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## COUNCIL KNIGHTS WORKING SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Brothers show up early morning to assist Ralph Guenther hand out awards to Special Olympics Swimmers competing in over 100 trials for a certificate or medal. The weather was perfect this year making the job that much nicer. We were joined by Mount Holly Teen Princess. Thanks to the many who assisted that day!



Many Celebrities showed up for this event including Big Weather from Channel 11 ABC News, above and Mount Holly Miss Teen Kaslyn Embler from Cabarrus County who proved to be very popular with all the athletes! Continued next page...



We had another very successful awards presentation for a very successful Special Olympics Aquatics portion of the 2014 Special Olympics Summer Games.

The Knights again provided the awards preparation and delivery at the Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary, NC May 31 and June 1, 2014.

I had requested 44 people. We wound up having 39. Not bad and we made do nicely. Certainly my heartfelt thanks to all who signed up and worked especially the first long day. We did have some new comers to the team and this was very encouraging. The awards were done professionally and with enthusiasm. I believe the athletes, coaches, parents, relatives and friends enjoyed the activity. The weather cooperated famously.

The support received from all the other volunteers preparing the inputs we needed, those staging the athletes who made our job so much easier and sped the process along, the logistics people getting us things we needed and every one else, too numerous to name, helped us prepare the awards efficiently and accurately. This made it our best awards games ever.

Joe Mesa was so emotional about his announcements that Special Olympics of North Carolina (SONC) came to me late on Sunday asking to have Joe interviewed. Unfortunately he had to leave at noon. It must be in his family's blood because his daughter Danielle was awesome as a tray carrier actually running back and forth. I can say something about everyone else on the awards team but I am running out of space and time. So again thanks to all who dedicated their time to this always emotional and well received event celebrating the athletes who trained long and hard. It was our privilege to give them their well deserved awards.

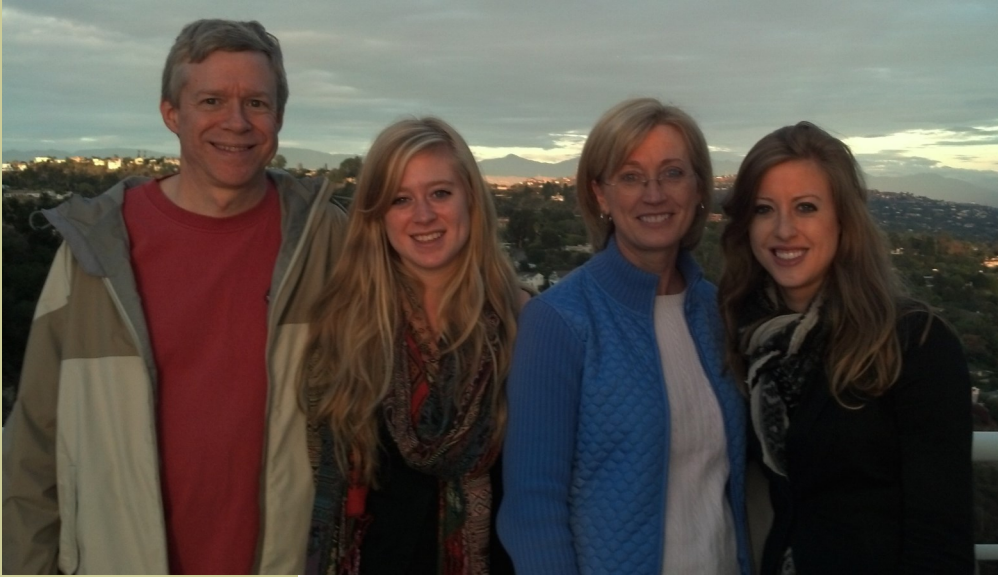
The presenters were Mount Holly Miss Teen Kaslyn Embler from Cabarrus County, Walter Scott the Onslow County Police Chief, John Gouldie from the Knights of Columbus State Council/ an SONC Board Director and Don Schweneker of ABC 11 Weather and supplemented by many of our own Knights. Kaslyn and Walter were there the entire days in which they participated. Kaslyn was loved by the athletes. Walter was magnificent with the athletes. Many candid pictures were taken with Kaslyn and Walter and the athletes. For some reason many more athletes wanted pictures with Kaslyn than with any other presenter. Oh well. She was awesome in staying around all day when she was only scheduled for 1/2 a day.

There were over 375 athletes involved in over 200 events. We prepared and presented over 1000 medals and ribbons.

Ralph Guenther, Special Olympics Chairman



## SIEFKES SELECTED AS JULY FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Siefkes Family, from left to right, Kent, daughter Jessica, wife Virginia and daughter Marissa who lives in Brooklyn, NY

Council officers have selected Past Grand Knight Kent Siefkes' family as July's Family of the Month. Brother Kent has been a Knight since December 2004, has attained his 4th Degree and has been very active in the Council since joining, having served as Chancel-

lor, DGK, and GK, and is now beginning his last of three one year terms as Trustee. He serves as the Council's Culture-of-Life Director and is also a member of the Council's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Ceremonial Teams and of both PSD John Gouldie's and Tony Anello's 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremonial teams. At

St. Francis he is a lector, and is active in the Men's Ministry. Outside of the Council and St. Francis, he is a member of the Diocesan Pro-Life Office Theology of the Body Advisory Committee, and Chairman of the Board of the Raleigh affiliate of Family Honor. Professionally, Kent is a software architect and senior development manager in the Rational software division at IBM. Wife Virginia is a Eucharistic minister, a member of the Stephen's Ministry Leadership team, and a member of the St. Francis women's Friday morning Bible study.

She is also Vice Chairman of the Raleigh affiliate of Family Honor, and serves on the Benefit for Life Gala planning committee.

Daughter Marissa, 26, lives in Brooklyn, NY where she is employed as an executive assistant at Achievement First, a K-12 charter school network in New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Jessica, 19, is a rising sophomore in the School of Dramatic Arts at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where she is currently pursuing studies for a career in the Music Industry.

## JEFF ROHMAN IS JULY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Brother Jeff Rohman Center prepares for the morning Highway Trash Pick-up. He is a regular member of this quarterly work group.

Jeff is an active supporting member of our Council. In a quiet way, he is always involved in Key roles that strongly support our Council. Jeff continually comes out to support our semi-annual blood drive. He also assists with providing other members with transportation to make like events. He helps with the decoration of our Parish Christmas tree.

Jeff heads up our committee for the Deceased Veterans Memorial Roll Campaign. This is a much appreciated effort on his part to enroll and give a final remembrance of our service members. He assists with the outside parking lot ministry and serves as a Cross Bearer at Masses. Jeff took on the important role of rewriting our Council's By-laws, which are our basic operating guide. He assist with the installation of Officers, helping ot organize the new Officers and giving guidance for the program. He routinely works our Lamb drives and assist on our 2nd. Degree team, I am proud to call Jeff Brother!

June Knight of the month: John Moster, Family of the Month for June: The Burdett's!

Congratulations

# INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS!



"Christianity is not a matter of persuading people of particular ideas, but of inviting them to share in the greatness of Christ. So pray that I may never fall into the trap of impressing people with clever speech, but instead I may learn to speak with humility, desiring only to impress people with Christ himself."  
— St. Ignatius of Antioch  
From: The Catholic Company



**KNIGHTS  
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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

This years Installation of Officers took place following the 5:30 Sunday evening mass in St Mary's Chapel. It was presided over by our Council's new District Deputy Joe McCarthy and Dick Novacek, the District Warden and attended by Tom Smith, Regional District Deputy. We also had our Chaplin, Father David McBriar, saying the prayers and blessing the medals for our new officers. This years ceremony was well attended and an estimated 55 people stayed for dinner afterwards provided by Dino's Capri Restaurant. I look forward to working with our new

team next year and the many accomplishments that will occur.

It was extremely gratifying to have so many members step forward into new roles this year. This type of dedication is critical in the continued growth and development of our Council's future. We have many plans for this upcoming year, and we have a great team to bring these goals to fruition.



## FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brothers, special thanks for making this year's Installation of Officers such a well attended event. I felt things went off flawlessly, but you miss things when your in the thick of it all! The dinner was excellent as well, not to mention it came from our very own Dino!

With our Baseball season almost half over, we have made each game with great coverage. This Wednesday we had 10 volunteers! Thanks so much to the dedication of our new Deputy Grand Knight Mike Wrzesien.

Brothers we're midway though summer and the middle of our annual LAMB Drive. Thanks for your continued support of this effort. I hope you appreciate the shorter time slots and the reduced number of shifts. We do need to continue with our efforts, and make these hours productive!

One last reminder, I will be having surgery on August 6th on my hip at Wake Med. Ask for your prayers and help for brother Mike Wrzesien as he takes over my duties for this short period during my recovery.

May Christ bless you and your families and protect them from all adversities throughout the month.

**Vivat Jesus**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### July 2014

- 1- Business Meeting 7:30pm - Founders Rm 12/13 LAMB Drive, Harris Teeter, 7400 Creedmoor
- 12- State Organization Meeting in Hickory NC, for GK and DGK
- 15- Family Social, 6:30 pm, Capri Restaurant
- 16- All Star Game at Durham Bulls 24/25/26 Durham Ball Games, beginning at 5pm
- 29 - Planning Meeting 7:30pm, Anthony Hall

### August 2014

- 5 - First Degree at 6:30pm prior to Business Meeting
- 5 - Business Meeting, 7:30pm, Founders Rm
- 7/9- Durham Ball Games, beginning at 5pm
- 11 - 2nd Degree, 7p.m. Anthony Hall Founders Rm.
- 15- John Riddle Funeral Mass 3pm, at the Chapel
- 15/16 Durham Ball Games, beginning at 5pm.
- 16/17 LAMB Drive, Walmart, Morrisville
- 19 - Family Social, Picnic at Daniels house time TBA
- 26 - Planning Meeting 7:30pm, Anthony Hall

### September 2014

- 2- Business Meeting 7:30pm - Founders Rm
- 13/14- LAMB Drive, Kroger, 6300 Creedmoor Rd
- 16- Family Social, 6:30 pm SFA Pot Luck Supper
- 30 - Planning Meeting 7:30pm, Anthony Hall

## 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.

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOR TROOP 352; THIS IS THE TROOP WE SPONSOR DOING GREAT THINGS FOR OUR COMMUNITY



Good Morning,

Want to say thank you again for all your help and support with my Eagle Project. I'd also like to share the results of your hard work and support.

We worked 117 hours to promote and collect enough items in the Harrington Grove area to assemble 245 rack packs for distribution to our service men and women through the USO of North Carolina. The donation amount totaled \$5,040.00 worth of goods.

The USO invited me to help on one distribution day during a recent deployment, and I was able to see first hand how this effected our troops and how thankful they were to have these basic essentials for their trips.

This would not have been possible without the help and support of 4-H of North Raleigh, BSA Troop 352, Ocooneechee Council, Impeesa District, SRG Academy, Harris Teeter, Knights of Columbus Council 9709, St. Francis of Assisi, USO of North Carolina, my family and neighbors in the Harrington Grove community. I will always remember what a community can accomplish together and be grateful for that, thank you all very much!

Thank You,  
**Rex Gallegos**  
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The **Boy Scouts of America (BSA)** is one of the largest [youth organizations](#) in the [United States](#), with 2.7 million youth members and over 1 million adult volunteers.<sup>[2]</sup> Since its founding in 1910 as part of the international [Scout Movement](#), more than 110 million Americans have been members of the BSA.<sup>[3]</sup>

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