



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

November 2006



CHRISTMAS PARTY TO SUPPORT USMC “TOYS FOR TOTS” CAMPAIGN

Brother Knights attending the Dec. 3 Christmas party are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the event for donation to the U.S. Marine Corps' annual “Toys for Tots” campaign. The toys will be collected and delivered to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve unit in Raleigh for distribution to needy children in the Raleigh area.

A motion to support the “Toys for Tots” campaign was made at the Nov. 6 business meeting, and it passed unanimously. Toys can be for either boys or girls of any age. The only requirement is that the toys be new and unwrapped.

“This is a great way to do something for others at a special time of the year, and contributing for the local community's benefit makes it even more special,” said Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl.

The primary goal of “Toys for Tots” is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders, according to the organization's official Website www.toysfortots.org.

“Toys for Tots” began in 1947 when Maj. Bill Hendricks, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. In the fall of 1947, Diane handcrafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization that would give it to a needy child at Christmas. When Bill determined that no agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did. The 1947 pilot project was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted “Toys for Tots” in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity. Donations are tax-deductible.

There will also be a silent auction for the centerpieces at each table, with the high bidder taking home the centerpiece. Proceeds of the silent auction will go to “Toys for Tots.” Payment must be in cash or by check. Donations made for the centerpieces are tax-deductible less a fair-market amount for the actual centerpiece.

OPERATION LAMB PROCEEDS FALL SHORT OF \$25K GOAL

Operation LAMB Project Officer Brother Tom Dupree reported that as of the Nov. 6 business meeting, Operation LAMB had netted \$19,522.59 versus the goal for this year of \$25,000. The current proceeds are still higher than they were last year. As of the end of December 2005, proceeds were \$17,760.

And there is still some money outstanding. Similar to last year, Brother Dupree will be sending out a letter to each Brother Knight to launch the personal campaign phase of the drive. Last year, the personal appeal to Brother Knights brought in another \$1,200.

“The personal campaign gives Brother Knights who were unable to assist in the October campaign or others who would like to complement their service hours the chance to make a personal contribution,” said Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl. “While it does not appear likely that we will reach the \$25,000 goal, I would still like to see us get closer to it.”

Brother Knights can expect a letter announcing the personal campaign shortly. The Operation LAMB 2006 campaign officially ends Dec. 31, 2006, and the Council is still looking at other options to reach the goal.

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

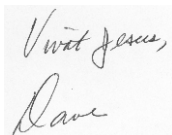
Dear Brother Knights,

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's appropriate for us to look around and give thanks for all that we have as parishioners of St. Francis Church and as Brother Knights of Council 9709. We are indeed truly blessed by God.

It is also appropriate for us to consider how we can give back to our parish and community from the abundance with which we are blessed. After all, charity is the principle taught in the first degree. At our business meeting on Nov. 6 we reported that we are coming up a bit short of reaching our Operation Lamb goal of \$25,000 for the charities that help our intellectually disabled brethren. While we are doing better than last year, please prayerfully consider how you might do a bit more when Brother Tom Dupree makes his personal appeal to you.

I also brought up how we have been asked to help out the parish on two projects: assisting in the construction of a handicapped ramp for the Laverna House (one of the houses the parish just recently acquired), and contributing to the "Growing In Faith Together" capital campaign. Our ability to contribute to the capital campaign is made possible by the work the Council is doing at the RBC Center.

What we do has a ripple affect on the lives of others. Be thankful that we can contribute so much, and God Bless you and your families.



COUNCIL 9709 BIMONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 21 Social Gathering - **CANCELLED***
- 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

JANUARY

- 8 Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Gathering Room
- 16 Social Gathering, 7 p.m., TBD
- 29 Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 404

*THE SOCIAL GATHERING PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED AT MANCHESTER'S ON NOV. 21 HAS BEEN CANCELLED IN VIEW OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. THERE WILL ALSO BE NO SOCIAL GATHERING IN DECEMBER DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. THE NEXT SOCIAL GATHERING WILL BE TUESDAY, JAN. 16, AT A SITE TO BE DETERMINED.

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



Jerry Cucurullo - Financial Secretary
KoC Council 9709

FINANCIAL SECRETARY -

The Financial Secretary is appointed by the Supreme Knight, upon recommendation of the Council. His main area of responsibility is maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all monies from all sources, including annual dues from Council members. He also handles supply orders for the Council officers and members, filing the Report of Officer (#185) and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council.



Emblem of a Knights of Columbus
Financial Secretary

FIVE COUNCIL 9709 KNIGHTS BECOME "SIR" KNIGHTS

Five Knights from St. Francis KoC Council 9709 attained the Fourth Degree at Greensboro Oct. 28, earning the privilege of being addressed as "Sir" Knight. Congratulations to:

Mike Darrow
John Dugan
Tim Dyer
Edmundo Montagne
Stan Perlowski



Emblem of the KoC
Fourth Degree

October was a good month for other Knights moving up a degree, or even two in one case. Congratulations also to:

Third Degree:

Henry Cichoracki
Jerry Cucurullo, Jr.
Mike Meagher



Emblem of the KoC
Third Degree

Second and Third Degree:

John Moster

Second Degree:

Don Donaghy
Cesar Queyquep
Vince Tomaino

HOLY HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ADVENT

Parishioner Rob Agnelli is organizing Holy Hours in the Eucharistic Chapel at St. Francis every night from 7-10 p.m. during Advent beginning the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3. Interested individuals will sit or kneel for one-hour periods in veneration of the Blessed Sacrament.

"My goal is to have each hour covered by at least two people," Agnelli said.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the table outside the Reconciliation Room, or interested Knights can contact Agnelli directly at 244-6021.

"Holy Hour is an hour sitting in front of the Blessed Sacrament in silence. It stems from the Gospel in which Christ while praying in the garden asked the Apostles to watch with him for an hour," said Grand Knight Dave Vogelpohl.

Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament is an age-old tradition of the Catholic Church. As Pope John Paul II said in *Dominicae cenae*: "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease."



WHAT EVERY KNIGHT WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Looking for a special gift for that special Knight? Want to look sharp at Council functions? You need shop no further than Council 9709's own gift store.

Well-dressed Council 9709 Knights have long had the option of purchasing a blue shirt with Council logo. New for this year is the Council 9709 dark blue hat, also with logo.

Shirts are available in sizes M, L, XL and 2XL at an at-cost price of \$22. Hats are one-size-fits-all and are available for an at-cost price of \$10.

If you work at the RBC Center, you need to have both a shirt and hat.

Contact Brother Dennis Kelleher at 518-2959 or at kelleherdl@aol.com to reserve your Council apparel today.



ST. FRANCIS ACCEPTS 50/50 SPLIT FOR RBC CENTER CONCESSION STAND STAFFING AND REVENUE

St. Francis KoC Council 9709 has accepted an offer from St. Catherine's of Wake Forest KoC Council 11234 to furnish half the staffing for RBC Center concession stand events beginning Nov. 18. The agreement means that Council 9709 will nearly double the amount of money it was getting previously by sending five people per event rather than three.

“So far, for three games this year with three people per game, we received \$463. If we had had five people per game, we would have received \$804,” said Brother Ralph Guenther, RBC Center project manager.

The annual difference will be even more impressive. Furnishing three people per game for the entire season would have netted \$3,900. With three people per game for the first seven games and five people per game for the remaining 19 events, the anticipated revenue will be over \$6,200.

And, should the Canes make it into the playoffs, the revenue will be even more. Last year Council 9709 only participated in 16 events plus the playoffs, netting \$5,000 for providing only two people per event.

“We can do a lot of good with that extra revenue,” said Brother Guenther.

Attire for working at the RBC Center is a Council 9709 shirt and cap (see page 3), black shoes and black pants. Free parking is provided for volunteers in Lot C. Concession workers do not cook. They send orders to the kitchen, distribute the concession products and man cash registers. Workers arrive two hours before game time (5 p.m. for a 7 p.m. start), and the evening is finished around 9 p.m. after final inventory and clean up.

One or two Brother Knights are still needed for the following dates: Nov. 18, 24, 30; Dec. 2, 20, 29; Jan. 6, 18, 20, 26; Feb. 3, 20; March 13, 22, 24, 30 and April 7.

“We are over 80 percent of the way there for five people per event. All we need to fill are 28 more slots,” said Brother Guenther. Brother Knights interested in participating can contact Brother Guenther at 572-5342 or via e-mail at Ralph.guenther@prodigy.net.



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