Mike Supianoski, Three-Year Trustee Brother Shawn Bayle, Two-Year Trustee Brother Kent Siefkes and One-Year Trustee Brother Dick Bridges. Trustees are elected for three-year terms. Only the Three-Year Trustee is voted on in the election. The Three-Year Trustee becomes the Second-Year Trustee in the following year of his term, then the One-Year Trustee in his last year of office.

The positions of Council Chaplain, Financial Secretary and Lecturer are appointed by the Grand Knight. Father David McBriar has agreed to continue to serve as Council Chaplain, and Brother Gabriele Monetti will continue as Lecturer. Brother Dave Bole has volunteered to become Financial Secretary and will be appointed by the Grand Knight once Supreme accepts his application to replace Brother Dennis Kelleher.

The officer installation ceremony will be held in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel Saturday, June 23, after the regular 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Church. There will be a social event after the ceremony.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

My Brothers:

I started this year saying how humbled I was to lead such an active Council. I am "awestruck" as to what we have done together in the past year. We collected among the top Councils in the State for LAMB, presented hundreds of awards to Special Olympians, sold a record number of State raffle tickets, held a record basketball free throw contest, led and hosted the TFS spelling bee sending our winner to State competition, supported three seminarians, served meals for over 500 at six Lent suppers, raised a grand total of \$31,000 for charity putting in nearly 8,000 volunteer hours (including 291 providing assistance to sick Brothers) in the first half year, participated in the Raleigh and Washington, D.C., Marches for Life, supplied and cooked food for our preschool Harvest Moon Festival, collected a record number of turkeys for the Thanksgiving drive, provided toys to Duke Children's Hospital, served 180 in Louisburg for the Migrant Ministry, kept Leesville Road clean of trash, and inducted 14 new Brothers to the Order.

Yet in the few weeks remaining we have more to accomplish. Our annual CPO golf tournament, LAMB, the Memorial Day Mass for deceased veterans, Special Olympics, our annual Fraternal Benefits Night, our annual Officers Installation, another WIHN breakfast, several Degree ceremonies, and our State Convention.

You have far exceeded even my most aggressive expectation! Vivat Jesus,


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

MAY 2013

- 20 - Council-Sponsored Golf Tournament for Catholic Parish Outreach, 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Wil-Mar Golf Club
- 21 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Capri Restaurant, 6325 Falls of the Neuse Road
- 23 - Fraternal Benefits Night/Spaghetti Dinner, 6:30-10 p.m., Founders Room
- 25-26 - Operation LAMB, see Website for Sign Ups
- 27 - Memorial Day Mass for Deceased Veterans, 9 a.m., St. Mary of the Angels Chapel
- 28 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

JUNE 2013

- 1-2 - SONC Summer Games, Triangle Aquatic Center, see Website for Sign Ups
- 3 - 2nd Degree Ceremony, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Rm
- 4 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 6 - 2nd Degree Ceremony, 7 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 8 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., Jacoba Hall
- 18 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m., Capri Restaurant, 6325 Falls of the Neuse Road
- 23 - Officers Installation Ceremony/Social, after 5:30 p.m. Mass, St. Mary of the Angels Chapel
- 25 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

JULY 2013

- 2 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EMBLEM

The emblem of the Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was then Supreme Knight.

A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the Forméé Cross. The shield is that associated with a medieval Knight. The Forméé Cross is the representation of a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces standing vertically, and crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters, K of C, it proclaims this specific form of activity.

The red, white and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our country. As such, red is the symbol of stout-hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of our country. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible-tried ideals to be carried out.

But there is another symbolism of color in red, white and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drops of Christ's redemptive blood shed upon Calvary, and of the martyrs' blood shed in defense of the faith.

Red then is the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemption and in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God has for man and the overwhelming affection which the God-man has for each individual. White then is the symbol of Christ-like Charity. Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she wrapped her beloved Son, through Whom came salvation to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

from *Official Knights of Columbus Emblems and Council Jewels, Form 1910, 4/11.*



COUNCIL TO SUPPORT SONC JUNE 1-2

All Saints Council 9709 needs about 22 volunteers per day to present awards to Special Olympians Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2, at the Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary. The competition runs from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday and from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sunday. Spouses and young adults are welcome to assist.

"This is one event that every Knight should participate in at least once," said Brother Ralph Guenther, who coordinates the Council's support of Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC).

The Triangle Aquatic Center is located at 275 Convention Drive, Cary, NC 27511, off the Cary Town Boulevard Exit 291 on I-40 adjacent to the Cary Towne Center Shopping Mall.

There is a sign up list on the Council website. Questions can be referred to Brother Ralph Guenther.

Council 9709 typically supports SONC competitions for bowling in December and for swimming in June.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DURHAM BULLS FUND RAISER



Volunteers are still needed to staff the Council's assigned concession stand at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park (DBAP) for the four games in May and through August. The sign up list is on the Council website. There are slots for four volunteers per game. A minimum of three volunteers per game is required.

Brother Knights have worked a total of three games so far this year. Thanks to Brothers Steve Becker, Brian Denison, Mike Evans, Tony Evans, Keith Houchin, Mike Supianoski and Mike Wrzesien for each working at least one game. Brother Mike Supianoski worked all three games in April.

The concession stand is The Pit Barbecue concession. It is under cover on the concourse on the first base side of the park. Knights working the stand sell beer, water, soda, peanuts and The Pit beef barbecue sandwiches. Parking for volunteers is free.

Coordinator Brother Mike Wrzesien has arranged for the Council to staff the very profitable Foothills Brewery Stand on May 30 and June 20. Volunteers are still needed for both of these dates.

Last year the Council netted some \$2,795.67 in profit from the DBAP Concessionaire CenterPlate.

COUNCIL TO HOST FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT MAY 23 FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR ATTENDEES

All Saints Council 9709 will hold a Fraternal Benefits Night Thursday, May 23, from 6:30-10 p.m. in the Anthony Hall Founders Room. The evening will begin with a Council-sponsored spaghetti dinner.

Keri Dyer, wife of Brother Tim Dyer, will talk about tax planning, and Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick will provide an update on Knights of Columbus insurance products. The Council is also trying to find a tax attorney to discuss estate planning. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentations.

Knights interested in attending this event are asked to RSVP to either Field Agent Tim Kilpatrick at 919-847-3799 (H), 919-880-3463 (C) or via e-mail at Timothy.Kilpatrick@kofc.org or Grand Knight Shawn Bayle at 919-676-8135 (H), 919-949-1793 (C) or via e-mail at sdbayle@cs.com in order to get an approximate number of dinners to be cooked.

Grand Knight Shawn Bayle decided to hold the event to encourage Brother Knights to look into their insurance coverage. The Council has a goal of six new insurance members for the fraternal year, and is currently five short. Making Star Council requires a Council to meet its Supreme-assigned goals for membership, new insurance members and activities. Council 9709 is close on the membership goal and could conceivably make Star Council should enough new insurance members be added to its rolls.

STEVENS' CHOSEN AS MAY'S FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Brother Tim and Cheryl Stevens

Council officers have selected Brother Tim and Cheryl Stevens as May's Knight of the Month for all they do for the Council, the Church and the Community. Brother Tim has served the past two years as the Council's Operation LAMB Director and currently serves as the Council's Council Program Director. He joined the Knights in 2006 and also serves the Parish Men's Ministry by helping to organize and plan the annual Men's Ministry retreat.

The Stevens have been members of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community since 1992 after moving to Raleigh from Atlanta. The Stevens participate in the Children of Chernobyl Ministry and have hosted a boy from Belarus for the past several years during the summer months.

Cheryl is a fifth grade teacher and charter faculty member at The Franciscan School (TFS). She has pioneered integrating social justice into the TFS curriculum, organizing the annual Social Justice Fair and having TFS families distribute meals to the homeless at Moore's Square several times during the year.

The Stevens have two children, Caroline and William. Will is a middle school teacher and lacrosse coach at The Franciscan School (TFS) and both are graduates of Cardinal Gibbons High School. Caroline is a Social Worker with Duke Hospital and was married at St. Francis in February. She resides in Durham with her husband Brennen, a former U.S. Army Sergeant and veteran of two tours in Iraq.

BROTHER MIKE BENNETT IS MAY'S KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Council Officers have selected Brother Mike Bennett as May's Knight of the Month for his work on the Late Nite Catechism play. He and his wife Cara also worked on the Red Cross Blood drive, signing in donors and picking up donated food from local establishments to be served at the blood drive. Brother Mike is also an usher at the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass and has worked with Habitat for Humanity.

Brother Mike reactivated his membership last year after moving to Raleigh from Northville, Mich., several years ago, and looks forward to meeting more Brothers and staying active in the Knights. "There are so many opportunities to get involved with activities that really make a difference in our Community, and the Knights are a great group to be a part of again," he said.

Brother Mike graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, with a B.S. in Business, spent the last 22 years in sales with International Paper calling on national catalog and magazine publishers and is currently looking for his next adventure.

He and Cara, his wife of 26 years, have three children: Joey is a sophomore at Appalachian State studying Computer Science in the honors program, while Jami and Jack are both active high school students at Leesville Road High School.

In his free time, Brother Mike enjoys golfing, fishing, playing cards, cooking and entertaining. Additionally, he enjoys watching his favorite sports teams, the Cleveland Indians, and Cleveland Browns, "as painful as that can be on most days" he added.



L-R: Jack, Jami, Joey, Cara and Brother Mike Bennett.

COUNCIL SELLS RECORD NUMBER OF STATE RAFFLE TICKETS

Some 53 members of All Saints Council 9709 sold a record-breaking 866 State Vacation Raffle Tickets for 2013. The Council deposited some \$2,165.00 into its General Fund and sent the same amount on to the North Carolina State Council.

The Council gets to keep \$2.50 for every ticket sold, and should a Council sell more than its total from last year plus an extra 100, it gets to keep an extra \$1.00 for every ticket over the additional 100. Council 9709 sold a total of 720 tickets in 2012, so after the State audit, the Council should be receiving an additional \$46 from the State Council.

Thanks goes to all Knights who bought or sold tickets, but especially to top sellers Brothers Dick Bridges (119), Dino Pinelli (100), Dave Vogelpohl (55), Tom Lindgren (50), Ralph Guenther (30), Tom DuPree (25), Shawn Bayle (22), Steve Burdett (20), George Corvin (20), Brian Denison (20), Dennis Kelleher (20) and Bob Weisenberger (20).

The drawing for the winning tickets will be held at the annual N.C. State KofC Convention in Durham on Saturday, May 18. All Saints Council has sold winning tickets in each of the past three years. Brother Tom DuPree's daughter won a \$200 prize in 2010. Brother Dave Bole sold the winning ticket for the Hawaiian Vacation to his father-in-law in 2011, and Brother Dennis Kelleher won \$200 in last year's drawing.

Brother Dick Bridges, the Council's coordinator for the raffle ticket sales, has promised to call any winner from Council 9709 from the Convention ballroom after the drawing. Brother Bridges has coordinated the Council's annual State Vacation Raffle Ticket drives since 2008 and would like to have someone take over the task in 2014. He will be happy to work with anyone willing to assume this responsibility during the transition.



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RECORD-BREAKING STREAK REACHES 12TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

by Thomas P. Smith, Jr.
Chief Insurance Officer

The Knights of Columbus insurance program continues to show its strength and stability in spite of economic turmoil. In fact, 2012 marked the 12th consecutive year of growth in many categories, chief of them the volume of coverage issued. This accomplishment illustrates the faith our members have in the products and services we offer to protect their families.

During 2012 the Order issued more life insurance than ever before in our history, \$8.1 billion. Our total insurance in force surpassed \$88 billion. To put this remarkable number in perspective, consider that at the end of 2001, we stood at \$42.9 billion. The Order introduced a Graded Premium Whole Life plan, which makes whole life coverage more "budget-friendly" than ever before. We also made improvements to the Systematic Withdrawal Options on our annuity products.

We finished the year with more field agents serving our members than ever before. The ultimate goal is to have all of our members served by a dedicated, full-time agent, and, if you know someone who may be interested in becoming an agent, please contact me.

Our A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best was reaffirmed, and there continues to be no more highly rated life insurer in North America. More than 13,000 new retirement annuities were issued to our members and their families in 2012, and members continued to fund their current annuities in record numbers. Members purchased more long-term care policies from the Knights of Columbus than in the past five years. As other companies discontinued this vitally important product, the value and strength of our long-term care coverage remains solid. In the first full year since its introduction in the spring of 2011, our Income Armor disability income insurance has already been embraced by many members who needed to protect their income. If you have a job and you haven't spoken to your agent about this product, you should have that conversation soon.

My purpose in sharing these statistics with you is twofold. First, take pride in the success your organization is having in fulfilling the vision of Father McGivney by caring for the financial security of our members and their families. Second, I want to remind you that today is a great day to meet with your professional agent to discuss coverage or review your current policies.

Adapted from an article on the Knights of Columbus website dated 1/30/2013.

THREE ATTEND 2012 LAMB CHECK DISTRIBUTION RECEPTION

Brothers Dick Bridges, Brian Denison and Bob Weisenberger represented All Saints Council 9709 at the 2012 Operation LAMB funds distribution reception at the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities Thursday, April 4. Brother Bridges went as District 9 Deputy, and Deputy Grand Knight Brian Denison and incoming Operation LAMB Director Bob Weisenberger represented the Council.

A total of \$37,500 in checks was presented to agencies serving the intellectually disabled in the Raleigh area including the Arc of Wake County, the Autism Society of North Carolina Wake County Chapter, Community Partnerships, Inc.; Frankie Lemmon School and Developmental Center, Hilltop Home, Learning Together, the Tammy Lynn Center, Triangle Down Syndrome Network, Wake County Special Olympics and Wake Enterprises. Special Education teachers at the Hilburn Academy and Lead Mine Elementary School also received checks.

Council 9709 pooled its LAMB collection with those of six other Councils in the Raleigh area, and agencies submit specific proposals to the group for funding. The requests typically exceed the funds available, and the Councils allot money available to support the greatest needs either fully or in part. As a matter of policy, the amounts received by individual agencies is not disclosed. PSD John Gouldie of Council 2546 coordinates the effort.

The other six Councils contributing funds include Father Price Council 2546, St. Raphael Council 9880, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 12025, St Luke the Evangelist 12455, Rev. Joseph McNamara, OMI Council 14422 (N.C. State University) and Msgr. James Keaney Council 15551 (St. Joseph's Catholic Church).



Deputy Grand Knight Brian Denison (L) and Brother Bob Weisenberger (R) present Triangle Down Syndrome's Jerry Higgins (C) a check from Operation LAMB.

OPERATION LAMB COLLECTION FOR APRIL TOPS \$2,777.08

Brother Knights, spouses and children brought in some \$2,777.08 in donations for Operation LAMB Saturday, March 30, April 6-7 and April 13-14. Added to previous collections, the Council has collected a total of \$4,812.95 so far this calendar year for agencies serving the intellectually handicapped.

This year's goal for the All Saints Council is \$19,563.01. The Council collected a total of \$18,810.59 last year, which was the sixth highest total in the State for 2012. The Council was number two in the State for 2010 when it collected a record \$27,745.78.

Thanks to Brothers Judge Brown, Brian Denison**, Don and Terri Donaghy*, Tony Evans, Mike Evans, Ralph Guenther, Tony Halterman, Keith Houchin, Jeff Kish, Frank Lewek*, John Malach, John Martin, Larry Mathiot, John Moster*, Dino Pinelli, Jeff Rohman*, Dave Roos, Kent Siefkes, Tim Stevens, John Stewart*, Mike Supianoski****, Manfred Varnhold, Dave Vogelpohl**, Bob Weisenberger** and Mike Wrzesien** for signing up for a shift. Names marked with asterisks (*) volunteered for multiple shifts.

The number of slots available for volunteers has been increased by limiting shifts to two hours rather than three, but that has also resulted in more slots going vacant. For March 30, however, nearly all slots were filled at the Kroger store at Strickland and Creedmoor Roads. Only three slots were vacant and only one shift not covered. For April 6-7 most shifts were covered, but there were still a shortage of six volunteers at the Harris Teeter on Leesville Road that left two shifts uncovered. Over the weekend at the Brier Creek Walmart, the most profitable location the Council works, 26 of 38 slots were vacant Saturday and 11 of 20 slots were vacant Sunday. Things were better over the weekend of April 13-14 with only eight of 20 slots going unmanned at the Harris Teeter on Leesville Saturday and the Harris Teeter at Stonehenge on Sunday. Saturday, April 20, was the worst showing with only seven of 24 slots covered.

"This is the single most important fund raiser we conduct every year," said Grand Knight Shawn Bayle at the May 7 business meeting. "Brothers, we need your support."

The next weekend for Operation LAMB is May 25-26.