



# Knights of Columbus All Saints Council 9709 St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community

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## Knights' Christmas Party at Crabtree Marriott

This Year's Christmas party was held at the Crabtree Marriott. Many of our Brothers came out to enjoy and celebrate the Christmas holiday and spend some great social time together. We began the evening with a social in the Marriott's bar which was conveniently adjacent to the restaurant. After the social hour, we moved into the dining area which was reserved entirely for the Knights that evening. Over 50 members and their families were in attendance which made it an especially nice event. The servers brought out a full menu with a variety of entrées, even offering a special dinner for our younger ones. I know my oldest granddaughter was treated to a double hamburger and she managed to eat the whole thing.

Following dinner, we had a reading of the Christmas Story led off by Shawn Bayle, Past Grand Knight, and continued on

with several readers taking part including the Grand Knight. The reading was followed by the singing of Silent Nights led by the Grand Knights granddaughter Isabelle Menius and was joined by the audience. The dinner was quite a success, but we are sorry that our Chaplin, Father David, was unable to join us as were any other of the Parish Priest because of First Reconciliation being held that night. We certainly hope that he will be able to join us in the



Katherine Freedman and daughter.



Cutest Kids award came out to be a tie this year. Above is Eva Menius, below we have Tori Becker with her dad Steve Becker.



## Highway Cleanup Draws Record Numbers

It was truly the great weather that drew out our record number of volunteers on a Saturday in December. 16 Volunteers came out this beautiful morning to help with highway cleanup. Thanks to our leader John Moster and crew: Dick Bridges, Brian Denison, Don Donaghy, Ralph Guenther, Dick Kozacko, Darryl McGraw, Jeff Rohman,

Mike Supianoski, Bob Weisenberger, Mike Wrzesien, Tim Wagner and his family Mary Wagner, Kathleen Wagner, Charles Wagner. Many of us stayed around after the hour long walk to enjoy coffee and donuts generously provide by John Moster and his wife.





From right to left, Mike and Jan Wrzesien and Melisa and Chris.

### WRESZIENS SELECTED AS JANUARY FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Brother Mike Wrzesien and his wife Jan have been selected as Family of the Month for January 2014. Mike is a 4th Degree Knight, proudly serving as Chancellor of the All Saints Council. Mike previously served as Warden and Youth Committee Chair.

Mike and Jan moved to Raleigh in 1993 and were quickly embraced by the warmth and hospitality of the Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi. Mike and Jan are active

members of St. Francis. Jan serves as a secretary of the Wedding Committee and has volunteered her time in support of the Backpack Buddies program, Catholic Parish Outreach, and the Advent Giving Tree. Mike was active in the youth ministry program, served as a facilitator for the Confirmation preparation program for high school students, currently coordinates the lector community, and serves on the liturgy committee. Mike and Jan also serve on the fund-raising/planning committee for

the Walk to Defeat ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

As a Knight, Mike has coordinated the council's largest fundraiser event, working at the Durham Bulls games, for the past several years. He also participates in the Adopt A Highway program, basketball free-throw contest, Special Olympics, TFS spelling bee, WIHN breakfasts, Harvest Moon Festival, and Operation LAMB.

*A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.*

**St Basil**

### ERNE DANIELS IS JANUARY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Brother Ernie Daniels, our DGK, was selected as Knight of the Month. Ernie has worked multiple days at our LAMB drive since being a Knight, has assisted 4 times at the Bulls Games serving at our beer and barbecue concession, serves as a EM at least twice a month, Held this past year's Family Social at his house with a barbecue for all our Knights and families. He stood out in the rain during this event along

with the GK to cook all the food for the families who rested comfortably in his house. Ernie serves as Medical Director at the Raleigh VA Office serving our veterans. He is also a retired military officer and has faithfully served his country. Ernie takes care of the family ranch and its horses while his wife, also a medical professional, travels a lot. Ernie and his family enjoy skiing in their spare time.



### THREE KNIGHTS DELIVER RECLINER TO BROTHER SK HADON WARE

Three Brother Knights from All Saints Council 9709 delivered a used recliner to the home of Brother SK Hadon Ware Wednesday, Jan. 8. Brothers Dick Bridges, Ralph Guenther and wife Edie and Mike Wrzesien carried the recliner into the house after transporting it to Wake Forest in Brother Mike Wrzesien's van.

Brother Hadon's wife Carol and daughter Bonnie were on

hand for the delivery, and they were profusely thankful for the gift. Brother Hadon's birthday was Jan. 10, and everyone considered it to be a great present. Wife Carol immediately helped Brother Hadon into the recliner, and when the Brother Knights left, Brother Hadon was resting comfortably.

Prior to the delivery of the recliner, Brother Ralph Guenther had tacked down roofing felt on the handicapped ramp Council members built for

Hadon last summer to provide additional traction at a cost of less than \$20. The Council will reimburse him for the expense. Brother Dick Bridges donated the recliner.

Brother Hadon Ware served Council 9709 as GK for two years and was also a Former District Deputy, Regional District Deputy and Regional State Chancellor East. He is suffering from a rare form of Parkinson's Disease.

## COUNCIL 9709 ADDS FOUR MEMBERS

We began our new year correctly, All Saints Council 9709 added four new members to its roles. The Council's State Champion 1st Degree team conducted a 1st Degree Ceremony at the January 7th business meeting, bringing in four new members.

Congratulations to new Brothers Christof Jensen, Joseph McMahon, Chad Richards and George Browne who took the first step to full Knighthood. We are pleased to add these brothers to our roles and all

have expressed interest in being involved in all our Knights activities.

The new members bring to a total of 10 for the Council in fraternal year 2013-14, leaving the Council 7 new members shy of our goal to achieve the Fr. McGivney Award.



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## KNIGHTS ASSIST WITH ANGEL TREE

Council Members come out on weekend to organize and gifts from this years Angel Tree Collection at St. Francis. Our Knights assisting were John Buico, Tony Rivera, Brian Denison and wife Peggy, along with Mike and Jan Wrzesien. Steve Becker came to assist John Buico load up the presents and deliver them to a designated drop point. Special thanks to all our Knights who assisted this day. We made Christmas possible thanks to all the fami-

lies that generously donated gifts this year at St Francis. From what we were told, gifts and cash donations made Christmas possible for all the children's names on the tree. I pray that we can continue to bless them and many more in the future.



*Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. — Robert Louis Stevenson*

## FINAL LAMB DRIVE FOR 2013 YEAR

Many thanks to all the Knights that came out for our very last LAMB drive in December. Despite cold weather we managed to support 2 stores and collections were good.

Members this year helped the council raise over \$14,000 for the Intellectually Handicapped of Raleigh Area. I was witness to our good deeds this year when I traveled with our State LAMB Chairman John Gouldie to see the Medoc Center in

Butner, North Carolina. There are many things that "we" built with LAMB funds. There were gazebos, covered porches, a swimming pool, and a Mini Mart for residents. There was also a lake side recreation center with a boat and about 12 cabins all for the 500 plus residents to enjoy. This would not be possible without LAMB.

Special thanks to very young ladies Tori Becker and Isabelle Menius for braving 27% temps in the final hours of the drive.



Isabel Menius and Tori Becker stood our front Food Lion at Leesville collecting for LAMB. Parents Steve Becker and Erika Menius spent final hours of drive with Brian Denison



## CHRISTMAS DECORATING BY COUNCIL KNIGHTS

Many thanks to Brothers Don Donahue (Resident Crèche expert), Dick Bridges, Bill Quirk, Ralph Guenther, Jim Falanga, Tony Rivera and Brian Denison for taking the morning to reinvent the Crèche as I say. Each year it's like a group of adults trying to figure out and age old puzzle. Once again we successfully did it with the help of Don Donahue. This was completed on December 18th, on the 20th Mark Baumgartner, Tony Rivesso, Bill Quirk and Brian Denison. 37 strands of lights were used to give a beautiful luminescence to this year's **Christmas** tree.

## FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

My Brothers:

Thanks to each and every one of you for a very special Advent season. Now with Christmas behind us, and the spirit of a new year in front of us I would like to take a moment to reflect on this past year. We have done many great things this last year, putting on a play, feeding hundreds of people at Harvest Fest, and providing endless hours of service to our parish as EMs, Ushers, and Parking lot assistants just to name a few. I have recorded for our council over 8,000 volunteer hours, which in reality is probably closer to double that amount. We have donated over \$20,000 counting LAMB drives to various charities and still we work our jobs and take care of our families

Every year finds new activities for our council. Why? Because we are the people the Parish knows they can turn too when something important needs to be done.

Many thanks to all my Brothers for the work you have done at many events and I hope this New Year provides you with renewed inspiration to continue your great work.

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

Vivat Jesus

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at [www.kofc9709.org](http://www.kofc9709.org))

### January 2014

6 – Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Rm

10 - Crèche and tree removal 3:00 SF Gathering Area

16 – Spelling Bee, 3:00 PM TFS Library

21 - Social Gathering, 6:30 p.m. Carolina Ale House

21-22 March for Life, Washington DC,

28 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

### February 2014

4 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Founders Rm

11 - Second Degree, 7:00 p.m. Anthony Hall Founders Rm

18 – Family Barbeque, 6:30 p.m., Founders Room in honor of Father David

26 - Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

### March 2014

1 – Taste of Italy 6:30 p.m., Community Room

## 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.



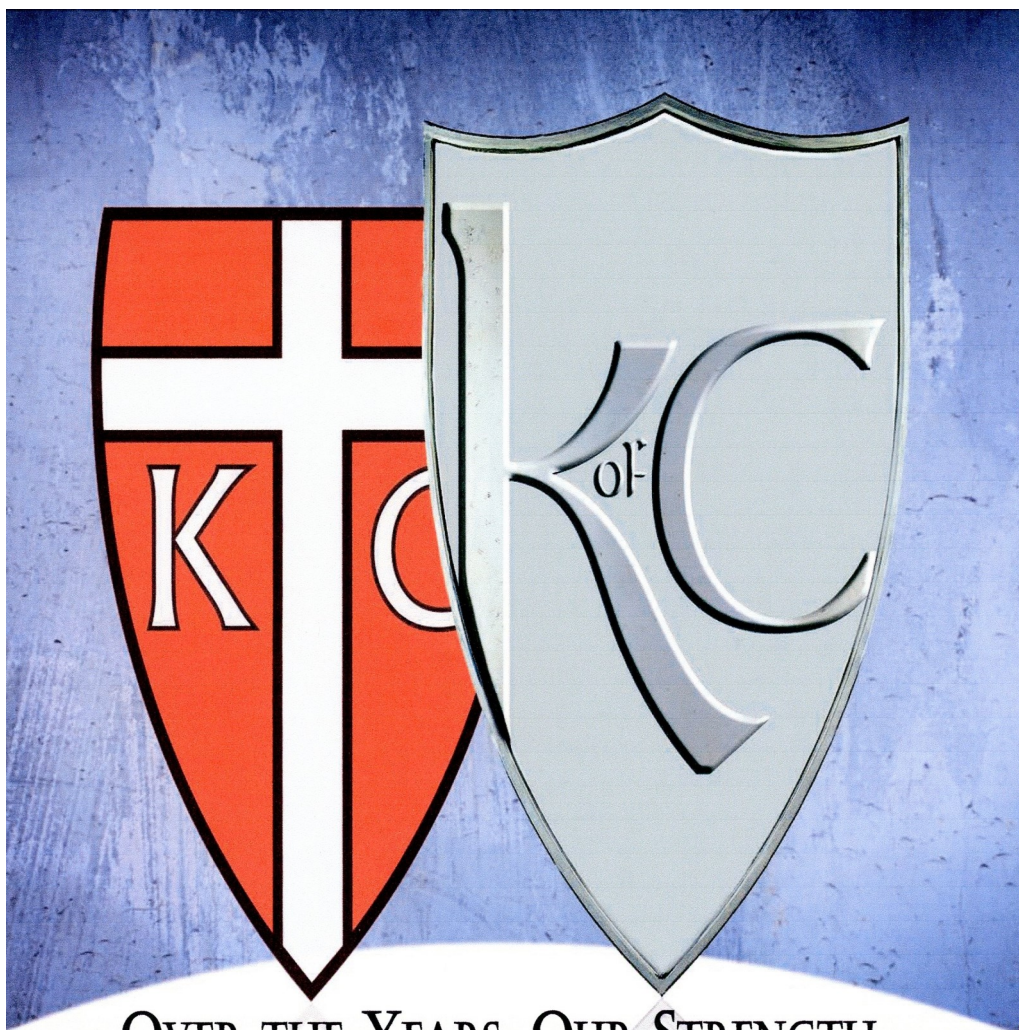
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