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April Event, 4th Degree Exemplification

SK Thomas W. DuPree, Jr., PFN Exemplification Honoree April 14, 2018

Tom was born in Canada and at 5 months old moved to and raised in Dunn, NC graduating high school in 1962. Tom then graduated from the Univ. of Mt. Olive in 1964 and enrolled in UNC Chapel Hill. Knowing he was about to be drafted by the US Army he joined the US Air Force in January 1966, becoming a drill instructor and then assigned to Amarillo AFB as a Base Level Supply Instructor. In May 1967 he was assigned to Chanute AFB and there he met Elaine, eventually to be Mrs. Tom Dupree. After leaving the Air Force, Tom worked in management for Sears while continuing his education at the Univ. of Illinois. He eventually left Sears to begin a new Career in Real Estate. When Elaine retired from teaching in 1994, they moved back to NC to be close to family. After settling in NC, Tom and Elaine became parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Raleigh. Tom then made the decision to attend RCIA program and converted to Catholicism in 1998. He was invited to join the Knights of Columbus and took his First Degree in March of 1999. Tom eventually progressed through the officers' chairs, serving as Grand Knights for All Saints Council for 2 years. During his tenure as GK, the council was recognized as Double Star and State Deputy's award. Tom was recognized several times by the council as Knight of the Month, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. In October of 2002, Tom became a Sir Knight joining Bishop McGuinness Assembly 778 eventually serving as Faithful Navigator. Tom has been very active in support of



Tom Dupree receiving his award from the District Master Jack Murray.

Veterans and a Durham VA Medical Center representative for 12 yrs. He was also appointed the first VA Rep for the State of NC Knights of Columbus and further appointed Chairman for Veterans Affairs for the State K of C. For his dedicated service to veterans and the K of C, Tom was honored as the K of C VAVs Volunteer of the Year by the Order. Elaine is always by his side as they travel the State in Support of Veterans and, because of their dedication, were recognized as the 2016 Family of the Year by the K of C NC State Council.

Tom and Elaine were married on June 22, 1968 and this year will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They have two children, Michele and Brian and four grandchildren.

Tom continues his passion in support of Veterans, attends 3rd and 4th Degrees to encourage Brother Knights to participate in programs supporting all Veterans.

Tom was also responsible for helping bring 20 Brother Knights from Council 9709 to take the 4th Degree at the very same Exemplification that received his recognition.

April Event, 4th Degree Exemplification Continued



Knights April Activities

Cross Walk Awards Ceremony



Brother Knights enjoy our monthly socials with their families and other members of the parish.



The Crosswalk Director, Sarah Bowser, introduced Richard White and Tony Rivezzo representing the Knights of Columbus to the St. Francis Crosswalk K-5 youth ministry on Sunday, April 8th. The Knights were there to give a 15 minute lesson on the history and meaning of the blessed rosary. The discussion was presented during 4 sessions of the Crosswalk program to approximately 200 youth, group leaders and a few parents. The presentation provided a brief history on the origins of the rosary and the special devotion the Knights of Columbus have for Our Lady and the rosary. The students were asked about examples of Mary with Jesus in the bible. The Wedding of Cana story was emphasized as an

example of Jesus's obedience to His mother, and how Mary desires to respond to the needs of all of us through her son, Jesus. The session was ended by saying a decade of the rosary together. As a gift, the Knights of Columbus gave a rosary to each of approximately 170 students in the 2nd and 3rd grade who will be making their First Communion this year this year.



Council Knights Rick White and Tony Rivezzo represented the Council by handing out the awards.



April Social Dinner had record turnout at the Red Robin restaurant. We enjoyed the company of our St Francis Friars and many of the staff members. Looking forward to seeing many more members in the future. move

A special evening, Tuesday, April 17, as Knights and guests gather at the RED ROBIN to share fun and friendship. WHAT made it special?? A promise of tasty hamburgers, or BLT'S, or chicken sandwiches, or smart salads and "all the fries you can eat." (Sorry, Tom Mrozek no doggie bags allowed for the fries.) WHY was it special?? It enabled Brother Knights and friends, a total of 62 people, to gather and enjoy each other's company. WHO made it special?? The presence of Ashley Watson and family along with very special guests, Father Steve K and Father Jim. This made the evening "all the fun you can endure "



Knights May Activities

Cystic Fibrosis Fun Run fundraiser



Brothers Bill Quirk, Dick Novacek and Tom Dupree helping out at The Cystic Fibrosis Fun Run.

We Knights have volunteered and contributed to the Cystic Fibrosis fight for a cure. We were supporting one of our brother Knight who has a family member affected by this disease. We help with setup of the tents and distributed soft-drinks and cold water before and after the event. Our participation helps to make this event possible

It was a fun day despite the insistent rain, but morale was high and the runners had fun. Vendors generously contributed snacks, pizza, chicken wings and deserts. After the event, we stuck around and assisted with taking down the tents and putting up the chairs and event materials.



As seen above, most of our time during the event was spent hanging out under the cover of the event tents. Another group provided ice cone drinks for refreshments following the run.



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VA 5K FUN RUN—MAY 5th

. "VA HOSPITAL BULL CITY 5K RUN, WALK AND ROLL, MAY 5, 2018.

The 4th Annual 5K event started at the Durham VA Medical Center on Fulton Street. The route was challenged by over 300 contestants who gave their time to help secure scholarships for eligible veterans to attend National Veterans Rehab Events. SK Tom Mrozek helped direct the efforts of 12 volunteer Knights whose assignments included traffic control, dispensing water and snacks, and especially offering vocal cheers to the participants.

Brother Knights shown from left to right: Gerald Kearny, Jerry Cucurullo, Jeff Rohman, Tom Mrozek, Tony Evans, Ralph Guenther, Brian Denison, Mike Rock, Bruce and wife Chris Ladre. The event was held on a perfect day weather wise and Veterans on Motorcycles provided security for the runners.





Honor Guard Flag Folding service held for deceased military member.



Color Corp Commander, SK Jeff Rohman, has put together a special event to honor our deceased veterans. Here's how it works: each year during the month of May the Knights collect names of deceased veterans from our parishioners to be added to a Military Roll. Just this year alone 73 new names were added on bring-

ing the grand total to over 600 deceased veterans on the Military Roll. Then, on Memorial Day a Mass is offered for these deceased veterans while the names of the newly enrolled veterans are read aloud. Michael Darrow, our Grand Knight, had the honor of reading their names. This year imme-

diately following Mass a deceased veteran, William Boileau, Tech Sgt. US Army (died on April 15, 1995) who never received military honors was finally honored by the National Guard during which his family received the American flag from the United States government.

Knights June Activities

Special Olympics Swimming events



Another year our Knights team have supported the Special Olympics events. This year we have a new leader, David Payne that took over the reins from Ralph Guenther who for many years have organized and worked with the Special Olympics organization. The swim events at the Cary towne Center go on for 2 days and are rigorous for both volunteers and athletes. But there is not a moment of time when anyone can admit that its nothing but fun. Due to great organization, the events went on smoothly as always and with very little hold-ups. Lunches are provided for both the athletes and the volunteers There are many opportunities to

share with the families their joy in seeing their children getting their awards. The energy that these athletes have is contagious and our volunteers cant help but share in their joy.



First ever Knights challenge baseball. The All Saints Council baseball team vs St Lukes Knights on our very own home field followed by a Barbeque.



Knights Annual Awards Ceremony Held at June Meeting

Honorees of this years awards shown below:



Golden Knight Award

Awarded to Tony Rivezzo for his dedication and support to the All Saints Council over this past year. Joined by Judy.



Family of the Year Award

Awarded to Mike Wrzesien and his family for dedication and support to the All Saints Council, church and community over this year. Joined by Jan.



Grand Knight Awarded

Awarded to Michael Darrow for his dedication and support to the All Saints Council over this past year serving a second term as Grand Knight. Joined by Carol.



Financial Secretary

Sean Flanagan recognized for his dedication and support to the All Saints Council over this past year.



4th Degree Knight of the Year

Awarded to Tom Dupree
Joined by Elaine.



Rookie of the Year Award

Sean Bayle, one of All Saints Council newest members has jumped in with both feet supporting our Council. For this he received the Rookie of the Year Award. Joined by Cristi,

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brothers...as a parting note from the Grand Knights position I wanted to share with you a couple of thoughts. Our Council has had another very successful year and 9709 is in Great shape! We are one of the largest Councils in the state, most active Councils in the state and we continue to Grow! We came in well under budget and knocked out of the park every event we planned or participated in! The best part is that we find ourselves in the very capable hands of an awesome leadership team. Our Officers are some of the most talented and giving men you will ever meet and its humbling to stand with them. I would like to Thank all the Brothers that have contributed to our Councils success but there is far too little room here to thank each individually. The only thing missing is YOU. Unfortunately the 80/20 rule is alive and well within our Council. Many join and stand on the side lines. If we could get **YOU** to join in our efforts we could easily be one of the strongest Councils in the Nation! Carve out 1 hour a month, really join us, get involved, get to know your Brothers and make some lifelong friends. That 1 hour you invest will pay back the largest dividends you have ever earned. Thank You, for ALL YOU do! It has been an honor!

Vivat Jesus *Michael Darrow*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(More details available at www.kofc9709.org)

July 2018

- 3- Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Founders Rm
- 11- Assembly Meeting, 6:30 for Social dinner, 7pm for meeting.
- 29- Rosary Sunday following the 9:30am mass
- 22- Family Social, 6:30 p.m. at Durham Bulls Park based on signups.
- 31 - Planning Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Anthony Hall Conference Rm

August 2018

- 7 - Business Meeting 7:00pm - Founders Rm
- 8- Assembly Meeting, 6:30 for Social dinner, 7pm for meeting
- 16-18 KofC State Convention in Charlotte, NC
- 21 - Burger 21, 6196 Falls of the Neuse Rd' 6:30 p.m., as our monthly Family Social
- 28 - Planning Meeting, 7:30pm, Anthony Hall Conference Rm

September 2018

- 4 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Founders Rm
- 12- Assembly Meeting, 6:30 social, 7:00 Meeting
- 18- Family Social, TBA 6:30pm
- 25 - Planning Meeting, 7:00pm Anthony Hall

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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Showing Jacks two sons receiving the 4th Degree in his honor. Jacks sons had made two request: That Jack receive his 4th Degree posthumously. An Honor Guard and reception be provided.

John "Jack" Fallon, a 3rd degree Knight, passed away on May 18, 2018. Jack's wish was to advance to the Patriotic 4th Degree. He was a US Army veteran of WWII. Unfortunately, he was hospitalized during the Exemplification and could not attend. However, on Thursday, May 31, a special 4th degree ceremony was held to advance Brother Jack posthumously into the 4th degree. **We now salute Sir Knight Jack Fallon and say "God Bless His Soul."**

Congratulations to our newest members of Council 9709

**Derek Swartz
Kevin Cochran
Erwin Mialkowski
Dominic Totman**



Welcome Council 9709's Newest Grand Knight, Robert Weisenberger. Bob has served the Council for several years as Treasurer, Recorder, Deputy Grand Knight and as of July 1st will assume the Position of Grand Knight. Bob has also runs our Social Dinners and LAMB drives and will continue to so for now. We are in good hands with our new GK.