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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL SAINTS COUNCIL 9709 NEWSLETTER



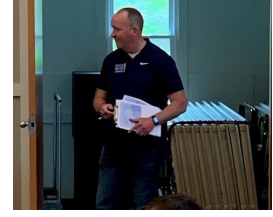
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Philanthropy Donations for Fraternal year 2022-2023



The Philanthropy Committee consisting of Mark Baumgartner (chair), Mike Rock and Tony Rivezzo proposed new spending of \$5550, which followed the original council's budget of \$5200 with an additional approved uplift of \$350. Each committee member was given the challenge to fully research their proposed charities with emphasis on the impact they have in our local community. Additionally, council members were given the opportunity to recommend any charity for consideration (there were several). After thorough analysis by the committee the list of selected charities was presented to the council. The main categories consisted of Health Care (\$1050) and Community (\$4500). The following pages will have pictures of the checks being delivered along with a brief explanation of each charity's purpose.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Raleigh Chapter —\$350



CFF supports a broad range of research initiatives to tackle the disease from all angles. The mission of the Foundation is to cure Cystic Fibrosis and provide all people with CF the opportunity to lead long, fulfilling lives by funding drug development, partnering with the CF community, and advancing specialized care. Both Brother Mike Rock and his wife Mary Beth are staunch supporters of CFF.

Brother Mike Rock delivering the check to Jamie Bockover

Interact of Wake County —\$500



InterAct is dedicated to ending the cycle of domestic and sexual violence by providing services to victims and survivors which help guide them to a more secure future. The services offered by InterAct include the following: 24 hour crisis hotlines, community outreach, court advocacy, emergency shelter, counseling and youth education. Earlier this year our council collected and delivered 62 used, discarded cell phones to InterAct who in turn will distribute them to potential victims. The phones can be used to dial 911 when faced with an emergency, a possible lifesaver.

Brothers Tony Rivezzo and Joe Noonan delivering the check to Julie Cox. Development Assoc.

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Hope Reins —\$500



Message from Brother Ray Martin who volunteers 3 to 4 days a week at Hope Reins. Our vision is to provide true hope and real healing for children in crisis; from trauma to resilience. We use rescued horses and pair them with the kids in a three year, five step program. This year we had about 160 kids in the program of weekly sessions. There is no charge to the kids or their families for these services. We are currently looking for sponsorship for 70 new kids for next year. Since Hope Reins founding in 2010, we have provided more than 20,000 sessions for children in crisis. Hope Reins has 16 horses and a ranch of 38 acres along Rt 98. We moved to our current (permanent home) location in 2015.

Kim Tischirrst, Founder and CEO, with check delivered by Brothers Tony R and Ray Martin.

Umstead Coalition —\$500



The Umstead Coalition is a local organization dedicated to preserving the natural integrity of William B. Umstead State Park and the Richland Creek Corridor. The Coalition continues to fight to preserve this important tract of land that heavily impacts the Northern portion of the park. Support for the environment is an important element of Catholic Social teaching. In Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si, there is a focus on the intrinsic value and rights of non-human creatures and ecosystems; everything human and non-human is connected.

Brother Mark Baumgartner: delivering check to Jean Spooner, Chair of Umstead Coalition

Note in the Pocket —\$500



The mission of NITP is to provide donated and purchased clothing to poor and homeless children and their families in Wake County. There is strong belief that proper clothing worn by children empowers them to succeed in academic and social development. Many clothing requests originate from teachers, social workers or parishioners. But, before a clothing request can be satisfied, a staff of volunteers must first separate and stage all donations by gender, size and season. Then, a personalized bundle is prepared and ready for pick up or delivery. Here are some amazing statistics tracked in 2021: NITP provided clothing to 6,759 individuals, prepared by 1,545 volunteers.

Brother Tony Rivezzo delivering the check to Dallas Bonavita, Founder

Womens Veteran's Support Services—\$500



Women veterans are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. This organization addresses the unique needs and specialized care for women veterans with or without children requiring emergency shelter due to homelessness or domestic violence by providing the following: help with immediate needs such as shelter, food, and clothing, help needed to receive benefits to which they are entitled, help needed to file claims for PTSD, establish the only women veteran facilities to accept children in the Triangle area.

Brother Mark Baumgartner delivering the check to Rev Barbara Falanga, President

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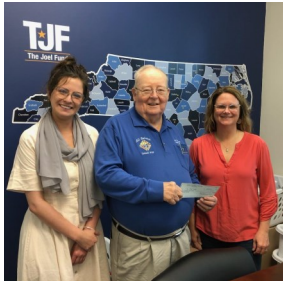
Alliance Medical Ministry--\$350



AMM is faith-based ministry committed to providing quality, affordable care to working, uninsured adults living in Wake County. This care includes the following services: chronic disease management, preventive care, lab work, medications, mammography, cardiovascular testing, and many more. In the year 2021-2022 AMM served 2,149 patients at an average cost of \$20 per office visit.

Brother Mike Rock and Pete Tannenbaum, Executive Director.

The Joel Fund —\$500



Founded by the daughter of a veteran Navy Seal who suffered from PTSD and passed away at a very young age, Brooke Dickhart wanted to help veterans and chose to name the fund after her father. TJF focuses on supporting veterans and their families by helping them find suitable housing, collecting and then supplying the furniture, offering therapeutic art classes, and educating the veterans on how to deal with PTSD. In its seven years of existence, TJF has helped 3,020 veterans, furnished 145 homes, and conducted art classes for 760 students.

Emily Karrick, SK Tom DuPree and Brooke Dickhart

The Bair Foundation —\$500



BF's number one priority is the safety and well-being of children by providing advice and counseling to troubled families with the hope of keeping the family unit together. However, children that are at risk and must be removed from their home, TBF will try to secure them in foster care with special emphasis to keep siblings together. Beside protecting relocated children, TBF recognizes the importance of helping foster parents by guiding them in their foster parental role. If foster parents choose to adopt a child, TBF is there to help them through the process.

Tony Rivezzo presenting check to Andrea Bradshaw, Director of Bair

National Alliance on Mental Illness —\$350



From NAMI's website:

For over 30 years, NAMI North Carolina has worked with dedicated community volunteer leaders to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy, and support so people affected by mental illness can build better lives. Advocate at the county, state and national levels for non-discriminatory access to quality healthcare, housing, education and employment for people with mental illness. Educate the public about mental illness. Work to eliminate the stigma of mental illness. Advocate for increased funding for research into the causes and treatment of mental illness.

Brother Mike Rock with Lillian Davis, Executive Director

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Catholic Parish Outreach — \$250



From CPO's website:

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh traces its history of serving families in North Carolina to 1899, when a Catholic Orphanage was established in Raleigh. Since that time, the agency has expanded and adapted to the needs of the community. We serve people of all faiths or no faith tradition by providing direct services and collaborating with a range of community partners to ensure vulnerable and isolated individuals and families in our community are respected and supported. Catholic Charities services are available to families in 54 counties in central and eastern North Carolina through the operation of 11 service sites. Last year, over 136,000 individuals were served through our programs of Disaster Services, Food Pantry Services, Family Advancement Services, and Immigration Legal Services.

LAMB Foundation —\$500



Our council and the councils across North Carolina have supported LAMB "**Least Among My Brethren**" either by collecting donations wearing yellow vests while passing out Tootsie Rolls in front of stores, and/or by making direct cash deposits to the Foundation. Since its inception Operation Lamb has raised \$21 million from the collaborated effort of over the 130 councils in North Carolina.

Some history:

Operation LAMB's story starts in 1960 at the local Knights of Columbus council of William "Bill" Scott. Bill and his wife, Maureen, had two children with intellectual disabilities and experienced firsthand the desperate need to help fund facilities and organizations that care for, educate and support people like their children. Bill's idea grew, and by 1974 he enlisted the help of fellow state officers to present his program to the local Knights of Columbus councils across North Carolina. The idea was simple: If each local council collected funds on an entirely volunteer basis, all of the money raised could go directly where it's needed most: to institutions that care for people with intellectual disabilities.

Lady of the Rosary Food Truck



Once again, the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi demonstrated their generosity by donating over 6,000 pounds of needed essentials (diapers, canned food, cereals, etc) for OLR, our sister church, in Louisburg. Brothers David Payne and Mark Baumgartner helped collect the donations over two weekends at St. Francis, drove the CPO truck to OLR, and with the help of several **volunteers unloaded** the donations to restock the pantry. The pantry shelves became so full that some items had to be temporarily placed on the floor.

Urban Ministries of Wake County—\$500



Accepting the check is Dr. Peter Morris, Executive Director. I also met with Kate Palmer, Development Director. Dr. Morris gave me a tour of their Medical Clinic, Pharmacy and Food Pantry. Also supported out of the downtown location is a jobs program. The organization also has a facility that supports homeless women. Wow. This group does a lot to address healthcare needs, hunger, and homeless. I was proud we are supporting them.

Comments from Brother Mark Baumgartner:

4th DEGREE EXMPLIFICATION



The 4th Degree Exemplification is an affair during which 3rd Degree Knights have an opportunity to become Sir Knights as members of various Assemblies throughout the state of North Carolina. Assembly 3552, here at St. Francis, offered to host this year's gala event. Needless to say, a major event like this required a great deal of planning and precise execution because it involved many parts from an early breakfast, separate meetings, Mass, programs for wives, group photos, guest speakers leading to the Exemplification ceremony and concluding with a full course dinner.

SK Mike Wrzesien's review of this special affair:

As Faithful Navigator of the St. Francis of Assisi Assembly I am extremely proud of the members of the All Saints Council and the St. Francis of Assisi Assembly who graciously shared their time to support the 4th Degree Exemplification on Saturday, April 15th.

Planning, staffing, and hosting a 4th Degree is a tremendous amount of work. I am so proud of my Brother Knights who helped make the event a success. We received many compliments from Brother Knights from other Councils and Assemblies for our hospitality and generous spirit. \

A few key items to share:

- We packed the chapel for a 9:00am Mass presided by our Knights of Columbus State Chaplain, Fr. Lesak.
- 74 Brother Knights joined the 4th Degree on Saturday -- new Sir Knights who are energized to serve the men and women of our nation's military.
- We hosted over 200 Brother Knights and their family members for the event.
- The Ladies Program, which included Mass, a social event, a reflection on prayer, a tour of the St. Francis campus, and lunch, included 36 attendees.

- Brother Knights came to Raleigh from all over the state of North Carolina to attend the Exemplification.
- The Vice Supreme Master, Donald Monahon, was in attendance.
- There were three North Carolina State Officers in attendance (Worthy State Deputy Chris Losack, Worthy State Treasurer Rick Lewis, and Worthy State Advocate Joe McCarthy).
- The District Master, JP Horvat and his District Marshal, Joe Metz were in attendance.
- Our own Tony Anello was a member of the Exemplar Team, serving as the Historian.

The Honoree for the 4th Degree exemplification was Tony Anello.



4th DEGREE EMPLIFICATION



STATIONS OF THE CROSS. APRIL 7TH



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For the past several years on Good Friday, PGK Bob Weisenberger and his wife Jackie, arranged the Stations of the Cross to be held outdoors while traversing through the campus with volunteered Knights and their wives to read the prayers at each of the 14 stations. Unfortunately, this year's weather did not cooperate forcing an alternate plan prepared by Brother Jim Wahl which kept it outdoors and under cover. The new arrangement did not hamper attendance nor appreciation.



ALTAR SERVER EXTRAVAGANZA



In partnership with the Church, Brothers John Price and Tim Hetzel, created and hosted the inaugural Altar Server Extravaganza on May 19. 25 volunteers joined over 70 kids (150 total Adults and Kids RSVP'd for the event) for a fun evening filled with games, music, friendly competition, prizes, dinner, dessert and Altar Server awards. The event created a lot of awareness and buzz for the Altar Server Ministry, leading to new recruits and enhanced engagement with those that have been trained but had stopped serving. The event attracted a diverse group of younger and older kids and had a great split of genders. The event will be followed up by the release of a training video. Additional tools and events are also in the works! Monsignor Clay attended and was pleased with the turnout.



ALTAR SERVER EXTRAVAGANZA



MEMORIAL DAY MASS



Each year on Memorial Day we pause to remember the men and women who served in the military. We owe our freedom to these brave individuals who volunteered to serve in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, Marines to protect our nation.

During the month of May, members of the Knights of Columbus at four local parishes -- St. Bernadettes, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Lukes, and St. Raphaels -- collected names from parishioners who wished to honor their late family members, friends, and loved ones who served in the military.

On Monday, May 29th, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, the Knights of Columbus paid tribute to these brave men and women as we read the names posted to the Memorial Roll Call. After the daily Mass, co-celebrated by Monsignor Michael Clay and Fr. Alex Gonzalez, the Knights gathered with hundreds of parishioners, to read over 250 names, honoring the memory of those who served and have passed.

A special thank you to Sir Knight Dave Van Nett who planned the event, recruited Sir Knights to collect names, met with Grand Knights at local Councils, created posters, and coordinated the creation of the Memorial Roll Call. Also, thank you to the many Sir Knights who helped with the set-up, volunteered as greeters for the family and friends of those we honored, proclaimed the readings at Mass, served in a liturgical role, and read the names of the departed. This was an event that required the help of many Brother Knights. We proudly support our military, and their family members.

Many family members expressed their appreciation of the Knights for coordinating the event and for remembering their family members. We are honored to volunteer our time in support of the military,

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices." (Harry S. Truman -- April 16, 1945)



SPECIAL OLYMPICS



After a three-year suspension, the Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games were reinstated June 2-4, which were located at several venues throughout Raleigh and surrounding area. Over 1300 state-wide athletes competed in various sporting events including basketball, bowling, gymnastics, powerlifting, volleyball and swimming. Our council committed to help with the two-day swimming competition at the Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary. 35 Knights and spouses representing our council volunteered their time, many working all 4 shifts, which amounted to a combined total 2 day of 260 hours.. Life Director, Jason Riddle, kept the volunteers informed of their responsibilities and provided hands-on training. Assignments ranged from preparing and tagging the medals, escorting the athletes to the award platforms and finally presenting them with their medals. Many of the athletes demonstrated their exuberance by waving, high-fiving, and some literally jumping for joy while smiling parents and friends snapped keepsake photos.



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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

IT'S A WRAP! In the closing days as one, proud Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus All Saints Council, I just want to say thank you! We have done some really good work this past twelve months through your creative talents and initiative. I am inspired by your depth of spirit and shining example in our parish and on our campus. And beyond just here at St Francis, your work makes a difference in our community through your generosity of time, talents, and treasures. While we don't do what we do for recognition, believe me when I tell you that it is acknowledged by many including Monsignor Clay and parishioners who direct people to "those men in blue shirts" when help is needed. But we are just getting started and I think that is the most exciting thing about the momentum we are carrying into the next Fraternal Year and beyond. Yes, it's good to look back on where we've been and the list of accomplishments but only if we use those as models for future objectives. I've witnessed leadership at every level in this Council. By that, I mean I see Brothers who may not carry an officer's or director's title still involved in making a difference. Your ability to influence and project your faith through your active participation and presence at our events is clearly noticed. My challenge for each of you is to seek opportunities to serve now and in the future. Everything we do has few requirements beyond simply showing up with the spirit to serve. Sure there will be activities that may seem like they're more fun but everything we do has a positive influence. Make a commitment to make a difference. In closing, I can't wait to see what comes next! Not just this coming Fraternal Year but well beyond as we carry this momentum forward. God Bless you all as you continue the good work of the Knights of Columbus and our Council 9709. GK Dave – out. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:3– 4

**Troy Chaput presenting the Family of the Month award to
Grand Knight David and Kathy Payne**

