



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

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF SK MIKE SUPIANOSKI

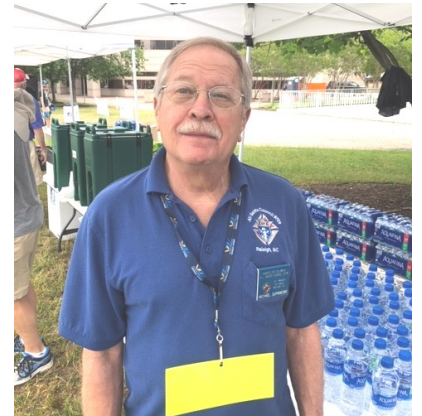


"THE MIKE I KNEW" by Tony Rivezzo

I met Mike seven years ago during a dinner at a Bishop McGuinness Assembly meeting. He sat next to my wife, Judy and me as we started the conversation with introductions. I gave him my last name with a little warning about the ZZ's and how to spell it. He then gave us his name with instructions of how to pronounce and spell it, "You start SU then add PIANO and end with SKI, very easy", he said. From that point on it was "very easy" to begin a friendship. There is no doubt, as I have every assurance that all my brother Knights would agree, that Mike unselfishly gave a lot of his time to the many functions of the Council. He was a quiet achiever with no boasting, just doing. If he hadn't already volunteered for an event but was asked to help out as a last minute request, he would sign-up quickly. Mike and I traveled together to many events and occasionally he would talk about his wife, Joyce. He mentioned when he became ill how she

took care of him, then it was his turn to take care of her when she suffered from lupus. It was obvious that he deeply missed her. As Mike became terminately ill, he accepted his fate in his typical quiet manner while he welcomed the visits his brother Knights provided in his last days. His wish is fulfilled as he is now resting with Joyce in Florida.

Tony



A MISSION CHURCH BECOMES PART OF THE RALEIGH DIOCESE



Bishop Zarama performs the Mass for the elevation of St. Bernadette's into the Dioceses of Raleigh. Formerly a mission Church.



Padre Leon who has been instrumental in the elevation of St. Bernadette's into a full Diocesan Parish assist with the Mass.



Joe McCarthy and Ann-Marie, Donna and Bill Quirk along with Jack McDonnell and Joni celebration dinner.

On Sunday, August 25th, Bishop Luis Zarama elevated St. Bernadette Church in Butner to the Raleigh Diocese and installed Father Marcos Leon as pastor while over 600 friends and constituents witnessed the ceremony. SK Jack McDonnell, member of St. Bernadette, invited his brother Knights at St. Francis to attend this gala event. Here is some history concerning

this Church which is taken from their Sunday bulletin...."The Second World War had been raging for many years, when U.S. Army officials decided to purchase 40,000 acres in Durham, Granville and Person Counties to build Camp Butner. The facility included three chapels to serve the spiritual needs of the camp. One of those chapels would someday become Saint Bernadette Catholic Church. At the end of the war, there were only 15,000 Catholics in North Carolina. The Catholic chapel was abandoned, but it was not entirely forgotten. In 1952, committed Catholics worked to make sure the neglected chapel in Butner got the attention of Bishop Waters. On February 19, 1958, 804 West D Street was officially purchased for \$9,000." Over the years the Church struggled with a lack of continuous leadership until Father Leon came to St. Bernadette in June of 2015. Because of his dedication and talents a strong sense of community developed which enabled it to be recognized as a member of the Diocese.

BLOOD DRIVE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28



**American
Red Cross**

As usual, the Red Cross Blood Drive required the work of several teams of Knights. To start with, a group of Knights gathered to prepare Fellowship/Clare Hall with tables and chairs. Next, Knights not only found the time to donate blood but also greet and help serve food to the donors. We also received help from the Boy Scouts. This particular phase was managed by Brother Steve Nicholas and his wife Maria, who for the past several years have volunteered to tackle this challenge. However, this entire event would not have been possible without the leadership of our Deputy Grand Knight, Bryan

Kozak. Moreover, it was SK Tom DuPree who approached the many local restaurants asking for free food to serve to the donors. To end the day, Fellowship/Clare Hall had to be cleaned up by storing away the tables and chairs to get the room ready for next day's event, Francis Fest. The result of this coordinated effort produced 98 units of blood which have the potential of saving hundreds of lives. For this we thank our volunteered Knights and especially the donors.



USO benefits from the blood drive leftovers with two full carts of donated leftover food. Our young soldiers will eat well this weekend!



Steve and Maria Nicholas with a happy Boy Scout. They all worked tirelessly all day keeping the donors fed and with drink.



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ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC COMMUNITY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL SAINTS COUNCIL 9709 REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP)

Description

[http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/programs/vocations/refund-support-vocations-program.html#/#/](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/programs/vocations/refund-support-vocations-program.html#/)

As an organization, the Knights of Columbus have always worked hard to encourage young men and women to consider God's call to service in the priesthood or religious life. Under the motto "Keep the Faith Alive," the Order's vocations initiative has a number of programs that include opportunities to provide financial support during the years of religious formation. In association with this objective, the Knights of Columbus Council located at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Raleigh, NC, "sponsors" men from Holy Name Province who are in various stages of their journey of formation for the priesthood, by providing financial assistance. More importantly, through continued prayer, the Council requests God's blessings and support.

"Vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life can only flourish in a spiritual soil that is well cultivated." (Pope Benedict XVI to the 45th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, April 13, 2008)

Through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) the Knights of Columbus has cultivated this spiritual soil for more than 30 years. While the order has a number of vocations programs, RSVP is the primary program through which councils, assemblies and circles provide financial and moral support to men and women preparing for the priesthood or religious life, and every council, assembly and circle is encouraged to participate.

RSVP allows councils and assemblies to "adopt" one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support.

The intent of RSVP is to demonstrate support for individual seminarians. RSVP support is not solely financial aid, and councils are asked not to base their support on the financial needs of the seminarian. All seminarians are worthy of support through RSVP by virtue of the fact that they are discerning a religious vocation, not because of their financial situation.

Please remember that with RSVP, Knights provide more than financial support; members write letters to the seminarians or postulants, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the council and, most importantly, pray for vocations.

Participating councils and assemblies receive a \$100 refund for every \$500 donated to an individual. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported per year.

Our 4 candidates listed on the following pages:

Provided by: Richard White



Abraham S. Joseph, OFM

Abraham was born and raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He came to the U.S. in 2000, and completed a bachelor's degree in accounting from Monroe College in the Bronx. Prior to entering formation, Abraham worked as an accountant at the September 11th Families Association in Manhattan. Getting to know the friars at St. Francis of Assisi Church on West 31st Street in Manhattan, where he was a Eucharistic minister, server and RCIA sponsor, Abraham was impressed by the way they ministered to people in need. Abraham served a year internship at Holy Name of Jesus-St. Gregory the Great Parish on West 96th Street in New York City. He has been involved in various ministries, including liturgy preparation, adult education, administrative tasks, and justice, peace and integrity of creation work.



Br John Neuffer, OFM

John came to know the friars through internet research and subsequent visits to our parishes in Raleigh and Durham, NC. A regular parishioner at Holy Family Church in Hillsborough, NC, John serves as a sacristan, a leader for elementary religious education, and as IT support for the parish. John works professionally as a systems analyst and product manager for Fidelity Investments in Durham. After having spent some time with the friars of Holy Name Province in Raleigh/Durham, John is inspired particularly by the friars' focus on social justice and community living.

John's home parish was St. Andrew's in Apex. He entered postulancy on Aug. 23, 2017 and is assigned to Holy Name College. He is currently at the interprovincial novitiate in Santa Barbara Mission, Oakland, CA.



Sr Susanna Boylston, OSC

Susanna is originally from Pennsylvania and came from a small, very close family. Her parents raised her and her sister in the Episcopal Church; family prayers, scripture reading, regular attendance at Church on Sundays, and active participation in Sunday School and other church functions were the norm in her family.

Susanna says she first felt the call to religious life when she was in grade school. Nevertheless, it took her several decades, a few detours, and a lot of searching and prayer before she entered the Catholic Church and began discerning a contemplative vocation in earnest. She spent those decades and detours in higher education, first as a student – earning a bachelor’s and two master’s degrees – and then as an academic librarian.



Theresa Clark

Theresa was born in Brooklyn, New York and attended St. Vincent DePaul grammar school and parish where she sang in the children’ choir and fell in love with the beautiful liturgies of her church. It was during that time that she wondered if God was calling her to become a sister. However, being the oldest child, she was called upon to help her family in many ways, and her sense of a religious vocation did not come to fruition quite yet. Theresa left college when she was younger due to financial reasons but went back to college in 1984 to pursue a career in nursing, graduating with a Bachelor’s in Science, Magna cum Laude, in 1987. In 1999 she graduated from the Loyola Institute of Ministry Program in New Orleans, Summa cum Laude. This 3-year program filled her life with a very deep appreciation of her faith and helped her to see that her “job” as a nurse was really a ministry. Theresa is still a licensed nurse helping the Poor Clares sisters with those skills.

FRANCIS FESTIVAL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29



The Golden Knight of the Year David and wife Carol Payne are handing out the Festival wrist bands and drinks at the Festival.



Brother Knights gathered together early in the day to set-up tents and chairs for the Festival. This day it was a family event. Thanks for all your support.

Ashley Watson and her dedicated volunteers have every reason to boast on this year's successful Francis Fest. The annual event is a way our church reaches out to its parishioners by offering families a fun day on campus. Many activities are organized for the children including a large room of inflatables, face painting, dodge ball, a magician, decorating a paper pumpkin, and many more while the adults can enjoy Fair Trade purchases, wine and beer tasting and live music. Since the Fest lasts for several hours from 12:30 to 4:30 pm, hungry families can indulge in prepared food with choices from nine food trucks. Although our Council has little to do with the planning and execution of these activities, our role which is organized by Brother David Payne provides the important physical support needed by setting up tents, tables, chairs, maintenance and lastly the take down and clean-up of the campus.



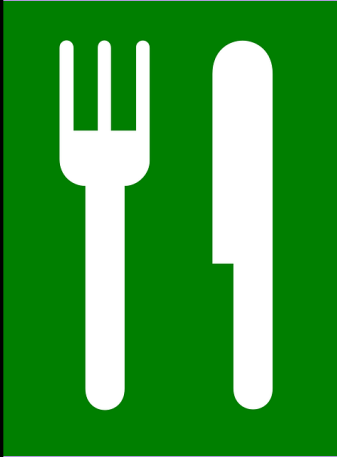
Great selection of food trucks were on scene providing a large variety of tasty foods.



Young artist providing face painting for the youth. Many youth spent the day with color designs on their faces.



At the end of the day, it all has to come down. Brother Knights pitch in to take down the tents and chairs in the dining tent.



FAMILY SOCIAL AT THE CAROLINA ALE HOUSE

On August 20th a group of about 20 Knights and spouses joined for a dinner at the Carolina Ale House in Brier Creek. Brother Mike Reek, who organizes

these monthly events, was able to secure a separate room which enabled us some privacy and not worry about our usual loud and boisterous fun. The dinner was

great but not as good as the brotherhood shared that evening.

Adopt a Highway work group



Once a quarter on the second Tuesday of the month, brother Knights meet in the TFS parking lot for Highway Clean-up. The group numbering from about 9-16 brothers and family members (occasionally), walk along Leesville Rd to pickup disregarded trash and sometimes very interesting items. One time we found a black bag full of fancy silver serving ware. We turned it over to the Officer that directs traffic at our church on the weekends. This event is well attended due to the Knights which provide donuts and coffee afterwards. The cleanup of our county by like groups saves Wake County and estimated 60 million dollars annually.

From the Grand Knight:

As a follow up to my Lenten Easter messages....

How many of you used the Summer months to be a better Catholic, Father, Husband and Friend? Was it praying the Rosary more frequently; attending mass on a more regular basis; being better at listening to our children, wives or parents; Being there for that friend going through crisis? As we move into the fall and winter months, please remember our primary principle of

Charity. Please consider working with fellow knights at parish fund raisers, parish volunteering events and volunteer efforts through Council 9709.

The Council continues to be on a mission to aid in strengthening your faith -- We are currently scheduling a recurring invite each quarter with parish priests. They will continue their continue initial programs on Faith and Prayer. We continue to be recognized for our mission, and our faith in God,

compels us to action – **FAITH in action.** There is no better way to demonstrate love and compassion for our neighbors than by helping those in need, a call we continue to answer every day.

Peace and Blessings to your families! Stay Safe this fall and winter!

See you at the next business meeting -- First Tuesday of each month with a pre-meeting meal gathering of brothers and fellowship.

Vivat Jesus *Robert Wiesenberg*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2019

- 1---Council Meeting
- 5/6-Membership Drive
- 10--Assembly Meeting
- 15--4th Annual 1st Responders Tribute

November 2019

- 3---Harvest Moon
- 5---Council Meeting
Boy Scout Flag Retirement
- 14--Assembly Meeting
- 19--Social Dinner

December 2019

- 3---Council Meeting
- 8---Christmas Dinner Party
- 11--Assembly Meeting
- 14--Highway Clean-up



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FIRST RESPONDERS DINNER



4th Annual First Responders Dinner

The Knights of Columbus, Council 9709, will host the 4th Annual First Responders Tribute Dinner for the Firefighters, Police Division NW, Wake County Sheriffs Department and EMS personnel serving in our community.

October 15, 2019 6 to 8 p.m.

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Fellowship//Claire Hall,

Sign-up on Council website -- KofC9709.org, signup page





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Did You Know???

- Babe Ruth, Vince Lombardi, and President John F. Kennedy were members of the Knights of Columbus
- When the Knights presented the Gaudium et Spes Award to Mother Teresa she said, "I accepted to come, and to accept out of sheer gratitude, for they have done so much for our congregation and for our poor."

Knight Stars Annual Awards 2018-2019



Golden Knight of the Year
David Payne



Knight of the Year
Tony Rivezzo



Rookie of the Year
Derek Schwarz



Family of the Year
Bryan and Kathleen Kozak



Monthly Awards

- * Knight of the Month (July).....Mike Supianoski
- * Family of the Month (July).....Pat Sauters
- * Knight of the Month (Aug).....Dave Leney
- * Knight of the Month (Sept).....Antonio Lopez



Welcome new members:

New Brothers:

Welcome New Knights 1st Degree

- ◆ Steve Murray (Aug)
- ◆ Scott Rees (Aug)
- ◆ Michael Ray Salem (Aug)

