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COUNCIL PRESENTS CHECK FOR \$1,000 TO BIRTHCHOICE

A record delegation of 18 Knights and wives from Council 9709 attended the 11th annual Benefit for Life Gala at Northridge Country Club, Friday, Oct. 4, the largest ever with approximately 500 in attendance. This is the fifth consecutive year the Council has sponsored a table at the event, which raises money for four Ministries in the Diocese of Raleigh: Birthchoice, The Gabriel Project, Family Honor and Project Rachel. Guest of Honor was Most Reverend Michael Burbidge, Bishop of Raleigh, and Guest speaker this year was Olivia Gans Turner, President of the Virginia Society for Human Life.

Council Culture of Life Director Kent Siefkes and the other brothers presented a check for \$1,000 to Birthchoice Development Director Betty Rogosich at the conclusion of the gala. All Saints Council 9709 has contributed checks ranging in amounts from \$500 to \$1,500 over the past eight years to this worthy cause. Attending this year were Shawn & MaryBeth Bayle, Joe & Rosemary Czejkowski, GK Brian & Peggy Denison, Tom & Elaine DuPree, Field Insurance Agent Tim & Alisa Kilpatrick, John & Gloria LaTorre, Kent & Virginia Siefkes, Manfred & Kathleen Varnhold, and Mike & Jan Wrzesien.

Birthchoice offers onsite, unlimited ultrasounds to women who visit for help and guidance. The Gabriel Project provides assistance to Birthchoice clients and other agency clients by monitoring mothers before and after their children are born. Project Rachel is a post-abortive healing ministry that provides confidential assistance to women, men and all who have experienced the pain of abortion. Family Honor is a national Catholic non-profit organization with a Raleigh affiliate that offers a family-centered approach to chastity education based on church teaching that provides hope, tools, and a plan for raising virtuous children. Brother Joe Czejkowski & wife Rosemary are team presenters for Family Honor - Raleigh, and Brother Kent Siefkes and wife Virginia serve on its board.



Photo: Knights in attendance at Gala, from left to right: Mike Wrzesien, Brian Denison, Joe Czejkowski, Tom Dupree, Director Betty Rogosich, Shawn Bayle in background, Kent Siefkes and Manfred Varnhold. Picture shows presentation of \$1000 to Birthchoice given to director Betty Rogosich. Tim Kilpatrick and John LaTorre not shown.

BSA TROOP 352 DEMONSTRATED PROPER FLAG RETIREMENT

Council 9709 was treated to a Flag Retirement Ceremony during our September 3rd Business meeting. Scouts from Troop 352 explained and displayed the proper method of retiring our old worn out flags. Flags were collected by Knights and Scouts at all Masses for the 2 weekends prior to the ceremony. A small fire was ignited prior to the Knights being invited out from our regular meeting. Some of the older scouts demonstrated how the flags are cut stripe by stripe while explaining the meaning of each stripe. First the blue background was removed displaying 50 stars symbolic of our 50 States. When the flag parts were finished being cut up, the Scouts began depositing the individual white stripes into the fire, followed by the red stripes. Lastly the blue background displaying the white stars was retired.

A special thanks goes out to our troop and their leaders for the very informative ceremony that honored both military members and past scouts. The ceremony was very dignified and respectful to all that have served and are serving in our military today. Thank you again!



7 KNIGHTS WALK FOR HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Brothers Mike Wrzesien, John Mosher, Ralph Guenther, Jerry Cucurullo, Jeff Rohman, Mike Cronin and Mike Pfauth pose for the Highway Clean-up Honor Guard. While some got done much earlier, it took about 2 hours to pick the roadside. We collected 4 blue bags of recyclable trash and 9 orange bags of trash.



*Cleanup Crew
from left
to Right:
John Mosher
Ralph Gunther
Mike Wrzesien
Jerry Cucurullo
Mike Cronin
Jeff Rohman
Mike Pfauth*

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

My Brothers:

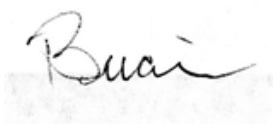
Special thanks for all the support on the many activities that occurred this month; I can't express the amount of gratitude I feel for this council and your support.

I am extremely proud to say that our Council has 7 candidates that will be attending the 4th Degree Exemplification on October 26th at the Sheraton. This is the first time to my knowledge that the 4th Degree ceremony has ever been held in Raleigh. Several of us will be attending with our candidates as observers and enjoying the banquet following.

Our LAMB drive goes on and is beginning to wind down for the remainder of this year. We have had many members' weather storms and HOT temperatures in support of this year's drive. We have come close to our goal set by State, but we are still short. I ask for your continued support for this effort and thank your support of Migrant Ministries this year again. I truly enjoyed the high attendance at this month's Social Dinner and am especially looking forward to our councils annual Christmas Dinner coming up in the not too far future.

May Christ bless you and your families and give you the strength and fortitude to accomplish even more.

Vivat Jesus,


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

October 2013

- 1 - Business Meeting 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Room
- 12- Blood Drive 8:00 a.m., Clair Hall
- 15 - Social Gathering 6:30 p.m., Carolina Ale House
- 19 - CPO Volunteers 9:00 a.m. Catholic Parish Outreach
- 20 - Harvest Moon Fest 11:00a.m. - 2 p.m. Clair Hall
- 26- 4th Degree Exemplification: 1:00 p.m.
- 29 - Planning Meeting 7:30 p.m. Anthony Hall Conference Rm

November 2013

- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Rm
- 11- Second Degree, 7:00 p.m. Anthony Hall Founders Rm
- 17 - WHIN program 7:15 am Claire Hall
- 26 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

December 2013

- 3 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Rm
- 5 - Second Degree, 7:00 p.m. Anthony Hall Founders Rm
- 8 - Christmas Party, Location to be announced
- 18-21-Crèche setup, tentative dates. Date & time TBA.
- 20-21 - Christmas Tree setup and parish decorating.
- 21 - Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup,
- 31 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., **Need to change date!**

FOR THE FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . ELECTED OFFICERS

GRAND KNIGHT - The Grand Knight is responsible for the welfare of the Council. He presides over Council meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all Committees, appoints the Membership and Programming Directors, convenes officers for a monthly meeting and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the State and Supreme Councils. The Grand Knight's signature appears on all checks drawn.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - The Deputy Grand Knight assists the Grand Knight with Council affairs and fulfills all the duties assigned him by the Grand Knight. Should the Grand Knight be absent from a Council meeting, the Deputy Grand Knight will preside. He is also Chairman of the Council's Retention Committee.

CHANCELLOR - The Chancellor assists the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the Council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in Council activities and is also Chairman of the Admissions Committee.

WARDEN - The Warden is the "watchdog" for Council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Recorder. He is responsible for setting up the Council Chambers for meetings and ceremonial work and appoints and supervises guards during ceremonial exemplifications.

TREASURER - The Treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining of records of all Council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the Council's accounts and provides certificates of such monies to the Grand Knight. He is also responsible of payment of all expenses.

RECORDER - The Recorder is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the Council and its correspondence.

ADVOCATE - The Advocate is the legal representative of the Council and serves as the Council's attorney at trials and investigations of interest to the Council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the Council By Laws, Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting and Robert's Rules of Order.

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE GUARDS - The Outside Guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the Inside Guard checks to make sure that membership cards are current.

TRUSTEES - The Board of Trustees consists of three members elected by the Council and the Grand Knight, who serves as Chairman. They oversee the work of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and with the Deputy Grand Knight, serve on the Council's Retention Committee. Only the three-year Trustee is voted, with the others continuing their terms.

5 BROTHERS SUPPORT WIHN PROGRAM

Brother Mike Wrzesien, PGK Shawn Bale, Steve Becker, Jim Falanga and Brian Denison prepared food for families in the WIHN program. Early Saturday morning on September the 14th our brothers came out to feed 3 mothers and 10 children of the WIHN a hot and nutritious breakfast. Food was donated and prepared by our brother Knights. We also took the opportunity to sit down with them and share their stories and enjoy a little social time. This program supports young families trying to get their lives back together along with the parents working toget back into the work force.

KNIGHTS PROVIDE MEAL FOR THE MIGRANT MINISTRY



Knight participating from left to right, Richard White, Shawn Bayle, Bill Quirk and Jim Falanga at Our Lady of the Rosary in Louisburg, NC

Aproxiamately 180 migrant workers were provided dinner by Council 9709 Knights, who also donated the food and supplies. Sadly, many of the migrants were heading back to the fields that evening following their meal. Brother Tom Carlson led the effort to great success and even personally delivered the uneaten food at a “camp” of migrants who were not able to come to the church. The gratitude was immense, and there were no complaints at all, only smiles which grew brighter with a couple of words said to them in Spanish. The priest there was very engaged and significantly grateful for our work. I walked away from the event thinking that this is an effort that truly serves those in need and demonstrates the mission Christ gave us, in a very personal way. “Frankly, after some reflection, I strongly believe we should focus more of our charity time toward these kinds of events,” commented Past Grand Knight Shawn Bayle. 9 Knights and their family members contributed the food and provided the preparation for this meal. All the food was gathered together at Clair Hall Kitchen to be transported to Louisburg for this meal. This was a great effort, special thanks once again to Tom Carlson and his wife for bringing this all together.

DON & TERRI DONAGHY CHOSEN TO BE FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

Brother Don Donaghy and wife Terri were selected as October's Family of the Month for the many hours of volunteer work they contribute to Council, Church and Community activities. Brother Don has contributed hundreds of hours of individual volunteer time for calendar year 2013. Terri has amassed many hours as well, doing many of the same projects with Brother Don together as a team.

Brother Don joined the Knights of Columbus, All Saints Council 9709 on Oct. 11, 2005, and was exemplified to the 4th Degree on Oct. 24, 2009.

The Donaghys have been married 50 years and have lived in Raleigh for 28 years, almost all that time as parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi community. Don retired from IBM in January 1993 after 34 years of service, and Terri retired from GE Mortgage in March 2000 after 13 years of service.



Together they participate in many Church ministries such as Catholic Parish Outreach, migrant ministries and Don helps erect the crèche at Christmas time. In addition they serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Church collection counters, Church Liturgy Sexton and backup receptionist. They attend weekday Mass whenever possible, and coordinate a weekly coffee and refreshment for all the attending adults. They help out in many ad hoc functions (Church and the Knights) whenever needed as a team or individually.

“By joining the Knights,” Don said, “we were able to expand our volunteer time and talents to helping others in our community.”

Terri and Don have worked together on many Council projects such as LAMB, the semi-annual blood drive, USO donut runs, Special Olympics and the RBC Center. Don is a member of the 2nd Degree team for District #9.

They attend as many Council social functions as they can, and enjoy the Knight's Fraternity.

BROTHER TONY HALTERMAN IS OCTOBER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Council officers have selected Brother Halterman as October's Knight of the Month for contributing many volunteer hours working for the Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) in calendar year 2013. The following is a short biography of Brother Tony submitted by his sister, Mary McReynolds: “Tony has been a Knight since he was 18 years old. Our father was a convert to Catholicism and joined the Knights while we were in elementary school, so it was natural that Tony would join when he was old enough. He was a member of the Immaculate Lady Council 5208 at Sacred Heart Church in Glyndon, Md., until he moved to Raleigh in 2006 and joined the All Saints Council. Tony was always very active in the Knights often working alongside our father at Bull Roasts, Spaghetti Dinners, Oyster Roasts, and Operation LAMB. Tony was part of the Knights Honor Guard when Pope John Paul II visited Washington, D.C., Oct. 6-7, 1979.

“Tony lives with me and our dog Winston and two cats, Gus and Daisy Marie. He volunteers twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at CPO and he really enjoys it. Tony is also active in the Seniors Club at St. Francis.

Tony has a nephew, Matthew, and a niece, Heather, who also live in Raleigh.”

Boomer Esiason's realLIFEstory®



A life lesson learned early

A record-setting NFL quarterback, and now a seasoned radio and TV broadcaster—that's how most people know Boomer Esiason. But before his fame on and off the gridiron came a tough road for Boomer and his family.

When he was just 7, Boomer's mother, Irene, who was 37, died of cancer. That left Boomer, his father and his two teenage sisters to create a life for themselves. A three-hour daily commute to work in New York City left Boomer's father, Norman, with little free time, but he always made sure he supported Boomer, both on and off the field. The family was also forced to rely on friends and relatives, as Boomer's mother died without life insurance and there was little money left each month to pay for any extra help. "I was handed a life lesson early, growing up with one parent," says Boomer, "It wasn't the easiest life—my dad sacrificed a lot."

Through determination, hard work and the support of his father, Boomer was able to leverage his talent at football to gain a full scholarship to the University of Maryland. He then went on to become one of the most successful quarterbacks in NFL history during his 14-year career, leaving the game in 1997 in the top 10 of many quarterback career statistical categories.

From the beginning, Boomer has protected his family—wife, Cheryl, and their children, Sydney and Gunnar—with life insurance. And as his career as a radio and TV broadcaster has grown, his life insurance coverage has grown as well. It has become especially important to Boomer, given that Gunnar is fighting cystic fibrosis and will need financial support throughout his life. "Life happens at the most unexpected of times, and life insurance is about protecting the future and the people you love," he says. "Remember, if something happens and you haven't done the planning, the people you leave behind will feel the brunt of your mistakes."

www.lifehappens.org/boomer

Boomer Esiason in Numbers

Career
Touchdowns

247 and
37,920
pass yards

Career
Completions

2,969 in
5,025
pass attempts

NFL Most
Valuable
Player

1988

Money raised for
Boomer Esiason Foundation
fighting cystic fibrosis

\$100
million

Numbers make a difference, especially when it comes to protecting your family with life insurance. Use the easy Life Insurance Needs Calculator at www.lifehappens.org/lifecalculator to make sure your numbers measure up. Then meet with a qualified insurance professional. They can help you determine the right amount and type of coverage to meet your needs.