



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

October 2006

OPERATION LAMB KICKS OFF



Don and Terry Donaghy get a donation at the Brier Creek Walmart.

Even under cloudy and occasionally rainy skies, Knights of Columbus Council 3709 hit the stores over the weekend of Oct. 6-8 to accept donations for Operation LAMB.

Business was brisk at the Super Walmart at Brier Creek. During the 9 a.m.-noon shift, Brothers Carl Muti, Dick Bridges, Don Donaghy and Don's wife Terry collected \$377.96.

Despite some no-shows and gaps, the first weekend of the drive seems to have gone pretty well, according to Brother Tom Dupree, Operation LAMB Project Officer. The goal was for every Knight to do two shifts.

Preliminary results of the drive will be published in the next newsletter.

COUNCIL 9709 TO SPONSOR VETERANS DAY MASS NOV. 10

Council 9709 will again sponsor a Mass in honor of veterans at St. Francis of Assisi at 9 a.m., Friday, Nov. 10, in the Jacoba Hall Chapel. This is the second year Council 9709 has organized the service.

Fr. Bill will preside at the Mass, which will honor all veterans of St. Francis of Assisi both alive and deceased. Church bulletin announcements will encourage parishioners to provide name, rank, branch of service, service dates and date of death (if applicable) to Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl, Brother Jeff Rohman, who is organizing the event, or any Brother Knight. Veterans' names will be entered into the Memorial Roll, which will be displayed during the Mass.

Brother Knights who accept information on veterans from fellow parishioners should forward it to Brother Rohman at 787-7042.

COUNCIL 9709 CHRISTMAS PARTY DINNER SET FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 3 *RESERVATIONS LIMITED/CALL EARLY*

Invitations to the St. Francis of Assisi All Saints Council 9709's annual Christmas dinner will be sent to Brother Knights in November. This year's event will be held at The Heritage of Raleigh. The Heritage is located at 1200 Carlos Drive in Raleigh.

Cost will be \$16 for adults, \$8 for children ages 7-13 and free for children under six years of age.

"Space is limited. Attendance will be limited to the first 126 Brothers and their families to make reservations," said Project Manager Tom Dupree.

The annual event will feature traditional holiday decorations with a Christmas tree and music by Bob Gottlieb. The menu includes Appetizers and Wine, Fresh Garden Salad, Rosemary Roasted Chicken, Lemon Herbal Broiled Tilapia, Baked Ziti with Cheese and Meat, Rice Pilaf, Harvest Winter Vegetables, Holiday Pastries, Rolls and Butter, and Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks.

Brother Knights can make reservations by sending in the RSVP enclosed with the invitation and a check. A waiting list will be maintained should responses exceed 126.



FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Dear Brother Knights,

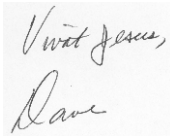
Now that we have completed our first weekend of Operation Lamb and the Membership Blitz weekend, I wanted to give a big THANK YOU to all the brothers who have helped out.

For the first weekend of Operation Lamb we had over 50 Knights and some of their wives working. Also, for the Membership Blitz there were approximately 25 brothers who came early and stayed late after each of the five Masses on October 7-8 to represent our Council, hand out brochures and encourage fellow parishioners to join our Council. Certainly, the Knights that participated in the events of the weekend strongly exhibited the first two principles of our order: Charity and Unity. And, special thanks go to Tom Dupree for Operation LAMB and Tim Dyer for the Membership Blitz.

While the results of our work on these two projects won't be reported until our next newsletter, I'm sure that you will join me in praying for success in reaching our Operation Lamb goal and our increased membership goal of adding 20 new members this year.

On other fronts, in September we had great success with the Blood Drive and the start up again of our RBC fundraiser. Brother Dupree reported that with the help of a number of Knights, the blood drive collected about 170 units of blood.

As of this writing, Brother Ralph Guenther is looking to staff a few more slots for the RBC center. .


**COUNCIL 9709 BIMONTHLY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS****OCTOBER**

- 17 - Social Gathering, 7 p.m., Manchester's
- 18 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 24 - Abbottswood Seniors Picnic, 11:30 a.m., Sandling Beach Falls Lake (POC: Jerry Cucurullo)
- 21 - 1st Degree, 10 a.m.; 2nd Degree, 11 a.m., Gathering Room
- 27 - Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., Gym
- 28 - 4th Degree, Greensboro
- 30 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 404

NOVEMBER

- 6 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Gathering Room
- 11 - Veterans Day Mass, 9 a.m., Jacoba Chapel
- 15 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road
- 21 - Social Gathering, 7 p.m., Manchester's
- 27 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 404

DECEMBER

- 2 - 3rd Degree, Greensboro
- 3 - Christmas Party, 5 p.m., The Heritage
- 4 - Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Gathering Room
- 9 - Trash Pick Up, 9 a.m., St. Francis Parking Lot
- 18 - Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 404
- 20 - Abbottswood Seniors Poker, 7:30 p.m., 7900 Creedmoor Road

FOR THE 1ST DEGREE KNIGHT . . . DUTIES OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Michael Darrow
Deputy Grand Knight of All Saints
KoC Council 9709

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

The Deputy Grand Knight is second in command. He assists the Grand Knight with Council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the Grand Knight. Should the Grand Knight be absent from a Council meeting, the Deputy Grand Knight will preside. He is Chairman of the Council's Retention Committee and also a member of the Advisory Board charged with overseeing the Council's sponsored Columbian Squires Circle.



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Deputy Grand Knight

COUNCIL 9709 TO HOLD RESPECT LIFE PRAYER BREAKFAST OCT. 27

St. Francis of Assisi KoC Council 9709 will hold a Respect Life Prayer Breakfast from 7-8 a.m., Friday, Oct. 27, in the Clare Hall gym. Betty Rogosich, Director of Birthchoice, will be the guest speaker for the event.

“This will be a great way to start a Friday of fasting and prayer in support of our Catholic teaching to respect the dignity of every human person from conception to natural death,” said Brother Kent Siefkes, Chairman of the Community Committee, which is sponsoring the event.

“Wives and children are welcome to attend, and we'll end the event promptly at 8 a.m. so everyone can get to work or school,” said Brother Siefkes.

Brother Knights who would like to assist with cooking or clean up should contact Brother Kent Siefkes directly at 846-9016 or via e-mail at vkisiefkes@aol.com.

Birthchoice of Raleigh is a Catholic pro-life pregnancy center that has served Raleigh, Fayetteville, Jacksonville and bordering counties for over 29 years. For more information on Birthchoice, visit

COUNCIL 9709 APPROVES \$500 DONATION TO BIRTHCHOICE

At its Business Meeting on Oct. 2, Council 9709 unanimously approved a motion to donate \$500 to Birthchoice of Raleigh.

“One of the initiatives of the Community Committee this year is in the area of pro-life activities, and we decided to start out focusing on the community level by supporting Birthchoice,” said Brother Kent Siefkes, Chairman of the Community Committee.

The donation will be formally presented to Birthchoice at its annual Benefit Banquet Nov. 9, which is being hosted by St. Raphael Parish this year. Father Mark, Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl and Brother Siefkes will represent St. Francis of Assisi and Council 9709 at the event.

The Community Committee has been supporting Birthchoice by providing deliveries of cribs and other baby items to low income mothers. The \$500 donation represents an expansion of the committee's efforts to assist Birthchoice. Brother Siefkes made the initial motion for the \$500 donation at the Sept. 11 meeting, which had to wait for a vote at the October meeting under Council by-laws because the money had not been part of the annual budget.

COUNCIL 9709 DONATES \$2,500 TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Local Special Olympics Coordinator Brian Philpot (center) accepts a check for \$2,500 from Council 9709 Trustee and District Deputy Hadon Ware (right). State Secretary John Gouldie (left) also presented a check for \$500.

All Saints Council KoC Council 9709 made a donation of \$2,500 to Wake County's Special Olympics program at its Sept. 11 business meeting. Council 9709 Trustee and District Deputy Hadon Ware made the presentation to local Special Olympics Coordinator Brian Philpot. State Secretary John Gouldie also presented a \$500 donation from Duncklee & Durham Associates.

“The Knights of Columbus are the third largest sponsor of Special Olympians in the state,” said Philpot. “The Knights contribute some \$80-100,000 annually.”

Operation LAMB raises a lot of money for the program, Philpot noted.

Philpot indicated that Council 9709's special contribution would probably go toward the Special Olympics' highest cost sport, bowling.

“We serve over 500 athletes in the bowling program, and we incur costs at bowling alleys of \$6-7,000 annually,” said Philpot. “This will make a big dent in that.”

“We very much appreciate your support,” said Philpot.

The Wake County Special Olympics program serves about 1,000 active athletes in 16 sports each year. As a non-profit organization, Special Olympics functions exclusively on donations, fund-raising, sponsorships and volunteers.

“It is because of our volunteers that our athletes are able to reach new heights,” said Philpot.

MEN'S MINISTRY "CROSSES" KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Brother Carl Muti made a presentation on the Men's Ministry at St. Francis of Assisi at Council 9709's Sept. 11 business meeting. Brother Muti explained how the Knights' activities complement those of the Men's Ministry.

"The Knights provide all sorts of service-related activities--the horizontal part of the cross. The Men's Ministry and Cursillo are about developing the vertical portion of the cross. The key is to combine the two so our service is done in an Apostolic manner for the love of God," said Brother Muti.

The Men's Ministry conducts breakfast sessions, normally on the first Monday of the month starting at 7 a.m. There is a guest speaker, and the men discuss the presentation afterward.

"The Men's Ministry provides an environment for men to discuss the meaning of living the Christian ideal. As Christian men, we all struggle in one way or another in today's world," said Brother Muti. "The Men's Ministry provides a non-threatening environment for men to work through these struggles. We learn from individuals like ourselves who are trying to live a life with God."

The Men's Ministry also holds an annual Pig Feast for men and their families as well as an annual retreat. This year's retreat is Oct. 13-15 and the theme is "Living in the Present." Father Ray Selker will be the spiritual director of the retreat.

Brother Muti also discussed the Cursillo Movement "in which we approach the act of being Christ-like within each of our daily activities." The method and techniques are taught in a once-in-a-lifetime three-day course in August at the Short Journey Center near Smithfield. The women's course is normally held in October.

For more information on the Men's Ministry or the Cursillo Movement, Brother Knights can contact Brother Carl Muti at 782-3691 or via e-mail at cmuti@us.ibm.com.



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